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# Board OKs Hotel Hinton project

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Editor

The Hotel Hinton restoration project took a big step Monday toward its targeted opening in early 2016 when the Edenton Planning Board unanimously recommended a proposed subdivision of the parcel at 113 E. King St. and a pro-

posed conditional use permit to operate a 65-room hotel at the site.

The board's recommendation goes to the Edenton Town Council for final consideration. If the council approves the two permits, the matter then would go before the town's Historic Preservation Commission.

Bob Howsare of SAGA Development

Inc. told the board Monday that if the preservation panel approves the project in October, the construction work likely could begin in January and the hotel should be ready for an early 2016 opening.

Plans call for a 65-room hotel,

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# HURDLE-WINSLOW LEAVING LOCAL COA CAMPUS

■ Amanda Hodges named interim dean

From staff reports

College of The Albemarle announced Tuesday that Lynn Hurdle-Winslow has been named vice president of student success and enrollment management.

She replaced Steven Woodburn, who recently left the college to accept a position with Ashland Community and Technical College in West Virginia. The change is effective Aug. 1.

Hurdle-Winslow has been with College of The Albemarle for over 26 years. She has served the last 19 years of her tenure as dean of the Edenton-Chowan Campus. Her focus in the Student Success and Enrollment Management division will be to focus on realigning the college's advising model, strengthening efforts in student retention, and utilizing data to reinforce our work towards greater student success outcomes.

Amanda Hodges has been named the interim dean of the Edenton-Chowan Campus.

"It goes without saying, Lynn's experiences in student services, student life, counseling, campus operations, and college wide initiatives give her an exceptional perspective to continue our efforts in the Student Success and Enrollment Management Division," said COA President Kandi Deitemeyer.

With a focus on students, Hurdle-Winslow is both motivated and inspired to ensure the students at College of The Albemarle have a pathway to achieve their goals.

"Students are the heart of our mission," said Hurdle-Winslow. "COA must meet them where they are and give them the support and tools to be successful in their educational endeavors and their transition to the world of work. We have a caring faculty and staff. I get up every day excited about making a difference in someone's life - not many people are that fortunate. I love COA, the community college mission and the difference we make in individuals, families and communities."



HURDLE-WINSLOW

## MAKING THE 'RIPE' DECISION



STAFF PHOTO BY REGGIE PONDER

Mary Partin shops for tomatoes Saturday morning at the Edenton Farmers Market. A variety of family activities are scheduled for Saturday's market, which also will mark National Farmer's Market Week. See story on page 6A.

# New trial in 2004 murder could begin soon

From staff reports

The murder trial of William Joseph Moore has been continued beyond the original trial date of Aug. 18 but prosecutors hope to get the trial underway early this fall.

Moore is charged in the August 2004 stabbing death of Pamela Joye Virzi. He was 46 at the time. Virzi was 47 at the time of her death.

Moore was sentenced to death in 2006. In an unusual turn of events at that time, Moore pleaded guilty to first-degree murder and represented himself in the sentencing phase of the trial. He told the court he was leaving his fate in the hands of the jury.

The N.C. Supreme Court overturned Moore's death sentence in 2008 and ordered a new trial.

The Supreme Court ruled that the trial

court had not made an adequate termination that Moore's decision to waive counsel had been made "knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily."

Elizabeth City attorney H.P. Williams has been assigned as special prosecutor on the case.

A motion in court last week in Chowan County to recuse Williams from the

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# Study: County lowered 'effective' tax rate

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Editor

The N.C. Association of County Commissioners recently cited Chowan County as one of six counties in the state that reduced their effective property tax rate in adopting the 2014-2015 county budget.

An article by NCACC re-

search analyst Julie Hochstein in the July edition of the association's County Lines publication pointed out the Chowan's new tax rate of 70 cents per \$100 valuation is significantly lower than what the "revenue-neutral" rate would have been.

Revenue-neutral is a term used to describe the tax rate that is required to generate the same amount of revenue as the previous tax rate when a revaluation is taken into consideration.

Historically, increasing property values have allowed

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# Trucks destroyed in incident last week

From staff reports

Two pickup trucks were destroyed in a bizarre chain of events in Chowan County late at night on July 29 and early on the morning of July 30.

A Ford pickup truck belonging to Chris Elliott was stolen and burned, and a Chevrolet truck belonging to Cy Rich was stolen and run into Edenton Bay, according to Chowan County Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin.

Officers believe the incidents occurred late on July 29 - or at least began then - but they were not

discovered until someone fishing on the Town of Edenton pier the next morning called to report seeing an object sticking out above the surface of the water in Edenton Bay.

Authorities said they believe Elliott's truck was stolen first from the area around Oakum and Water streets, then driven out to the vicinity of Rich's home

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GOODWIN

# Council mulls food, alcohol at sidewalk tables

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
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A request from two local businesses has prompted the town to revisit whether or not to allow outdoor seating that would include consumption of alcoholic beverages in a defined area on downtown sidewalks.

Waterman's Grill and Edenton Bay Trading Company - both located on South Broad Street - have asked the town to consider granting them the privilege to allow patrons to sit at tables and chairs outside and have a drink, Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said.

In a memo to town council members written prior to their work session on July 28, Knighton said that on a recent field trip to the Eastern Shore Maryland towns of Cambridge, Easton and St. Michael's, community leaders noticed sidewalk café dining with beer, wine and alcohol added a sense of vibrancy to the towns.



KNIGHTON

"We all commented on how the downtown we visited utilized their sidewalks in ways that created a sense of liveliness, with people enjoying outdoor dining - tables, chairs and umbrellas all added to the downtown ambience."

Anne Marie-Knighton

Town manager on recent Edenton officials' visit to Maryland towns

"You will recall that 18 of us traveled to Maryland in early May, and Malcolm King and Katy Ebersole were on the trip," Knighton said. "We all commented on how the downtown we visited utilized their sidewalks in ways that created

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