

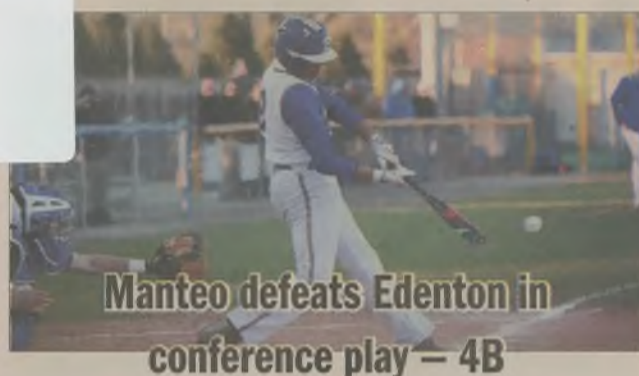
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Proposed land use tabled for further study

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During a joint session Monday, Edenton Town Council and the Chowan County Commissioners agreed to table a proposed updated 2018 Coast Area Management Act Land Use Plan.

Both bodies agreed to reconvene at 6 p.m. July 23 in the town council chambers

to finalize consideration of the document prior to voting on its adoption.

As Mayor Roland Vaughan closed the public hearing, he assured those in the audience that "there will be more work done" prior to any action being taken.

The sticking point with the plan is that it shows population projections that show a "dramatic population decline" locally between now and the year 2050, accord-

ing to a March 23 memo to the town council prepared by Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton.

The plan was prepared by the Durham based consulting firm CodeWright. Beginning in October 2016, Cara Isher-Witt and Chad Meadows of CodeWright traveled to Edenton to seek input through a series of community surveys, a public open house and a joint session held in the summer

where elected officials provided input to the content of the plan.

Knighton said officials at the North Carolina Division of Coastal Management in February 2016 began requiring a 30-year projected population be a part of all Land Use Plans. The community last adopted a Land Use Plan in 2008.

Among the suggestions offered by town staff to help soften the negative image

that these projections would portray for prospective new businesses and those considering moving to the area was to "add narrative to the plan that acknowledges population decline that occurred from 2010 to 2015 and then discuss the numerous initiatives the town, county and the Edenton Chowan Partnership (ECP) are undertaking to grow

See LAND, 2A



House gets new life

A long lost home that once sat derelict for many years in Gates County is being restored, brought to life in Edenton by James Tyler's company, Down East Preservation, which specializes in the preservation, construction, and design of historical structures. — 1B

Political conventions

On Saturday, local Republicans and Democrats had their conventions to select delegates to the district and state conventions as well as listen to campaign speeches from various candidates seeking local and district offices. — 4A



Banquet spurs hope

More than 200 men conquered with caring and kindness at White Oak Elementary's Boys to Men Breakfast. There were dads, grandfathers, cousins, community members, high school students, and Edenton-Chowan School employees present for the March 6 experience where men read books or shared their time with the boys. — 2B

March musings

Malone Gilliam thinks on March Madness and metanoia: "March Madness. I love this time of year. The NCAA Basketball Tournament generally features upsets and buzzer beating wins. For me, it's the best sporting event around. But March Madness means something different to me this year." — 6B

Aces serve up wins

In tennis, an ace is a serve across the line that is so swift, powerful that there is no defending. That's what the Aces (8-3 overall and 2-0 Albemarle Athletic Conference) have been doing recently on the tennis courts with a series of wins — seven straight — over opponents from Manteo to Riverside. — 4B

Easter message tops off Holy Week

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Easter Sunday is around the corner, which means not only egg hunts, but a chance to spend quality time spent with family and friends.

During Holy Week, Palm Sunday services set the tone for the week ahead much like Fleetwood Mac's song, "Don't Stop" talks about how yesterday is gone, but it is important to think about tomorrow because it will soon be here, an observation that can be related to Easter that was made by Reverend Malone Gilliam of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Ecumenical Holy Week services and lunches are planned at Edenton United Methodist Church. These ecumenical worship services start at noon each day at Edenton United Methodist Church. Light lunches will be provided at 12:30 p.m. all week in their Family Life Center. As to the remainder of the week, the message and meal schedule is as follows:

Wednesday: "My God, why have you forsaken me?" Malone Gilliam, St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Thursday: "I thirst." John Shannon, Providence Missionary Baptist Church

Friday: "It is finished and Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." Frank Jones, St. Anne Catholic Church, and Stephen Mizell, Open Door Church.

Many residents have



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Recently, a live Stations of the Cross experience was held at St. Anne Catholic Church to pay tribute to the reason for the season.

marked Holy Week by carrying the kids to Easter egg hunts near and far across Chowan County. Many more folks will attend a Sunday sunrise service at 6:30ish at the waterfront park down-

town by the bay.

When the sun comes up and a pastor says - "He is risen" - a warm feeling touches the soul and inspires hope despite the morning chill. These moments not only

strengthen our faith, but mark special time spent with families, coming together for a large Easter dinner after church.

See EASTER, 8A

Makes plans to attend 'His Love Ran Red'

From staff reports

"His Love Ran Red" is one of the most exciting outreach events that takes place in Chowan County.

The program starts at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday at that big church that is a beacon to many in the county, Rocky Hock Baptist Church.

The program started back in 2011 and has continued to grow and grow throughout the years. Growth within number of songs and scenes and

growth of people participating in it. This year there are more than 150 people within this program. Whether it's a choir member, character in the program, the many backstage workers, costume people and much more.

"The goal for me is to make this as realistic as possible so that people that come to see the program see truly how much Jesus suffered for us," Cone said. "Remember the name of the program "His Love Ran Red." The

Gospel is the story of Jesus giving of His life for ours on a cross, making payment for all the wrong things we have done," said Tyler Cone, associate pastor for Rocky Hock Baptist Church. "This will be my third year directing the program and for me its such a joy and honor to see so many of our church members come together to create something so powerful that shares the true gospel of Jesus

See PLANS, 8A

March for Our Lives: Crowds protest nationwide

From staff, wire reports

Hundreds of thousands of people across the globe marched in "March For Our Lives" events on Saturday in response to a plague of repetitive and deadly gun violence.

The events drew massive crowds in cities across the country, the kind of numbers seen during the Vietnam War era.

"A lot more organized than the demonstrations that I attended 50 years ago," said Kip Shaw of Edenton, who photographed what he saw in Washington, D.C. "These kids really have their act together. Very peaceful. If the cops were packing heat, it

was well hidden."

Shaw described what he saw.

"Yes, there were a lot of teenagers at the March, but also a smattering of veteran activists," he said. "And there were parents with their kids, and teachers — lots of teachers. Good to see. I can't imagine what it is like to have this constant threat hanging over you when you are trying to teach, trying to learn, trying to live life."

In New York City, Denver, Los Angeles and other cities, demonstrators heard from student survivors of last month's school shooting in Parkland, Florida. Shaw described the mood as "determined."

By all appearances — there were no official numbers — Washington's March for Our Lives rally rivaled the women's march last year that drew far more than the predicted 300,000.

"I didn't sense that there was a strident, dialed-in point of view — just hundreds of thousands of citizens coming together saying, 'Enough is enough!' 'We're mad as hell, and we're not going to take it anymore!' Shaw said. "And as the old labor union organizers would chant, 'Don't Mourn — Organize!' And organize, these kids did. Our future looks bright."

See MARCH, 7A

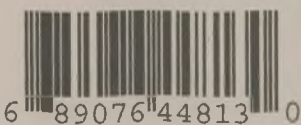


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Anita Leotta, Emma Bonner and Marianne Miller, all of Chowan County, participated in Saturday's "March for Our Lives" protest in Elizabeth City. Similar protests were held across the nation to advocate for changes to gun laws and safer schools.



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