

Grover delays discussion of hearing on zoning

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The Grover Town Council met Monday night, August 7, to accept a quote for purchase and setup of office computers, software and network from Southern Software priced at a state contract value of \$3,052.72, cheaper than the original quote of \$3,984.70 (without the state contract). Councilman Calvin Huffman told the board that he believed they could obtain the equipment at a lesser price. But Town Clerk Barbara Barrett said that if they waited to purchase the equipment and especially the laser printer and made a mistake on their forms, then it would cost the council about \$750 to order new forms. With the new printer, they can make the forms and not have to pay an outside source for them. After some hesitation and disagreement, the quote was unanimously approved. They also unanimously

approved the purchase of a laser printer for \$500, from the Office Equipment Maintenance and Repair portion of the General Fund.

But the hotbed issue on the agenda for Monday night was the discussion and setting a date for a public hearing on zoning within the town. Since two members of the council were absent (Jackie Bennett and Mayor Pro-tem Adam Green) the council agreed to take the item off of the agenda, which left the unusually large public audience a little concerned.

"Taking off the public hearing on the zoning, does that mean that is not going to come up again?" asked a lady in the audience.

"It will probably come up again, we're just removing it tonight," said Mayor Robert Sides. "There will probably be some further discussion on it."

"On the 28th (of August)?" she asked.

"Yes, probably," he said. "But we

would have to have more discussion on the 28th and then set a public hearing for the following month, if that is what the council decides to do."

"Before any action can be taken on this, the public will be notified won't they?" she asked, as Sides agreed. "The last time a group of elected officials did something that a majority of the people weren't in favor of, we wound up with a county-wide school system." She was worried that the council could make decisions and do things against the desires of the town's majority. Sides informed her that decisions of that nature can only be voted on after a public hearing has been conducted. "It's required by law," he said.

Copies of all of the zoning regulations set forth within the town of Grover can be obtained at the Cleveland County Zoning Office in Shelby.

The Council was asked how much the Beer and Wine

Referendum cost the town. "It came down dramatically. It was \$5,000, instead of the original \$12,000 we estimated," Sides said.

Another concerned townsman asked Huffman what his thoughts and intentions were regarding the zoning matter. "What I want is zoning to be enforced properly," Huffman said. "Zoning is not set out here to abuse people. It's set out here to protect your neighbors." But he continued by saying that the only way that zoning seems to be enforced in Grover, is if a neighbor tells on you or complains to Shelby.

The council agreed that the issue will need more discussion when all members can be present and the public has a chance to say their peace.

A private business owner in the community brought paperwork he just received from City Hall regarding his business, which he has not yet obtained a permit or license for. The council told him that he has to

get a business license if he wants to run a business. They told him that he would also have to pay for the water to be turned on. The citizen said that once he does all of that, he is going to turn it into a car wash where girls will wash the cars.

"Well for every type of business that you want to operate, you're going to have to have a license for each one," Sides said.

"He failed to mention that the women would be in bikinis," said Police Chf. Shane Davis.

"I figured as much. I'll let him handle that one," Sides told the citizen, motioning to Chf. Davis.

From the Mayor's report: in regards to water and sewer, there was a break in the line out on Gold Street, the other day. "But we've got that fixed," Sides said. The slide at the park will be torn down shortly and the last needed signature to complete the right-of-ways will probably have to be obtained through legal action, as the resident has refused to return phone calls.



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Miss Bethware Fair Spencer Burton talks with her cousin Kimberly McDaniel, who was Miss Bethware Fair in 1990.

Bethware Fair continues through Saturday night

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Bethware Elementary opened up their grounds to the 59th annual Bethware Fair, Tuesday night, August 8. It will run until Saturday night, August 12. The operating hours are Tuesday through Friday 6 pm-10 pm and on Saturday from 6 pm to 11 pm. Entry to the fairgrounds is free, but there is a \$3 parking fee.

The event is seen as a community reunion and reminds young and old the simple joy that a summer night at the fair can bring. Children remind their parents and grandparents of the fun they used to have, stuffing as much cotton candy in their mouths as will fit and wanting to go on every ride at least twice. The annual fair reunites faces that have since been lost, smiles that have since been forgotten, and a feeling of homecoming that never seems to die away.

Exhibitions of antique tractors, bulldozers and hit-and-miss engines are located on the fairgrounds and some were constructed by students from Bethware Elementary. Monetary awards and ribbons will be given

to the best in each category at the end of the fair.

The event is sponsored by the Bethware Progressive Club, which has raised thousands of dollars for the school, scholarships for deserving graduates, and donations to other worthy causes. The club provided hot dogs, hamburgers, fries, corn dogs, ham biscuits and drinks. Other vendors provide the tasty traditional fair treats: funnel cakes, cotton candy, candy apples, and popcorn. Smokey Mountain Amusements are providing the rides and attractions for the midway.

This year's reigning fair queen is Spencer Marie Burton, daughter of Carl and Annette Burton. As fair queen, she received a \$100 savings bond, free arm bands for free rides throughout this year's fair run, and the honor of representing the Progressive Club in the Kings Mountain Christmas parade.

Bethware Elementary's gymnasium is housing many displays and exhibits this year, including arts, crafts, canned and fresh produce, antiques, and commercial and local display booths.

McHenry to tour Lithium, Ultramachine Thursday

Congressman Patrick McHenry will tour numerous businesses and other places in Cleveland County on Thursday, Aug. 10.

The schedule:
8:30 a.m. - FMC Lithium Corp., off Highway 161 south, Bessemer City.
10 a.m. - Ultramachine, 709 Broadway Dr., Kings Mountain.

12 noon - McHenry will speak at the Cleveland County Chamber of Commerce

Annual Congressional Luncheon, North Lake Country Club, Shelby.

2:30 p.m. - Meeting with Gardner-Webb President Frank Bonner and administration at Webb Hall, GWU campus, Boiling Springs.

7 p.m. - McHenry will host the Cleveland County "Open Door to Congress" Town Hall, at the Cleveland County Administration Building, 311 East Marion Street, second floor, Shelby.

Newton earns scholarship

Stephanie Newton of Kings Mountain is one of 20 scholars who recently received a \$4,000 scholarship check from the National Association for the Self-Employed. Since its inception, the NASE Scholarship

Program has awarded more than \$1 million to its members' dependents.

"I have always wanted to get a college education," Newton says. "I decided I wanted to major in marine biology when I was eight years old, and that has always been my dream. I have always been interested in science in school. It was my favorite subject. I would somehow like to help the environment with my career."

Open to legal dependents

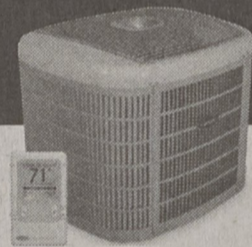
of association members ages 16-24, the NASE Scholarship Program recognizes high school students and college undergraduates who demonstrate exemplary leadership abilities and academic performance.

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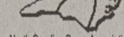
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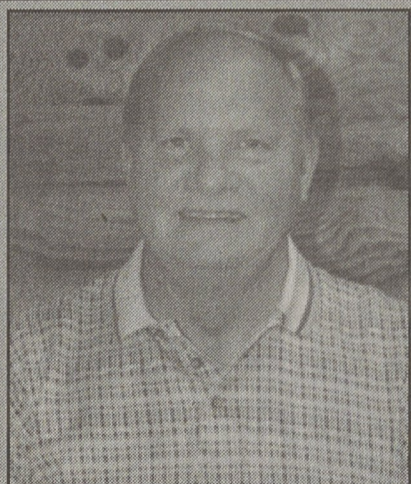
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