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Commission studies hiring bond counsel

Law firm would help with school construction project

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Chowan County Commission grappled with acquiring a bond counsel for a potential future high

school construction project.

Other matters that the commission dealt with during Monday's meeting will appear in a future edition of the *Chowan Herald*.

Commission approved plans to potentially enter into a contract with the law firm of Parker, Poe, Adams and Bernstein of Raleigh to

navigate the paperwork and planning needed to possibly float a bond initiative, perhaps as early as the November general election in 2020.

Law firm would not be paid until the back end of the enterprise and the "clock" for billing their services would not start until local

policymakers — Edenton Chowan Board of Education and the county commission — have moved closer to making decisions needed and firming up any plans as scope and timing of any construction. Bond counsel would cost \$13,000 and \$30,000 perhaps more with fees, etc.

Preliminary cost estimates indicate a price tag of perhaps \$40 million for a 600+ student school, depending depth of the project, be it a new school or renovate/repair job.

County Manager Kevin Howard

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Mayor, 3 council seats up for grabs

Early voting for Edenton town council election starts Oct. 16

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

November's ballot will feature a three-way race for Edenton mayor between Jacqueline Hardy-Lassiter, a local business owner, and councilmen Jimmy Stallings and Steve Biggs, who serves as mayor pro-tem.

Current Mayor Roland Vaughan announced he's not seeking re-election after 24 years of service, which means there is change ahead, the passing of a torch.

Edenton also will have a race for 2nd Ward councilor between Tray Taylor and incumbent Sambo Dixon.

William Hackney High Jr., a local attorney, is running uncontested for the 1st Ward seat currently held by Stallings.

Roger Coleman is unopposed for the at-large council seat currently held by Biggs.

Election day is Nov. 5.

Early voting begins Wednesday, Oct. 16, and will run through Friday, Nov. 1, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., at the Chowan County Board of Elections, at 730 N. Granville St. # D, Edenton. Per the weekends, folks can vote on two Saturdays — Oct. 19 and Oct. 26 — between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Chowan Herald sent questionnaires to each candidate to learn more about what these folks think about some of the major issues affecting Edenton. Those candidates, who respond to the questions, will have their

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FAIR BY NIGHT

PHOTO COURTESY KATE WEMPLE

The Chowan County Regional Fair's Ferris Wheel is lit up for fair-goers. The record-breaking fair was held Oct. 1-5. More photographs and information about the fair can be found on Page B1.

Long day worth Peanut Fest rewards

12 bands competed during Battle of the Bands

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

EDENTON — For Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Rob Jackson and John A. Holmes Principal Steve Wood and Assistant Principal Sonia Reinhardt, Saturday started early. They participated in the Pace with the Aces 5K — which aids the Aces' cross-country teams — in the morning (information is on Page B2). They participated in the Peanut Festival later that morning.

Late in the evening, the trio were seen during the Battle of the Bands, as Jackson served at the master of ceremonies for the 44th annual event.

Others who had a long day were members of the 13 bands — 12 competitors and the John A. Holmes Marching Aces — that performed that night, along with the hundreds of parents, supporters and other



MILES LAYTON/CHOWAN HERALD

John A. Holmes High School's JROTC Color Guard led the parade that inaugurated the 44th annual Peanut Festival in Edenton.

volunteers at the marching band competition.

To seamlessly pull off four hours of the 44th annual Peanut Festival's Battle of the Bands that evening, band parents and other volunteers

arrived at the school's athletic complex around 5 a.m. to begin setting up.

When the day was done, they looked a little tired but

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Edenton PD to test BolaWrap

Restraining device discharges tether to entangle subject

BY MILES LAYTON
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Edenton Police Department will be the first law enforcement agency in North Carolina to test a BolaWrap device.

Police departments from across the state will descend Friday upon Edenton to see how this restraining device may be safer and more effective than a Taser.

BolaWrap is a hand-held remote restraint device that discharges an eight-foot bola style Kevlar tether to entangle a subject from 10-25 feet. The cords wrap around a suspect's arms or legs and render the suspect temporarily incapable of free movement. Barbs at either end of the cord grab hold of the target as the wire wraps tightly around the suspect's arms or legs, making movement difficult if not impossible.

"This is a great tool to assist law enforcement in dealing with mentally ill and uncooperative individuals," Edenton Police Chief Henry King Jr. said.

King invited Wrap Technologies to show his team and other area departments what this tool can do to help in de-escalating a situation. Law enforcement agents will receive instructor certification training so as to spread the know-how statewide.

"We believe in looking for

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Dick Schulze viewed politics as community service

Editor's note: This concludes a two-part series about former Pennsylvania congressman Dick Schulze, who has been living at Albemarle Plantation since 1999.

BY MILES LAYTON
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HERTFORD. — Retired congressman Dick Schulze, now of Hertford, has had his finger on the

pulse of history since the mid 1970s.

The photos of world leaders on the office walls of his Albemarle Plantation condo provide a small glimpse into the life of a man that who has kept abreast of public affairs. Schulze, now 90, served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives between 1975 and 1993 for the western Philadelphia suburbs.

How did Schulze come to be a Pennsylvania congressman, a member of the "Reagan 13"?

Long before being elected to Congress, Schulze attended local government meetings where he would make speeches about preserving the land for future generations to hunt, fish



SCHULZE

and enjoy the outdoors.

After a local politico resigned, a GOP leader approached Schulze after a speech and asked him to get involved in politics.

"Guy came up to me cigar in mouth. 'Hey — you're always shooting your mouth off at these meetings, why don't you put up or shut up?' he

said. "The guy's challenge irritated me, so I got involved and ran a few countywide campaigns. More than anything, I viewed it as community service — much like Rotary or Scouts."

Schulze was elected to the state House and then to Congress. Schulze admitted he was reluctant to serve at first, but grew to enjoy being able to help people and get things

done.

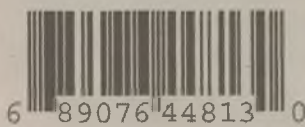
"I backed into public service," he said. "But after I was elected, took the job, found I liked and enjoyed it. Being a congressman gives you a different perspective."

Brexit

Schulze noted how Britain's Parliament was grappling with Brexit. Long before the news broke that

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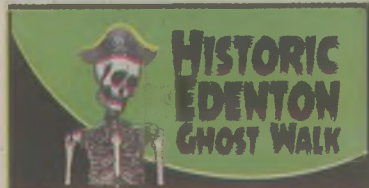
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OCTOBER 18 & 19
TICKETS \$10

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Historic Edenton Visitor Center 108 N Broad Street,
252-482-2637
S'mores and Hot Chocolate...\$1
Ghost Harbor Craft Beer and Wine will be available at Headquarters...\$5
Golf Cart Tours...\$20

