

SCHOOLS

Golf tourney to raise funds for Habitat

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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While John A. Holmes High School senior Mary Glenn Ryan isn't an avid golfer, her father and grandmother are.

So when considering what community service project she could do to fulfill her graduation requirements, it isn't surprising that Ryan's thoughts turned to the golf course.

The result is a golf tournament Ryan has planned for Sunday, March 29; proceeds will benefit Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity.

The tournament will take place at Scotch Hall in Bertie County. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start; a bagged lunch and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, Ryan said.

Featured players will include the East Carolina University women's golf team.

Ryan said her goal was to have 18 teams play in the tournament. Inquiries are already starting to come in from people who've heard about what she's doing and want to help, she said.

"I'm excited," she said of the initial reaction from the community.

Habitat officials say they are as well.

"This has been an ambitious undertaking," said Regan Westra, president of the local Habitat



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Members of East Carolina University's women's golf team will play in the upcoming Pirate Challenge golf tournament scheduled at Scotch Hall on March 29. Money raised will benefit Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity.

affiliate. "The Lady Pirates, the lady's golf team at ECU, have agreed to partner with Mary and, in addition to playing in the tournament, will participate in special competitions throughout the day."

There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start and the super ball format will be used, tournament officials said. Entry fee will be \$75 per person.

"Please get your golfing friends together to form a team and come out to

play and support Mary in making this first 'Tee Up for Habitat' tournament a success," Westra said in a letter she wrote to potential participants. "If you are unable to participate, please spread the word to all your golfing friends."

ECU Women's Golf Team Coach Kevin Williams said his team hopes their involvement will encourage strong participation in the fundraiser.

"Habitat for Humanity is a wonderful organization and our athletic teams at

ECU are actively involved with this local program," he said. "We are excited to assist in the fundraising tournament at Scotch Hall."

To sign up a team for the fundraiser, contact Scotch Hall at (252) 339-4216.

Kiwanis Club getting books to kids to promote reading

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The Edenton-Chowan Kiwanis Club is asking for the community's help in getting children's books into the hands of kids ages 4-14.

Club spokesman Steve Lane said that during the past two years the club has given away in excess of 2,000 books to youngsters in the local school system, summer reading programs

in Chowan and Bertie counties, the Boys & Girls Club of Edenton/Chowan, and the local health department.

"The program is simple," Lane said. "We're asking you to help us encourage children to read by giving them books they can keep."

Most recently the library at Chowan Middle School has been the recipient of a large number of boxes of books that Lane has delivered to the school's media



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Chowan Middle students go through books donated to their school by the local Kiwanis Club.

center. "The books consisted of a wide variety of genres such as fiction, nonfiction, fantasy, mystery and biographies," said Jenny Wells, media coordinator at CMS.

"There were some wonderful titles, such as Harry Potter, Nancy Drew, Charlotte's Web, Ralph and the Motorcycle, and many others."

Wells said that she was especially glad that with the

help of the Kiwanis Club she is now able to give away books.

"Students can come into the media center and take a book home," she said. "Hopefully, these books will

be passed on to their brothers and sisters and reading will become contagious."

Wells added that as a media coordinator she was thrilled to have more reading material for the students at the middle school.

"It is my goal to instill the love of reading in every student," she said. "I have always said, if I can get a student hooked on one book, they will begin to develop a love for reading."

A love of reading in turn would translate into a stronger independent reading program and help CMS students increase their reading scores as well, she said.

"Everyone knows, the more you read, the better reader and writer you will become," Wells said.

Anyone wishing to donate children's books may drop them off at the Downtown Café & Soda Shoppe in Edenton or call Steve Lane at 339-6153 to arrange for pickup.

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Community Foundation announces scholarships

From staff reports

The NC Community Foundation announces scholarship season, according to Jennifer Tolle

Whiteside, NCCF chief executive officer and president.

To determine if you or your student qualifies, visit NCCF's website at

nccommunityfoundation.org, click on the scholarship tab and follow search instructions. Applications also can be downloaded here.

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Principals to attend leadership program

From staff reports

Two principals with the Edenton-Chowan School System have been selected to participate in the 2015-2016 Distinguished Leadership in Practice Cohort offered by the N.C. Principals and Assistant Principals Association.

Jamie Bowers, principal at D.F. Walker Elementary, and Michelle White, principal at White Oak Elementary School, were selected to be a part of the year-long, blended program that minimizes principals' time away from their schools by combining six, one and a half day face-to-face sessions every other month with real-world online work designed to improve their schools' results.

Bowers and White were selected to attend this program from an application process open to principals across the state.



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