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Curtain call?



CHOWAN HERALD PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

The exterior of Taylor Theater in Edenton is seen around sunset Sunday evening. Concerned residents are helping theater owner Bob Krochmal to keep the theater open.

Taylor Theater struggling to stay afloat

Group hopeful of saving longtime movie house

By Rebecca Bunch
Staff Writer

Last month, for the first time in all the years he has owned the Taylor Theater, Bob Krochmal could not pay his rent.

Business has been that bad. But with the help of some supporters who don't want to see Edenton lose its only movie theater, Krochmal is hopeful it may survive.

Supporters like Mayor Roland Vaughan, Larry Sellers and Sambo Dixon have been working to try and help the business get back on a so-

lid financial footing.

"They have been tremendous, getting people to come," Krochmal said.

Sellers said he was very concerned about the future of the theater, one of the few places in town for young people to go, and wanted to do what he could to keep it open.

Another good friend has been Frank Jones, co-owner of the Soda Shoppe. Jones has known Krochmal since he (Jones) managed the McDonald's franchise here and the two have participated in joint ventures before.

Wanting to help his old friend, Jones developed a plan to donate 20 percent of the proceeds from all meals eaten at the Soda Shoppe

during specially designated hours on Fridays from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and on Sundays from noon until 2 p.m.

"My brother Steve and I know Bob is struggling, as many of us downtown are in this tough economy, and we wanted to do whatever we could to help him," Jones said.

One idea that has been a big help is the use of what Krochmal calls "punch tickets". These are tickets that look similar to a coupon. Those who purchase them for \$60 can see seven movies, saving a dollar off the regular price for each movie they view.

The idea has been pretty successful, Krochmal said, enabling him to keep the doors open.

He also has booked a number of big new movies for the holiday season in hopes of luring more people to the theater. Playing right now is Jim Carrey's new movie, "A Christmas Carol". It will be followed by the premiere of 2012.

And "New Moon," the newest movie in the Twilight series, opens at the Taylor Theater on Nov. 20.

"Old Dogs," starring John Travolta and Robin Williams hits the screen on Nov. 25, followed by Disney's "Princess and the Frog" which will feature hand-drawn animation.

"Disney is about the only studio that does this anymore," said

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Quinn upbeat about future

Upset winner talks jobs, taxes, crime

By Rebecca Bunch
Staff Writer

Being a winner can take some getting used to. Just ask Bob Quinn.

Quinn pulled off an upset victory on Election Day last Tuesday to capture the at-large seat on the Edenton Town Council.

That seat had been held for close to two decades by incumbent Jerry Parks, director of Albemarle Regional Health Services.



Quinn

Contacted that evening, Quinn said he was "still adjusting" to the news.

In the days since then, he has been talking with well-wishers and reflecting on how he can best serve the people of the town.

One way, he said, is to listen and to be open and accessible to all the citizens of the town. As at-large councilman, he can go into any ward and meet with citizens to hear their concerns. And, he said, he would be glad to do that.

Based on conversations he had with voters while campaigning, and concerns voiced during a candidates' forum hosted by the Edenton-Chowan Civic League, Quinn has already identified some priorities.

Those include:
• Crime Prevention — (In speaking to the Civic League) "I heard loudly that crime and violence, unemployment and economic growth are huge problems we must face head-on. We must protect our

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Girl's shelter cash jar stolen

'Lucy Life' author, 10, is forgiving

By Rebecca Bunch
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"We're good buddies," is how 10-year-old Emma Brentjens describes her relationship with her cat, Lucy.

Their friendship has inspired Emma to create a newsletter, "Lucy Life," that she is distributing free of charge to local stores. Beside each stack of newsletters is a glass jar in which those who pick up a newsletter can drop in a donation for the Tri-County Animal Shelter in Edenton.

So far, Emma's entertaining tales of life with Lucy have convinced people to donate more than \$100 to the effort.

Not so happily, a few days



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ago, someone walked away from the Soda Shoppe in downtown Edenton with one of the jars that contained about \$40.

Has the theft changed Emma's feelings about people? Not in the least.

By the time the paper comes out Wednesday, she said, she hopes to have a new glass jar out at the Soda Shoppe so that people who want to help still

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'Stake it'



STAFF PHOTO BY BRETT A. CLARK

Pledge cards sit on the front lawn of Chowan Hospital during the hospital's "Stake It" event in which children pledged to be free of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs, Monday.



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Z.T. EVANS FAMILY Tuesday, November 17, 2009
RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

EAT-IN OR TAKE-OUT

Leon Nixon Catering
749 VIRGINIA ROAD, EDENTON

Donation: \$10.00

FRIED CHICKEN, BBQ & FISH DINNER (Catered by Leon Nixon Catering)

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