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Soulful voices
blend to create
joyful sounds at
Pleasant Grove

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Gates not okay with councilors

Knighton: 'We want
roads to be open to
the community'

BY SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald

If a gated community for ac-
tive, older adults comes to
Edenton it may have to scrap
one of its prime components:
its gates.

A top town official said Mon-
day night that the Silver Com-
panies' plans for a large devel-
opment shouldn't bar, literally,
other Edenton residents from
having free access to the pro-
posed community.

"We want the roads to be
open to the community," Town
Manager Anne-Marie Knighton
said during special meeting on
the 500-unit project slated to
be built on property known as
the Boswell farm, between
West Queen Street and Dr.
Martin Luther King Jr. Av-
enue.

Knighton pointed out that
Silver Companies official Ri-
chard Tremblay, on hand for
Monday's information ses-
sion with town officials, has
held firm on the plans to have
gates restrict access to the
general public.

Knighton said she and
Tremblay have "agreed to
disagree."

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Stepping Into a New School Year



Earline White/The Chowan Herald

Sakiyah Evans, 10, gets off Sidney Lassiter's bus #79 on the first day of school. Nearly 2,500 students returned to school Friday. Edenton-Chowan Schools welcomes 50 new employees including principal Tanya Turner and assistant principal Philip Gatling at the middle school.

Peanut Festival Parade organizers seeking entries, monetary donations to assist them

BY JOY CARON
Contributing Writer

Keeping traditions alive
is not always easy to do.

The Peanut Festival pa-
rade was at death's door
due to the Holmes HS Band
Boosters being spread too
thin. They don't have the
manpower to operate the
band competition and ac-
tivities as well as the pa-
rade. Their primary goal
is to boost the band com-
petition in the Battle of the
Bands.

A small group of citizens
volunteered to take on the
production of the parade,
which starts at 10 a.m. Oct.
7.

It will be followed by the
band competition, the
craft show, and food booths
on the high school
grounds.

Besides providing a lot
of fun for those sitting
along Broad Street, the pa-
rade gives organizations,
clubs, churches, busi-
nesses, and schools the op-
portunity to shine, and

greet friends along the
route.

Whether it is a float,
boat, car, tractor, bike, or
by foot, there is a place for
just about any way to move
from Water Street to
Holmes High School.

Judges will select first,
second, and third place for
floats, and recognition for
best other entry, and tro-
phies will be awarded.

The success and contin-
uation of the Peanut Festi-
val parade depends on par-
ticipants and donations.

There is no shortage of
people to ooh and aah, but
entries and financial sup-
port make the parade hap-
pen.

To enter a float or unit,
or make any size donation,
please contact Joyce
Lassiter 482-4985, Joy
Caron 482-2072, or e-mail
joycejordanlassiter@yahoo.com.
Checks made to "Friends
of the Peanut Festival Pa-
rade" can be mailed to
P.O. Box 739, Edenton, NC
27932. Deadline for entry
is Sept. 22.

Early deadlines next week

The Chowan Herald
business office will close
at noon Monday in obser-
vance of the Labor Day
holiday.

An early deadline of
noon this Friday will be
observed in accepting ads
and news submissions for
next week's edition.

Ads and news submis-
sions after that time will
be accepted on a space
available basis.

Leaders won't take yes-or-no stance on uniforms

School board members say
parents should make the call

BY EARLINE WHITE
The Chowan Herald

When Brittney Mansfield wakes up in the
morning it is at least a 20 minute ordeal for
her to decide what to wear. And after choos-
ing carefully she is likely to change again.

Someone worried so much about their ap-
pearance must surely have a date to see a
judge or be posing for a portrait.

Brittney is going to school.
She wonders if one day this decision will
be not be hers.

With some nearby communities imple-
menting school uniforms, including Bertie
and Hertford counties, most everyone it
seems has an opinion one way or the other
concerning the Edenton/Chowan school
system and school
uniforms.

School board
members here are
so far declining to
offer comments
for or against
mandating the
wearing of school
uniforms, saying
that it will be the
parents' decision
and not theirs.

*I would have to
be convinced why
it [a school uni-
form] is a good
idea.*

-Board member
John Guard

But with county school systems to the
north and south of Chowan (and joining
the lineup this year, Bertie County) already
donning their standardized attire it may be
only a matter of time before students here
begin to dress alike.

"The two things that would drive it (the
push for school uniforms) would be the
gang situation getting out of hand and pub-
lic resistance to regulating freedom of ex-
pression," said board member Gil
Burroughs.

"Our community is a little different than
most in northeastern North Carolina,"
Burroughs said. "We have typically been a
little more tolerant and forward thinkers. We
have a different mindset that works against
the mindset for uniforms."

At the present time no board members in-
terviewed have heard from the public on
this matter.

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