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State marker celebrates Rosenwald Schools

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

The community's past and present merged on Sunday afternoon as state and local dignitaries joined with citizens during a ceremony to mark the unveiling of a state marker celebrating the creation of Rosenwald Schools in North Carolina. It was those schools, created by educator Booker T. Washington and business-

man Julius Rosenwald of Sears-Roebuck, that provided scores of African American children with a good education at a time segregation existed and opportunities for them were few. Chowan County has the distinction of having the first Rosenwald School in the state, built at the site of the Warren Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Rob Jack-

son, who acted as emcee for the occasion, called the celebration "an incredible occasion" that paid tribute to the vision and love for children exemplified by the tireless efforts of Washington and Rosenwald. "This marker symbolizes one of the things in our community we can be truly proud of," he said. The marker is located adjacent to the Southern Bank drive-thru and Burger King

and across the road from the Edenton United Methodist Church. The location was chosen by state officials to represent all the Rosenwald Schools in the state. "Of the seven Rosenwald Schools constructed in our community, two are still in existence and used today," said Edenton Historical Commission President Sally Francis Kehayes, who



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Chowan County Rosenwald graduate Norman Brinkley, at right, reads the inscription on the new Rosenwald schools marker unveiled Sunday afternoon during a ceremony on Virginia Road in Edenton.

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Edenton Motors to close Oct. 27

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Edenton Motors on North Broad Street is closing after a quarter-century of auto sales.

Ken Kadet, a spokesman for Element Fleet Management, Edenton Motor's owner, said the dealership will be closing Oct. 27.

"Element Fleet Management is closing Edenton Motors because it was no longer an ideal fit with Element's focus as a fleet management company, and only after an extensive and extended search to find a qualified buyer. We would like to thank Edenton Motors employees and customers for their support of the dealership," Kadet said.

Kadet said Edenton Motors has marked down prices on all new and used vehicles in an effort to sell as many possible before the dealership closes. Any GM new vehicle warranties will be honored by other GM dealerships, he said.

Twenty-seven employees who work at Edenton Motors will be affected by the

See MOTORS, 7A



PHOTO BY MILES LAYTON

Opening the Peanut Festival's parade on Saturday through Edenton was the John A. Holmes High School Color Guard.

Festival hit parade of crowd favorites

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Saturday's Peanut Festival parade was like a disco ball reflecting on different folks as it shined across Chowan County's social scene marching through Edenton.

The D.F. Walker High School Class of 1967 and John A. Holmes High School Class of 1977 boogied through town.

Maybe the Bee Gees "Stayin' Alive" resonates a bit with this group of alumni.

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For more Peanut Festival photos, see page B4.

When Edenton Fire Department's 1923 R.E.O. Speedwagon fire truck rolled through, the song "Riding the storm out" by the band with the same name as the truck immediately came to mind.

Perhaps JAHHS and Chowan Middle School's marching bands conjured up images of Chicago's



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sarah Spencer rides in her first parade as the Chowan County Fair Queen.

"Saturday at the park." Maybe not disco, but White Oak Elementary Principal Sheila Evans' cart had a bubble ma-

chine much like Lawrence Welk's champagne music from another time and era.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Derrick Armstead, Craig Miller and Tray Taylor are seeking the at-large seat on the Edenton Town Council that is being vacated by incumbent Bob Quinn, who is retiring after many years

of service. Each candidate responded to a series of questions from the Chowan Herald. Their answers are printed verbatim.

See the Chowan round-

up on page B3 to learn more about these candidates.

Absentee voting by mail began Oct. 6 while early voting will begin at 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 19 at the Chowan Board of Elec-

tions office for the municipal election that will be held Nov. 7.

For more information or questions, contact the Chowan County Board of Elections at 252-482-4010.

Armstead seeks 'free and open dialogue'

Why did you decide to run for town council?

Simply put, I love the town of Edenton!

I also believe that some residents feel that the town council's current composition does not adequately "mirror" their point of view. Therefore, I feel that the younger population wants a councilman at-large that is representative of their demo-



ARMSTEAD

See ARMSTEAD, 2A

Miller seeks to make town better place

Why did you decide to run for Town Council?

I am running for Town Council to do my part to make Edenton a better place to live, work and play for all of its citizens. As a service driven person, I want to contribute my time and talents by promoting and attracting small business growth, enhance tourism protect Edenton's natural beauty, and restore and main-



MILLER

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Taylor seeks to serve by helping others

Why did you decide to run for Town Council?

I truly love Edenton, I deeply appreciate the beauty and charm of this town. I'm seeking office because I enjoy helping others and I believe that the season has come to help develop structure for the youth and community.

State law dictates that Town Council does not have the pow-



TAYLOR

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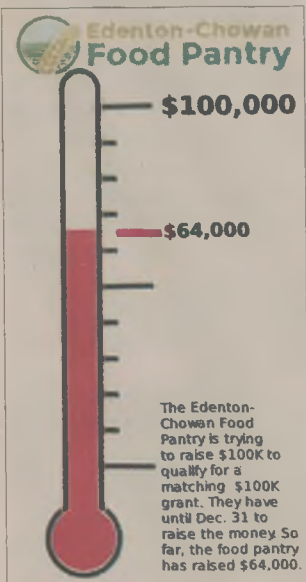
From staff reports

Want to learn more about Edenton's historic places and some of the ghostly encounters that have taken place there?

Come join the spirit guides this Friday and Saturday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for the Historic Edenton Ghost Walk.

Tours take place

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