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American Legion Post 40 Honor Guard prepares to lay service wreaths at this year's Veterans Day ceremony at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial in Edenton, Tuesday.

## VETERANS, THEIR SACRIFICES REMEMBERED

**BY REBECCA BUNCH**  
Staff Writer

Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Rob Jackson told the crowd assembled for the annual Veterans Day ceremony Tuesday morning that America is the country it is because of the sacrifices made by veterans.

Jackson served as the

keynote speaker for the ceremony, which was held at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial.

In his remarks, Jackson recalled the origins of Veterans Day whose first proclamation



**JACKSON**

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was issued in 1954 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Prior to that the observance had been known as Armistice Day by a Congressio-

nal act adopted in 1938.

"Today, Nov. 11, 2014, sixty years after the very first Veterans Day proclamation, we gather here in Edenton to join our countrymen across the land in honoring those who have served us all," he said. "We pause to reflect on their willingness to serve. They, who offered themselves as a living sacrifice that we might enjoy the

freedoms we all too often take for granted."

On Veterans Day, Jackson said, we all should pause to remember those who have served and the sacrifice they made to do it.

"From the first haircut, to the utter exhaustion of boot camp, to the loneliness of standing watch during long early morning hours, to the ugliness of war, over and

over they chose and continued choosing to serve."

"We salute their service and honor the sacrifices of their comrades-in-arms," Jackson added. "We are the country we are because of our veterans."

Jackson, who became superintendent of the local school system on July 1,

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### County will accept half in Food Lion tax dispute

**BY REGGIE PONDER**  
Editor

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners has offered to accept half of what it says Food Lion owes the county in tax and penalties in order to settle a dispute over the grocery chain's listing of business personal property.

The dispute arose from a routine review of the company's property listings by a firm the county hires to conduct reviews of business personal property listings.

Hosea Wilson, the county's tax administrator, explained that the county's contractor compares a company's listings with its tax returns and depreciation schedules in order to see if there are things that have not been listed. The review for Food Lion discovered such items and determined that the company owes a total of \$7,982 in tax and penalties to Chowan County and the Town of Edenton.

But Food Lion disputes

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### Wayfinding signs get preservation panel nod

**BY REGGIE PONDER**  
Editor

The Edenton Preservation Commission unanimously gave a green light Monday to a joint effort of town officials and local tourism and downtown organizations to erect wayfinding signs to point visitors toward historic and architectural highlights.

Edenton Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said in a presentation to the preservation panel that the wayfinding signs are a way to help visitors connect with everything the town has to offer.

"We all know that tourism is an important part of Edenton and Chowan County's economy," Knighton said.

Knighton said hopefully visitors would find where they want to go and then will stay longer, spend more money while they are here, come back for another visit, and tell their friends to come.

The red, white and blue color scheme on the signs is a nod to Edenton's role in the founding of the nation, Knighton said.

The signs help promote community identity and community branding, she said.

The wayfinding signs project evolved from a public visioning session that Destination Downtown Edenton conducted about three years ago, Knighton said.

A number of people mentioned in the visioning session that even though the 1767 Chow-



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an County Courthouse is one of the community's treasures and is only one block off Broad Street, you don't necessarily know that if you're not from here, Knighton said.

DDE got support for the project from the Town of Edenton and from the Chowan County Tourism Development Authority, she said.

The town got small grants from Electricities to help, Knighton added.

For the past year and a half, DDE, the TDA and the town have been working on the project, Knighton told the commission.

Knighton said the plan was presented at a meeting of the Edenton Historical Commission. The concerns that the historical commission raised about the size, height and number of the signs have been addressed in the plan, she said.

Knighton said the town has received a lot of feedback since posting a few model signs around town several weeks ago.

Nancy Nicholls, Chowan County tourism director, said the feedback has been very positive regarding the red, white and blue color scheme and the directional signs with arrows.

Knighton said the town has received feedback that some of the signs were too wordy, so the updated plan calls for directional signs with arrows.

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### DESIGN LUNCHEON



STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

Ernie Carter adjusts some greenery in an arrangement he is creating during a Christmas Design Luncheon on Nov. 4. He teamed with fellow designer Harriet Bryan (not pictured) to show how much fun using live materials to create special displays for the holidays can be. By Day, Carter is an attorney, a fact he used when pointing out that anyone can be creative. See more photos from the luncheon on page 1B.

### Council hires architect for new police station

**BY REBECCA BUNCH**  
Staff Writer

The town council voted unanimously Monday night to approve a town staff recommendation that the architectural firm of Oakley Collier be hired to work on plans for the new police station. Councilman Sambo Dixon was absent.

The meeting was held one night early since Veterans Day was Tuesday, which would have been the council's normal meeting time.

In a memo dated Oct. 24, Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton reviewed for the council the process that had been followed.

"The Town solicited proposals for architectural services to design the new police station," she said. "Of those five firms interviewed, two were selected for a final interview."

As a result, Knighton said, she and Councilman Dixon, Police Chief Jay Fortenberry and Town Purchasing Agent Bud Powell de-

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