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Schools' pay arrives 5 days late

From staff reports

Some Edenton-Chowan Schools' employees were paid five days late after an apparent computer snafu resulted in a payroll delay.

Superintendent Allan Smith confirmed last Friday that some banks were unable to process the correction until as late as last

Tuesday (Oct. 4), whereby the 340 full-time school employees are typically paid the night before the last day of the month.



Smith

School officials offered to advance those affected employees \$300 to help stave off any financial hardship the delay may cause. Fifteen employees accepted the offer and picked up a check on Oct. 1 (Saturday). "Friday night (Sept. 30) my staff remained late and called every affected employee, told them of

the situation, and offered assistance with a check for \$300 which would have to be paid back once their payroll check was credited at the bank," Smith said via email.

Initially, only one bank indicated that the delay would exceed the checks being one day late. But, by Oct 1, two other banks re-

ported they too could not direct the deposit the affected accounts until the following Monday or Tuesday.

One teacher who asked to remain anonymous said the previous story published Oct. 1 in The Daily Advance and Oct. 5 in the Chowan Herald that indicated the delay to be only

one day diminished the seriousness of the problem. She said the delay was especially hard on those who have their mortgage payments deducted from their checking accounts on the first of the month.

Also hit hard were married couples that both work

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GOING NUTS OVER FESTIVAL



PHOTO COURTESY JEFF KNOX

The Marching Aces flag corps leads the band down North Broad Street during Saturday's Peanut Festival Parade.

Street music, dance cap off annual event



STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

Sheila Evans shows some John Deere green as she drives along the parade route during Saturday morning's 36th annual Peanut Festival Parade in Edenton. Evans is better known for her day job as principal at D.F. Walker Elementary School.

By REBECCA BUNCH
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Perfect weather accompanied Saturday's annual Peanut Festival for Destination Downtown Edenton's first go with the event dedicated to celebrate one of the region's most significant crops.

An early morning 5K launched the event, followed by a parade and a plethora of daylong events that concluded with a street dance.

Dee Spruce, parade chairwoman, said that she received positive feedback from those who watched the parade as it made its way down North Broad Street.

"I have heard lots of compliments," Spruce said. "I think people really enjoyed themselves."

Mysi Fortenbery, Wanda Rossman and Laurie Shepard served as parade judges.

- Four awards given include:
- Best Overall Parade Entry — Antique Tractors of the Albemarle
 - Best Marching Contingent — Northeastern High School of Elizabeth City
 - Best Float — Immanuel Baptist Church

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Family makes offer to buy grill

Waterman's may be sold within week

From staff reports

A deal is in the works that would sell downtown Edenton's longest running restaurant.

Waterman's Grill could be sold within the week as the owner's mull over an offer. Co-owners Rick and Katy Ebersole acknowledged Monday night that they and business partner, Brian Roberts, are entertaining an offer to sell the popular eatery after more than 15 years in business.

They informed their staff Monday afternoon of the impending offer, which quickly spread through the community via Facebook.

"We wanted them to know what was going on," Katy said. "Probably

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Jobless jumps to 11.4 percent

From staff reports

Chowan County's jobless rate jumped to 11.4 percent for August, up nearly a full percentage point over August last year. Last month's rate in the county was 11.2 percent.

The current rate means that with a workforce of 6,179, there were 702 people unemployed.

Regionally, two Albemarle area counties topped Chowan's jobless rate — Bertie, with 12.8 percent and Washington, which posted 12.1 percent, respectively. Chowan tied with Hertford County.

Unemployment rates in other counties in the region were:

- Camden, 8.4 percent
- Currituck, 4.5 percent
- Dare, 7.5 percent
- Gates, 8.3 percent
- Pasquotank, 10.5 percent

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Tyner teen charged in threat against COA

ECSU student faces cyberstalking charge

By WILLIAM F. WEST
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An Elizabeth City State University student has been charged in connection

with an e-mail threat that led to the evacuation of College of The Albemarle's Elizabeth City campus Monday.

Margaret Monika White, 18, of County Line Road, Tyner, was arrested Monday night and charged with cyberstalk-



White

ing, according to an arrest warrant.

Elizabeth City Police Chief Charles Crudup declined to be specific about where White was arrested, only that it was on the ECSU campus. Crudup confirmed that White is an ECSU student.

According to the arrest warrant, White sent an e-mail to COA President Kandi Deitemeyer and eight others in which she threatened to bodily harm Frank Hendrick

and to do physical harm to COA's property.

Deitemeyer confirmed Tuesday that Hendrick is a math instructor at COA. She also confirmed that the eight other persons who received the e-mail, allegedly sent by White, are either instructors or staff at the community college.

Deitemeyer declined to release a copy of the e-mail White is alleged to have sent.

Crudup, citing an on-

going investigation, also declined to release a copy of the e-mail. He also declined to answer questions about the contents of White's arrest warrant.

COA officials canceled classes and instructed students and staff to leave the campus Monday morning after receiving what officials described later as a "credible" threat against the campus.

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