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## Andersen named to power post

Former Duke Power engineer named to succeed 'Hawk' Crummey

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The Town of Edenton has ended its search to replace long-time electric director Hawk Crummey, tapping local businessman Glenn Andersen for the post.



Andersen

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said Andersen would begin working for the town in early July. Crummey will celebrate his 50-year anniversary with the town on July 3.

The town received 12 applications for the job it advertised in a national newsletter and Web site, as well as *The Chowan Herald*. Knighton said Tuesday. Jim Martin, the former electric director for Edenton in the late 1970s and early 1980s, helped Knighton during the interview process. And Andersen won out.

"I think it's a good fit," Andersen said Tuesday.

Prior to moving to Edenton in 2003, Andersen worked for Duke Power for 23 years in a variety of engineering positions. He has a degree in electrical engineering from N.C. State University.

Andersen, 48, co-owns Acoustic Coffee with his wife Anita. "He knows electrical distribution systems and, looking at how successful Acoustic Coffee is, he knows customer service," Knighton said. "I am looking forward to working with him."

In turn, Andersen looks forward to working with town officials and residents. He said his past work has prepared him not only for the practical aspects of his new post, but also the financial responsibilities.

"I know how to live within a budget," he said.

Andersen and his wife have recently bought a home in the town's Mill Village.

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## Statewide preservation group tours mill, Strawberry Hill

From staff reports

On Thursday, May 25, Preservation NC (PNC) hosted a Preservation Celebration at one of Edenton's most renowned historic residences. As part of the National Preservation Month celebration, PNC invited members and friends to

join them in Edenton for a local celebration. More than 100 people began their evening with a visit to the revived historic Edenton Peanut Mill which was opened between 5:00 and 6:00 pm, and a trolley began shuttling guests to Strawberry Hill, private residence of Libby Pope for a re-

ception.

"I thought it went extremely well," Pope said on Friday. Approximately 160 people turned out to view the restoration and to gather at Strawberry Hill. Pope admitted that her favorite part of the evening however

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Business owners Cy Rich, left, and Simon Rich at the renovated Edenton Peanut Mill.

"They need to know that we are behind them."

- American Legion Post 40 Commander, Ron Green

## Solemn Ceremony

Memorial Day services salute war dead and those fighting in current theaters of war

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
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A quiet crowd of local residents gathered under the shade trees and monuments at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial Monday morning for the annual Memorial Day ceremony. During the service, led by American Legion Post 40 Commander Ron Green, it was obvious that while those who have lost their lives in wartime were remembered, there were many still alive and fighting in Iraq who were equally on the minds of those present.

"Whatever your feelings may be about the war," said Green, "please support our troops. They need to know we are behind them."

Commander Green, himself a Vietnam veteran, knows firsthand the way veterans of that war were treated - many were ignored, ostracized or treated with contempt - and commented that he would not want to see today's veterans return home to the same kind of "welcome" he and others endured years ago.

State American Legion Chaplain Jimmy Jerrell, also a member of Post 40, served as the guest speaker. Reverend Jerrell is the pastor of Harrellsville Baptist Church and has been a member of



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(above) Members of the American Legion Color Guard stand at attention during a wreath-laying ceremony at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial Monday morning. (below) State Legion Chaplain (and Edenton Post 40 member) Jimmy Jerrell was the keynote speaker at the Memorial Day ceremony.

the local Legion for a dozen or more years.

Jerrell reminded those present that Southerners had a great deal to do with the establishment of Memorial Day.

"You can take great pride in knowing that because the ladies down South paid tribute to the men who died for the Confederate Cause...this is how Memorial Day as we know it got started."

Commander Green told the crowd about having the privilege of meeting some disabled veterans who are riding bicycles across America to raise awareness among citizens and praised the positive attitude each displayed. "They said they were riding to encourage others not to just sit around and wither away," he said. Green added that when he asked how the Iraqi people felt to-



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ward the American soldiers serving there, one of the cyclists replied, "They said they were glad we came and glad to have their country back. They were glad we did what we did."

The Rev. Thomas Biggs offered the invocation during the ceremony and "Taps" was performed by Larry

Privott. Wreaths were placed around the monuments in honor of the various branches of military service represented, and the men and women who have given their lives while serving in them. "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America" were performed by Jerry Swanner.

## Powerball to boost NC lottery

BY SEAN JACKSON  
The Chowan Herald

Who wants to be a millionaire?

It's a question many North Carolinians began asking themselves Tuesday when sales for North Carolina's first-ever Powerball lottery began. And they began early, 5 a.m. at some locations. A total of 5,700 busi-



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nesses across the state began selling tickets for the \$38 million Powerball drawing set for tonight (Wednesday). "We are already on track to bring in millions of dollars for education," Tom Shaheen, executive director of the N.C. Education Lottery said, referring to the smaller payout tickets that went on sale in March.

"Powerball sales are certain to bring in even more revenue for education," Shaheen added.

A total of 12 stores in Edenton are selling the tickets. They are:

- Etna station at 200 N. Broad St.
- Food Lion grocery store at Colonial Village Shopping Center
- Whiteman's Service Center in Tyner
- Floyd's Corner at 904 Virginia Road
- the Stop Shop at 1105 N. Broad St.
- Joe Lee Co., Inc. at 654 Virginia Road
- Colonial Communications at 202 S. Broad St.
- Goody's Convenient Center in Tyner
- Duck Thru Food Store at 218 Virginia Road
- Red Apple Markets No. 13 on N.C. Highway 32, No. 59 at 301 Virginia Road, No. 62 at 711 N. Broad St.

Tickets cost \$1 and players select five numbers and a red Powerball digit. A correct

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## BRAC findings could affect plans for OLF site

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A Pentagon review of Oceana Naval Air Station has concluded that Virginia Beach, Va. officials have not taken the proper steps in condemning thousands of homes that surround the air station.

The 3,000-plus homes — which are in the crash radius surrounding the base — should be condemned in order for the U.S. Navy's "master jet base" to continue being in Virginia Beach, the federal Base and Realignment Commission ordered last year.

However, while Virginia Beach didn't comply with BRAC's demands, the city



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Oceana's Super Hornets (above), F/18 Hornets and F-14 Tomcats may soon be looking for a new home. A Pentagon review of the naval air station has concluded that it did not follow recommendations laid down by the BRAC Commission to avoid closure.

of Jacksonville, Fla. — mentioned by officials as a strong contender for the jets — has said it doesn't

want the master base's F/18-Hornets and Super Hornets, and F-14 Tomcats, coming to Cecil Field.

Of particular interest to northeast North Carolina is the potential for the Super Hornets, if they stay based in Oceana, to need an outlying landing field proposed for Washington and Beaufort counties. The jets — which would be split into squadrons at Oceana and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point — would use the 30,000-acre site for landing and takeoff practices.

Opponents of that plan have said the jets would run the risk of having hazardous contact with migratory waterfowl that use nearby Pocosin Lakes National

Park as a winter refuge.

The opponents have also said the Navy would use historic farmlands for the OLF. Lawyers for the opponents have said the Navy used a "reverse engineer" system for its environmental reviews, essentially ruling out the potential for bird strikes without using the correct data.

According to the Southern Environmental Law Center's Web site, "the Navy decided to construct the OLF near the Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge and only later, according to one Navy official, 'reverse engineered' the process