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Housing issue to be studied

Affordable housing seen as scarce

BY SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald

A joint town-county panel has been tapped to explore the growing need — and rise — of affordable housing in Edenton and Chowan County.

Town councilors Jerry Parks and Phyllis Britton have joined commissioners Jimmy Allgood and Bill Gardner — all Edenton residents — on the Affordable Housing Commission. Two citizen members will be appointed at a later date by the town and county boards, Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said last week.

"The (Town) Council wants Edenton to be a diverse place," Knighton stated, "where young families with children can live along side older families, senior citizens and young retirees."

Council identified affordable housing as an issue in its Vision Statement in the 1990s. Since then, councilors have "supported the idea of helping to facilitate and encourage affordable housing opportunities in our town," Knighton said.

One subdivision under construction was initially thought to be a step in addressing the past shortage of affordable housing in Edenton. The Colonial Village subdivision on Coke Avenue "was seen as an opportunity for first-time home buyers to be able to reside inside the city limits," Knighton said.

But those plans have changed.

"This project is about to be sold to a developer from Virginia that plans to build big-

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Retiring educators honored

Renovations to JA Holmes High School are also approved

BY EARLINE WHITE
The Chowan Herald

On Monday night the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education honored retirees and 20-year employees of the school system at a reception in the John A. Holmes Commons. Also on the agenda were approval of bids for the summer construction project and the Holmes high school handbook.

"When you see these people come up one by one you realize just what we're losing," Gene Jordan, chairman of the board said to the audience of family members and friends. "There will be a big void left by each of your absences. You've helped so many children...you will be missed. Still, I hope each of you enjoys a well-deserved retirement."



Dr. Allan Smith, superintendent of schools, shares a light-hearted moment with outgoing Exceptional Children's Director Margaret White. White was among the retirees honored at Monday night's banquet.

Among those being honored at the reception were: from Chowan Middle School-retirees Leyerna Copeland and Esther Freeman, 20-year employee Rose Hawkins; from D. F. Walker, retiree Christine Fleming, Beatrice Stanley and Diane Swanner; from John A. Holmes, retiree Gloria Bryant; from White Oak School, retirees Julia Gregory, Annette

Parrish and Reta Shaw, and 20-year employee Susan Dail; from Central Office, retirees Linda Perry and Margaret White, and 20-year employee Emma Berry; from the Exceptional Children Program Jack Onufrak.

Following explanation from Superintendent Dr. Allan Smith, the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education unani-

mously voted to approve the bid from C-VAC Corporation of Portsmouth, VA for the summer renovations at John A. Holmes. Four bids were received last Thursday; the lowest from C-VAC for an estimated cost of \$215,900. The board has estimated that the entire construction this

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Man's car is discovered in Yeopim Creek

BY CHRIS DAY
The Daily Advance

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Office is investigating how a 2000 Chevrolet Lumina ended up in Yeopim Creek.

Deputies pulled the fully submerged vehicle from the waterway Saturday, hours after a Snug Harbor resident spotted it near a boat ramp, Sheriff Eric Tilley said Sunday.

Divers from the Perquimans County Water Rescue team searched the area of the creek near the vehicle Saturday afternoon, but found no sign of a driver, Tilley said.

Divers did discover that the car's ignition was still in the on position and that its transmission wasn't in the park position, the sheriff said.

The vehicle is registered to a Stanley Jones Jr. of Edenton, Tilley said. Deputies don't know Jones' whereabouts, and Jones' parents, who are from the area, have not reported him missing, Tilley said.

The vehicle also hasn't been reported stolen, Tilley said.

According to Tilley, Jones' parents told investigators that their son often stays away from home for a day or two without saying where he is going.

Investigators have few other facts about the case, Tilley said.

"All we have is a vehicle and no other information," he said.

A resident of Snug Harbor discovered the vehicle some time before noon Saturday at a secluded boat ramp on Yeopim Creek, Tilley said. The resident notified a community watch officer who then contacted the sheriff's office.

Tilley said the location of the vehicle is unusual. The boat ramp is secluded and not well known to the public, he said.

"It's in a place not many people know there is a boat ramp there," Tilley said. "It's almost like it was put there deliberately."

The car was found in deep enough water so that the license plate could not be read from land, but close enough to the bank to be towed out Saturday, he said.

Forecasters call for active storm season

Chowan dodged several bullets last year

BY EARLINE WHITE
The Chowan Herald

As Chowan County gears up for summer, the Emergency Management Services prepare for the upcoming hurricane season. To the dismay of many, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced this week that they are predicting another active hurricane season. In response, Governor Mike Easley has proclaimed May 15-21 as Hurricane Preparedness Week and urges citizens to prepare now

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In this Coastland Times photo from last August, visitors to the Outer Banks stroll the beach prior to the arrival Hurricane Alex, which spared Chowan County. NOAA predicts an active hurricane season this year.

'One on One' Program celebrates Volunteer Week

BY MILDRED VANTERPOOL
Contributing Writer

The Governor's One-on-One, 4H Friends of Youth program, a component of Chowan County Cooperative Extension, celebrated the annual Volunteer Appreciation Week with a bang on Thursday, April 21. This program has over twenty five volunteers. These are special people who dared to become involved and have help to add a new dimension to the lives of young people in our community. Many of them have done a fantastic job.

Each year this program chooses a Volunteer of the



Volunteers of the Year Sarah McCleese and Gwendolyn Moye accept congratulations from Stella Brothers, board chair.

Year. One, who has gone beyond the requirements of the program in reaching out to the youth they serve. Again this year were pleased to announce two such persons. Volunteers of the Year, Sarah McCleese and Gwendolyn Moye have collectively invested over 500 hours of their time this past year in mentoring two young people in our program.

Volunteers recruited for this program are matched with young people from the community to be a mentor and friend. There is no way that this program can repay these volunteers for the sacrifice of time and energy they invest in the

youth of our community. However, it is the hope of each mentor that the time they do invest will pay huge dividends by making a positive impact in the life of that young person with whom they are matched. There are living testimonies of some of the young people who were in this program and have now gone on with their lives doing wonderful things. Some are in college, in the military and some are working and making a living.

If you would like to be a part of this effort or want more information please call Mildred Vanterpool at 482-6585.

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