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## Howard named new county manager

New administrator coming from Caswell County

#### **BY REGGIE PONDER** Editor

County officials have tapped the county manager of Caswell County in the state's Piedmont region to be Chowan's new county manager.

scheduled to begin work as interim here on March 3. His start-ing salary will be \$87,000 a year, plus a travel allow-

ance of \$300 a month. Howard replaces Zee Caswell's Lamb, who began as Nash county County's county manager manager Jan. 1 after two years as for county manager in Chowan.

Social Services Director Hyde County about a year Kevin B. Howard is Clifton Hardison is serving

county manager. Howard has been

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years and nine months. Before that Chowan Department of he was county manager in and a half.

search that drew 42 applicants

Chowan Board of Commissioners Chairman Keith Nixon said the county had a lot of good candidates for the position.

The commissioners were looking for professionalism, leadership, local government experience, proven financial ex-

The board selected How- pertise and someone able the process of selecting the ard following a nationwide . to communicate well with the public, according to Nixon.

Nixon said the board also was looking for someone who will live in the community, be involved in the community and would like to stay in the community for an extended period of time.

Nixon said the commissioners put a lot of time into new county manager. Commissioners reviewed each individual application and had numerous meetings on the matter.

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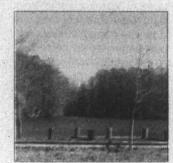
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He said be believes the board has selected the best person for the job.

"I feel like we're going to be in good shape," Nixon said.

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**Chowan County has** received a grant for improvements to Pembroke Creek Park, shown here on a recent afternoon.

### County receives grant for park

#### From staff reports

Chowan County has been awarded a state grant to design and build a bulkhead, two piers, kayak launch with gangway and other improvements at Pembroke



#### From staff reports

Seven inches or more of snow was expected to fall in Chowan County over a 24-hour period as the Chowan Herald was going to press.

The National Weather Service forecast from the weather station in Waverly, Va., at presstime Tuesday was calling for snow during the day on Tuesday, mainly after noon. The high temperature was predicted to be near 29, with a north wind at 13 to 15 mph. The chance of precipitation during the day was 100 percent.

This week's expected snowfall comes on the heels of a lighter snow last week and in the midst of an extended period of unusually cold temperatures for this area.

The forecast called for up to two inches of snow during the day Tuesday, plus a possibility of three to five additional inches of snow Tuesday night.

The low temperature Tuesday night was expected to be around 23, with a north wind at 13 to 15 mph. Today snow



Creek Park.

The \$150,0000 grant was awarded by the Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access Program, which is part of the N.C. Coastal Management Program.

The county's receipt of the grant was announced during the Jan. 6 meeting of the Chowan Board of Commissioners.

Recreation Director Jason Petersen, who is the county's administrator for the project, spoke to the commissioners briefly about the grant.

"It's great news for us and for the county and all the people in our area," Petersen said.

Chairman Keith Nixon noted at the meeting that in addition to the work done by county staff, the Albemarle **Resource** Conservation and Development Council also was instrumental in the development of the project proposal.

Nixon asked Linda Peterson, a member of the Albemarle RC&D Council, to stand and be recognized on behalf of the council. Commissioners applauded when Peterson stood to be recognized.

The 5.43-acre park site at 716 W. Queen St. features roughly 1,100 feet of shoreline along Pembroke Creek.



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likely until early afternoon, according to the forecast. The forecast calls for cloudy conditions today and a high temperature near 29. A north wind is expected at 8 to 13 mph. Chance of precipitation today is 70 percent.

atures have led to an unusually high number of reports of frozen and burst pipes.

Meanwhile, cold temper-

Town and county offi-

reports of frozen pipes and staff can shut the water off. from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., and

Molly Harvill, 7, steers the sled as Bree Thatcher, 6, hangs on for the ride during last week's snow. See more photos from the snow on page 4A.

community. According to town of-

ficials, residents should call the town right away if cials have received many a pipe bursts so that town port a burst pipe is 482-4111

burst pipes at homes in the Town staff said that call should be made first, prior to calling a plumber.

The number for Town of Edenton residents to re-

482-4444 during evening hours.

A water pipe burst at the Hotel Hinton building, also known as the former Chowan County office building on King Street. Insurance is expected to cover the water damage to the structure.

It is recommended that water faucets be left dripping during very cold times to help prevent frozen and burst pipes.

# **New reading requirements challenge schools**

#### **BY REBECCA BUNCH** Staff Writer

Under new Read to Achieve requirements, only 21 out of about 160 third grade students in the Edenton-Chowan Schools would currently be considered on track to demonstrate reading proficiency at grade level.

for the school system discussed those findings and the challenges that lie ahead for implementing Read to Achieve with the school board during its annual retreat last Thursday.

Read to Achieve is a North Carolina law passed to ensure that elementary school students can read Linda White, director at or above grade level by

of elementary education the end of their third grade school year. It is part of the **Excellent** Public Schools Act that became law in July 2012

Board chair John Guard noted that the new measure has created a great deal of concern in school systems. "There's a lot of concern,

not just here," he said. White agreed but said the school system has no choice but to follow the law.

"We know what we've been given, our task is to make it happen," she said.

Efforts to make sure students can read at grade level by the end of third grade under Read to Achieve, will start when they enter kindergarten at White Oak. They will be given an entry assessment within the

first 30 days of enrollment. White said. They will also be assessed at the middle and end of the school year, she said.

White added that instructional methods used by teachers will be modified as necessary to meet the individual needs of students and that feedback would be

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Medical helicopter to be based at local airport

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A medical emergency helicopter soon will be based at the Northeastern Regional Airport.

Kevin Justice of Air Methods confirmed last week that the company would be basing a helicopter in Eden-

Airport Manager Harry Davis said having the helicopter based in Edenton will be a lifesaver in cases where it enables someone to get to a high-level treatment center within the one-hour critical period for emergency response, Davis said.

We are most fortunate

in this community of about 5,000 people to have an air medical helicopter onsite here at our airport," Davis said. "It's like a miracle."

Air Methods is expected to begin operations at the airport on a limited basis by the middle of next month, with 24-hour operations in place by mid-March.

The airport is installing a living quarters for on-duty helicopter landing pad for flight crews. use by Air Methods.

will include a pilot, paramedic and flight nurse.

The helicopter will be housed in an 80-foot by 60foot hangar. The company also will locate a trailer at the airport that will serve as erations in 48 states.

Air Methods is headquar-Crews on the helicopter tered in Englewood, Colorado.

According to the company's website, it has operations from Alaska to Key West, Fla. The company has more than 300 bases of op-

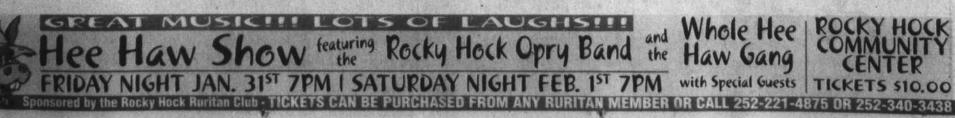


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