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Chesson named to NC Sports Hall of Fame — 5A

Area schools may need more teachers

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Rob Jackson said if the Legislature takes no action to adjust class size requirements for students in grades K-3, then the school system would need to hire additional teachers.

Recently, Jackson gave a presentation to the Board of

Education regarding the law's impact.

"The purpose of the class size presentation was to update the Board on our current status with regards to meeting class size requirements, as required by state statute S.L. 2017-9, and to discuss the potential ramifications of the requirements



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for 2018-2019 if the NC General Assembly does not make changes," he said.

While the Legislature seeks to decrease class size for grades K-3, it has passed the buck to the local school districts as to how to pay for any additional teachers that may need to be hired. Larger

school districts like Wake County would need to hire more teachers which could cost substantially more money. Though small school districts would not have to hire as many teachers, hiring demands so as to comply with state law would add costs to these tight budgets.

During the current 2017-18 school year, the Legislature's mandate was stalled so as

to allow time to implement the changes. If the law isn't changed, school districts across the state will have to contend with additional costs associated with hiring teachers and perhaps adding more classroom space.

Jackson said though the school system is in full compliance with the 2017-2018

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Morning at market

Farmers Market Manager Janet MacKenzie was busy helping customers and vendors on Saturday morning. And Mayor Roland Vaughan and his lovely wife Peggy were there looking at stuff to buy as were many people of Edenton. — 1B



Pets of the Week

Check out some of the pets the Tri-County Animal Shelter offers that would love to start the new year in a home of their very own. — 2B

Forestry expert to speak

Rick Long, our State Forest Service County Ranger in Chowan County, will kick off the Blomquist "Fertile Futures" lecture series at the library this Monday January 22nd with an in depth review of our regional forestry industry. — 2A



A taste of Vegas

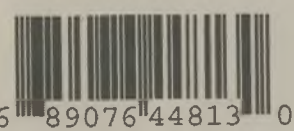
Celebrity Chef Vic Vegas — best known for numerous appearances on the hit reality TV show Bar Rescue — has been named Executive Chef at The 51 House on the Edenton waterfront, owner Rose Tummarello has announced. — 2B

Club hosts fundraiser

How would you like to win up to \$3,000? You could if you buy a ticket for the "Pot of Gold" fundraiser taking place at The Links at Mulberry Hill in Edenton on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 6-9 p.m. and you could show support for the club at the same time. — 5A



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HONORING KING'S LEGACY



Vonner Hogan, guest speaker, talks about why no one should be satisfied until Martin Luther King's dream becomes a reality.

PHOTOS BY MILES LAYTON/CHOWAN HERALD

Speaker: Dream must be fulfilled

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

The Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration on Monday served as a call to action to do more to fulfill the civil rights leader's dream.

John A. Holmes High School's auditorium was filled with people who shared a desire to live and pursue King's everlasting legacy.

"Most of us remember MLK's 1963 speech by its more famous theme — 'I Have a Dream' — but King was much more than a dreamer," said Vonner Hogan, guest speaker. "What made him one of the most significant figures of the 20th century was his insatiable desire for Biblical justice. This desire would end up costing him his life, but

his dream of Biblical justice in America would live on. It still lives on today."

A full transcript of Hogan's speech and a slide show of photos from the event is posted to the Chowan Herald's Facebook page and the Daily Advance's website.

Moments after the JAHHS JROTC posted the colors, Missie Harrell of the Edenton-Chowan Community Against Violence offered a few words about the promise of a new day by quoting a passage from 2 Corinthians in the Bible.

"Our bodies are dying, but our spirit is being renewed," she said. "Troubles are small. Look forward to troubles that are small because joy lasts forever. Live by believing, not by seeing.

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Vonner Hogan, guest speaker at Monday's Martin Luther King Jr. service, was presented a plaque honoring her commitment to pursuing King's dream.

Storm damage remains after snow melts

BY MILES LAYTON AND REBECCA BUNCH
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Winter Storm Grayson took its toll on Chowan County.

During and after the storm, roads were covered with snow and ice.

Chowan County Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin said that his department stayed busy responding to snow-related calls for assistance. On the first day of the storm, he said, his officers helped 74 stranded motorists, and 60 the following day. He said these were people whose vehicles were stuck or had

gone into a ditch. Goodwin said his officers also helped with four or five rescue calls including one that involved a four wheel drive vehicle.

"Other than that," Goodwin said jokingly, "it was a normal week."

When temperatures soared into the 50s and 60s last week, pipes burst near and far.

Edenton Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said Public Works responded to more than 50 calls from property owners who wanted to shut off water service at meter, due to

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Thomas Wood, a good son, scrapes ice from his parents' windshield after the snow stopped falling from Winter Storm Grayson. Like many folks including Nixon Plumbing and Edenton's Public Works Department, Wood did the right thing by serving others trying to survive and recover from the lingering after effects of the storm.

Police probe shooting

From staff reports

Edenton Police are investigating a shooting from Friday evening that left an Edenton man with gunshot wounds to his arm, leg and back.

Police responded to the reported shooting around 8:10 p.m. on 1013 Badham Road where they learned that Dashawn Jamol Leary, 25, of 712 B Johnston Street, was being treated at Vidant-Chowan Hospital for gun shot wounds.

Police said Leary's injuries are non-life threatening. He was later flown via medical helicopter to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville for further treatment.

Officers collected multiple shell casings at the scene. This shooting does not appear to be random and the victim may have known the offender, police said.

Investigators are seeking assistance from anyone who may have information about this crime before, during or after the shooting, are asked to call the Edenton Police Department.

Your information will be kept confidential. Contact Sergeant Laura Wilkins at 252-482-5144.

Any questions regarding the criminal investigation should be forwarded to Interim Chief Daroyll Brown, Edenton Police Department 252-484-4440.

Council: No parking by Pembroke

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

Town Council unanimously agreed at its Jan. 9 meeting to grant a request by homeowner Vince Burgher to restrict the number of parking spaces in front of his West King Street residence, Pembroke Hall.

In a memo to the council dated Jan. 5, Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton reminded them that a new brick fence was being installed in front of the historic home that has been on the National Register of Historic Places since 1976.

"The property owner has requested two parking spaces on the north side of West King Street closest to Pembroke Hall's driveway entrance be converted to no parking zones," she wrote.

Knighton explained that the new fence "reduces a

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