

Harvest Day Celebration Saturday at Boys & Girls Club site - 1B

Flooding drives some residents from their homes

From staff reports

Twenty local residents spent the night Saturday in a shelter that Chowan County made available at the Public Safety Center on Freemason Street because of flooding from Hurricane Matthew.

Those who stayed at the shelter had left their homes due to severe flooding in areas such as the 200 block of East Carteret

Street, the 100 block of East Gale Street and Extended Stay at 601 N. Broad St.

The shelter was only open Saturday night.

"They were all gone by 11 o'clock Sunday morning," County Manager Kevin Howard said.

Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin used a military surplus truck to rescue someone from a vehicle stuck in deep water at Bolton's Bridge

Sunday.

The sheriff's office helped an ambulance get to a call Friday night and helped guide it back to town.

Flooding on North Broad Street also affected the Edenton Fire Station and Chowan Chiropractic Clinic. Dr. James Cranford of Chowan Chiropractic Clinic said Sunday the clinic would be closed seven to 10 days because of the

flooding. Carpet and furnishings were removed from the building Sunday.

The Edenton Police Department reported five abandoned vehicles stranded in floodwaters over the weekend.

Neither town nor county authorities reported any accidents involving injuries.

Many county residents were without electricity during the

weekend and some remained under a boil-water advisory Tuesday.

Howard said some water customers in the Morristown Road area remained under a boil-water advisory from the previous storm.

Early Wednesday afternoon the advisories were lifted for the Yellowhammer Road and Chambers Ferry areas.

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SENIOR CENTER SUSTAINS MAJOR DAMAGE IN FLOOD

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

The Chowan Senior Center is closed until further notice after sustaining significant damage from approximately three feet of floodwater that broke through double glass doors on the Church Street side of the building.

On Tuesday morning as county maintenance workers and staff from the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department worked to clear mud and debris, and remove ruined furnishings and fitness equipment from the center, located in the basement of the E.A. Swain Building, Senior Center Manager Connie Parker worked her cell phone trying to make arrangements to move the center's lunch program, Meals on Wheels, and fitness programs elsewhere.

"We just bought a new pool table in June and it's ruined," she said. "Our office furniture is ruined. Basically, it's all ruined."

"The damage we have now is worse than it was after Hurricane Isabel, because the water came up higher," Parker added.

Tentative plans call for the senior lunches that are typically served at the Senior Center every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. to relocate to the Culinary Arts building at Edenton's College of the Albemarle campus but those arrangements aren't expected to be finalized until later this week.

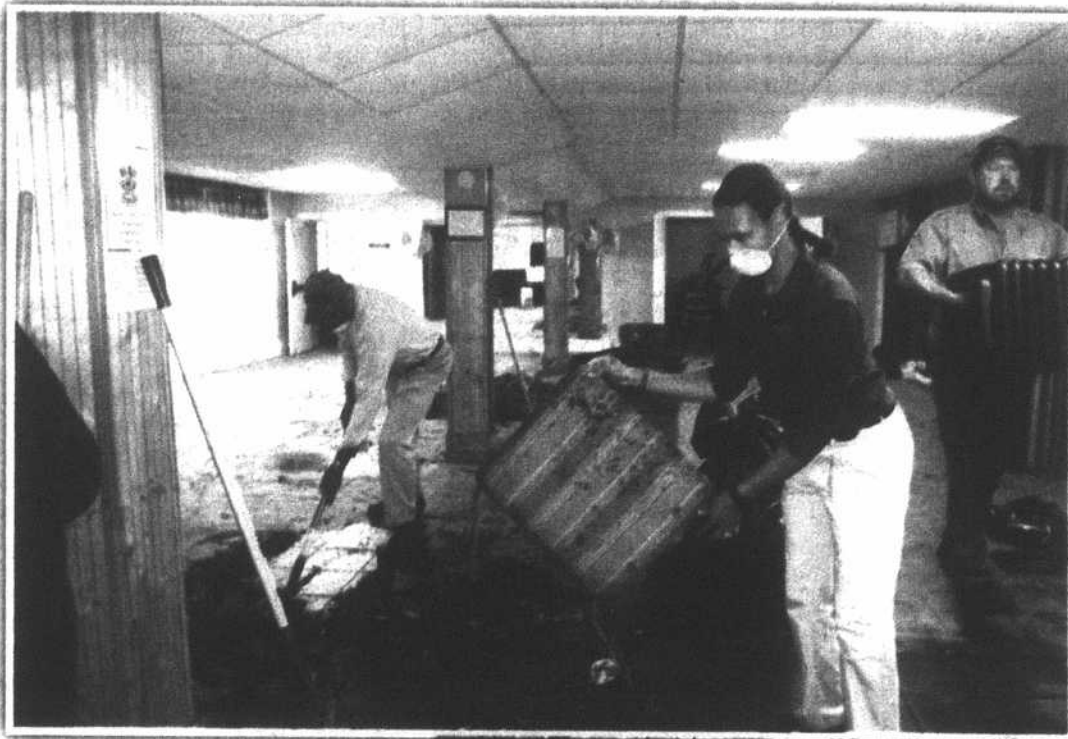
And Parker said the hours for lunch could be slightly different.

"We could change them to 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. if we had to," she said.

For more information about those arrangements, Parker said, seniors should call 312-6418.

Headquarters for the home-delivered meals program has now been relocated to the old D.F. Walker School campus, Parker said.

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Chowan County maintenance workers and Recreation Department staff work to clear debris and ruined furnishings from the Chowan Senior

Mud from floodwaters caused by Hurricane Matthew lines the walls and floors at the Chowan Senior Center Tuesday morning. County maintenance workers and Recreation Department staff were at work in another part of the building clearing debris, ruined furnishings and physical fitness equipment. The rising waters broke through the double doors on the Church Street side of the building covering everything in its path.



Commissioner candidates seek ways to fund schools

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

Don Faircloth and Brian Ferraraccio have both thought about ways to increase school funding without increasing the property tax rate.

Democrat Faircloth, 46, and Republican Ferraraccio, 42, are vying for the at-large seat on the Chowan County

Board of Commissioners, currently held by Republican Keith Nixon.

Nixon, a former chairman of the board of commissioners, did not seek reelection this year.

Ferraraccio, who ran for county commissioner in District 2 in 2014, sees growth as the key.

"We need that growth," Ferraraccio said, noting

state data projects the county's population to grow by only 84 people from 2014-2019. And the county has a 27.4 percent poverty rate, he said.

"We need to start actively

and aggressively looking for funding from state, federal and other sources due to our impoverished status," he said.

Bringing in new businesses and growing the popula-

tion would increase the tax base and also could grow sales tax revenue, which would be a big boost for the schools, Ferraraccio said.

"We have to work on our curb appeal to people who are looking to locate here, and business and industry," Ferraraccio said. "If we become more welcoming to business and industry you'll start seeing your poverty

rate go down and unemployment rates go down. We have to become more welcoming to business and industry."

Faircloth, who is making his first bid for elective office, said he supports increased funding for school operations.

"Naturally I support the

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Attendance up slightly at Chowan Fair

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Chowan County Regional Fair officials say that while attendance at this year's fair wasn't as large as they might have hoped, those who came had a great time.

Fair vice president Becky Wilder said one of their biggest challenges was the rain that fell here and in surrounding counties.

"We only had 30 minutes of actual rainfall on opening day," she said.

But rain falling in area communities may have led potential fair-goers to be-

lieve it was raining in Edenton as well, Wilder said.

Overall attendance at this year's fair was 13,965 people including kids, senior citizens and students who came to the fair on Kids Day. Attendance was up this year, she said.

Wilder said fair officials heard many positive comments about Dreamland Amusements, the new midway operators of the fair this year.

"I think everybody enjoyed what they provided and they were easy to work with," Wilder said.

Other popular attractions besides rides were dinosaurs Dakota and Friends, and hypnotist Herb McCandless.

"They were a huge hit," Wilder said. "Both shows



KERI PAMPUCH/THE DAILY ADVANCE

(Clockwise from front left) Skylar Biggs and Van-Dee Hetherington are neck and neck with Shannon Bond and Sadee Biggs in their race down the Super Slide at the Chowan County Regional Fair in Edenton.

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Police seek suspect in Friday shooting

From staff reports

Edenton Police are still seeking a local man wanted in connection with the non-fatal shooting of two people on Oct. 7.

The police responded to the shooting in the 300 block of North Oakum Street and found two individuals had been shot resulting in non-life threatening injuries.

Twenty-seven year old Zabah Humphrey of 2118-B John Hill Lane in Edenton has been identified as the shooter in this case. Warrants have been issued on Humphrey for two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and discharging a weapon into occupied property.

"This individual is considered armed and dangerous and the police department asks for your assistance by reporting any information that leads to his arrest," said Police Chief Jay Fortenbery. "Remember, we want your information, not your name."

Anyone with information is asked to call 482-5144 or

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