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Dem Primary contest emerges in 1st District

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

James "Jill" White has filed as a Democratic candidate for county commissioner in the 1st District. The political newcomer will face incumbent Commissioner Emmett Winborne in the March 15 Democratic Primary.

The winner of that primary contest will be on the ballot in the November General Election alongside Republican Ron Cummings.

Donald Faircloth Jr. filed last

week as a Democratic candidate for the at-large seat. Republican Brian Ferraraccio also is running for the at-large seat.

Derrick Wadsworth filed Monday as a Democratic candidate in the 2nd District and Patti F. Kersey filed Monday as a Republican candidate in that district.

Commissioner Greg Bonner, a



FAIRCLOTH JR.



WADSWORTH

Democrat, is unopposed in his reelection bid in the 3rd District.

White, a political newcomer, said he is up to the challenge of running for county commissioner.

"I've never held any political seat before," White said. "Now that I'm retired I have some free time on my hands. I've always been willing to help other people.

If I'm elected I really think I could be helpful to a lot of people."

White, 69, is retired from United Piece and Dye Works. He also worked 18 years with the N.C. Department of Transportation and six months with the Chowan County Sheriff's Office.

He is a member of Warren's Grove Baptist Church and Oak Leaf Lodge.

"I admit this would be a new experience for me," White said. "I love a challenge. My papa always told me, 'Son, whatever you do in

life, do your best.' I'm a candidate for Chowan County Commissioner 1st District. I really would appreciate your support."

Faircloth, 45, is president of Edenton Construction. This is his first bid for elective office.

Faircloth has served on the Board of Directors of the Edenton-Chowan County Chamber of Commerce and is a past president of the Chamber. He is a volunteer firefighter with the Edenton Fire

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A FAMILY CHRISTMAS



STAFF PHOTO BY REGGIE PONDER

Tyler Copeland, 8, (left) and Ydahs Welch, 7, play with a model train at American Legion Post 40's Family Christmas party Saturday. See more photos from event on 3A.

Wife donating kidney to husband

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Many people believe that Christmas is a time for miracles. If so, then Dwayne Long got his a little early.

Long, who was diagnosed with diabetes 38 years ago at age 10, is suffering from kidney failure. He has been on the transplant list for a new kidney for the past two and a half years and on dialysis at home since March of this year.

Long, a mechanic, said that his illness prevents him from working much, but that he tries to work one or two days a week to help support his family.

But all that could change once his wife Amy donates one of her healthy kidneys to him in surgery scheduled to take place on Jan. 21 at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville.

Amy said when she was deemed a suitable match and asked if she would agree to donate a kidney to save her husband's life, she didn't hesitate.

"I love him," she said simply. "And he would do the same for me."

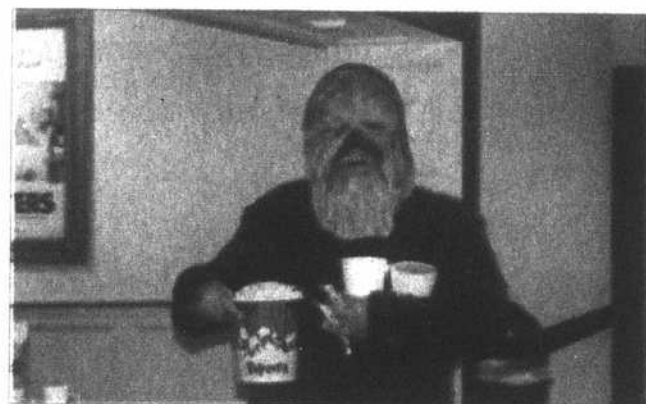
Amy, who has worked at Vidant Women's Care in Edenton for about a dozen years as a medical assistant, said she is hopeful the surgery will give her husband's health the boost



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DWAYNE AND AMY LONG

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STAFF PHOTO BY REGGIE PONDER

Bora Duruman, in costume as Chewbacca, gets a tub of popcorn and soft drinks at "The Force Awakens."

'Force Awakens' at Taylor Theater

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Business has been brisk at the Taylor Theater since the latest offering in the Star Wars films, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," opened with a special preview showing last Thursday night.

Belinda Respass, who manages the theater for owner Bob Krochmal, said that the film opened to a sold-out crowd and that attendance had continued to

be strong through the weekend.

Friday night the theater was also sold out and by the close of business on Sunday that offered two matinees and one evening show, close to 200 people had come that day to see the movie, which featured Star Wars veterans Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher and Mark Hamill reprising their roles from the first Star Wars movies, alongside

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Preservationists interested in Walker building

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

A local preservationist last week made a case for finding a feasible use for the two-story former D.F. Walker

High School building on North Oakum Street.

"We have been able to do everything else in Edenton," said John Morehead, an attorney and expert in historic preservation procedures, during a meeting Wednesday of the study panel on the future of the former D.F. Walker High School building.

Morehead, who is not a member of the study panel

but attended the meeting alongside Claudia Deviney of Preservation North Carolina, said the way things are done in Edenton is the community sees a building that needs to be saved and then finds a use that will be appropriate and will also provide adequate funding for the restoration and maintenance of the structure.

The community has

saved everything else in Edenton, and now needs to save the Walker High School building, too, Morehead said. He said the new use for the building needs to be fully compatible with College of The Albemarle and have a nice collegiate look.

The building is located on COA's Edenton-Chowan

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