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Forum looks at growing Edenton, fate of high school

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
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“What do you want to be when you grow up?”

That is the questions Chowan County, and in particular Edenton, residents should be asking themselves about their community, according to Joseph Minicozzi, AICP, principal of Urban3 LLC, at a public forum Monday at the John A. Holmes High School auditorium.

About 80 people attended

the presentation, which was sponsored by Destination Downtown Edenton.

Minicozzi is originally from Rome, N.Y., but now lives in Asheville. His business helps “communities make better decisions through an understanding of data and community design,” according to the website.

When considering the question, Minicozzi says citizens need to be literate in civics — how our government works and how the tax policies work. In the 1950s, elementary school students learned these basics, but somehow that education

By learning civics, residents have a chance to shape their communities destiny, he said.

“By losing civics, people don’t understand how we’re all in this together,” Minicozzi said. “In the 1950s, little kids were talking about this stuff. Nowadays, adults aren’t even talking about this.”

Minicozzi went through several examples of how urban sprawl contributed to many municipalities’ problems. Then he looked specifically at Edenton, noting the Josephine Leary building in particular.

Broad Street and home to the Chowan Herald and two residences, generates about \$5 million in county taxes per acre, while the Food Lion/Rose’s strip mall on Virginia Road generates about \$459,021 per acre.

“Leary gave you a perfect lesson on the value of property,” Minicozzi said. “Her building has stood for almost 200 years, and Rose’s will be gone in 15 years or so.”

Among the ways Minicozzi said the county could make more money is by al-

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y to development



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Joseph Minicozzi, AICP, principal of Urban3 LLC, speaks about how people in Asheville weren’t receptive to renovating old buildings in the city’s downtown during a public forum Monday at the John A. Holmes High School auditorium.

STUDENTS WORK ON MURAL OF JOHN A. HOLMES

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John A. Holmes High School students work on a mural near one of the entrances to the school. Students have been working on the mural since the beginning of the school year.



Conger Building still unsold

Mayor: Talks ongoing about proposed brew pub site

BY MILES LAYTON
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So far, not so much is going on with the sale of the land for the development of a proposed brew pub on Water Street.

During the public comment portion of the Jan. 8 Town Council meeting, a question arose as to what’s going on with the project that council approved in March after about three years of debate.

“We are still talking over the same points relative to what the Town of Edenton is willing to do with the building,” Mayor Roland Vaughan said.

Nearly a year has elapsed since council signed off on the sale of the Conger Building to a Raleigh developer.

In March, Council voted 4-1 to adopt a resolution supporting the town’s sale of the building, also known as the former Northeast Commission Building, to John Conger Glover for \$309,000. No earnest money has been put down on the project.

“Hopefully, he (Glover) can come to some conclusion that will allow him to move forward,” Vaughan said. “It’s in his mind. He still believes that we, the

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Red Cross quilt on display at Extension Office

NAMES ON RED CROSS QUILT

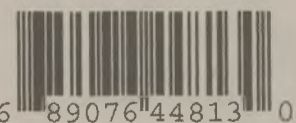
According to the chart provided by the Bassetts, owners of the Red Cross Signature Quilt, names stitched on it include the following:

- William Hudson, Ethel Holland, Allis Griffins, Allie Hudson
- R.L. Norris, W.K. Copeland, A.L. Copeland, Clara Smith
- Mildred Chesson, Helen Chesson, D.M. Chesson, Mrs. Gray Chesson
- Mrs. J.C. Boyce, Mrs. W.T.

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Some answers have been solved in the mystery of a Red Cross Signature Quilt. But the owners hope more questions can be answered by the public, as the quilt is on display at the Extension Office in the Chowan County Agriculture Center.

Earl and Becky Bassett loaned it to the Extension Office, which has a link to the quilt.

County extension director Mary Morris said the agency’s home demonstration clubs made the quilt during World War I in support of the war effort.

“We went upstairs where our old records are kept, and found that some of our homemakers clubs worked on a Red Cross fundraiser,” she said. “The Bassetts decided that because there was a lot of interest in the quilt, they’d display it where people can see it. They called us and asked to display it in the extension office.”

The quilt will be on display until the end of February.

The Museum of the Albemarle, in Elizabeth City, loaned the quilt rack to dis-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Red Cross signature quilt ‘hearkens back to World War 1 and lists some of Chowan County’s families generations ago.

play the red and white quilt. Each white square has a cross in the middle embroidered in red. Four signatures stitched in each corner of the squares at a diagonal. On some squares, each signature is different, while on other squares, they all look the same. Red sashing and a white corner block frame the signature squares.

Morris believes that the quilt makers either had the families sign the squares or had a way to transfer the signatures onto the fabric.

Included in the display is a book for visitors to sign in and comment with any stories they have about the



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The names of J.E. Meginley, Ed. Meginley, K.M. Meginley, Ray. Meginley, Dr. J.S. Mitchener, the Rev. G.L. Whiteley, John Mitchener and Ollie Mitchener are among those on the Red Cross Signature Quilt on display at the Chowan County Extension Office.

people whose names are on the quilt.

“The Bassetts wanted to document the visitors and their stories, so they have more information about the quilt,” Morris said.

According to a quilt appraiser and information gathered by Jennifer Finlay, Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library librarian, a call went out in 1917 to raise money for the Red Cross.

Quiltmakers across the nation, including the Chowan

County home demonstration club, responded by making and raffling quilts. People would buy a subscription to have their name inscribed on the quilt and then the quilt would be raffled off.

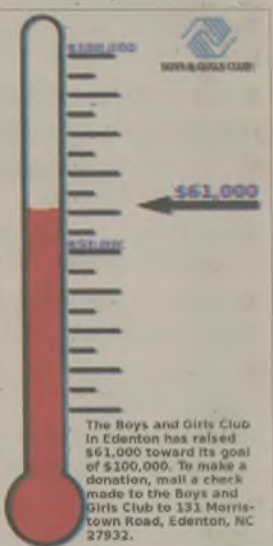
The appraisal says the quilt was machine pieces and hand embroidered.

The Bassetts purchased the quilt at a yard sale. The woman who sold it to them explained that the Red Cross Signature Quilt had belonged to her aunt.

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