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## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED



STAFF PHOTOS BY REGGIE PONDER

Jim Aylesworth carries a box of clothes for veterans into the American Legion Post 40 building on Dec. 26. The Legion had a special push last week to collect clothes and personal care items for veterans at the VA Hospital in Hampton, Va., and homeless veterans.



Jim Aylesworth (l-r) and Jerry Rahal place a box of donated clothes on a table in an area designated for donations to benefit patients at the VA Hospital, Friday.

## Chowan County: Looking ahead to 2015

### County poised for business growth

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Editor

A combination of expansion by existing businesses and the prospect of new manufacturing facilities in the county make 2015 a year to watch in terms of economic development.

Frank Miglorie, executive director of the Edenton-Chowan Partnership, said last week that there are three companies in the county planning expansions in the coming year, according to Miglorie.

"I take that to be very positive, and they range from small to large," Miglorie said.

Miglorie said he was not able to announce any of the expansion plans at this



MIGLORIE

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### Bracing for funding decisions

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Editor

Chowan County officials are likely to face big decisions about fire service, emergency medical service and wind energy during 2015.

In addition, the county's budgeting process for the 2015-2016 fiscal year will take place amid mounting budgetary pressure from the state and federal governments.

"The big challenge for us is that as the state and federal governments continue to cut back it puts pressure on us to increase our spending to cover these programs," County Manager Kevin Howard said last week.

Some services are mandated, but in



HOWARD

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### Grad rate remains priority for schools

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

When Rob Jackson took over as superintendent of the Edenton-Chowan school system in July, he quickly identified improving the graduation rate for students as a high priority.

As he moves into his first full year on the job that commitment has not wavered.

Jackson said that he was proud of the graduation rate that had been achieved at John A. Holmes High School over the past two years — the graduation rate for the Class of 2014 was 78.9 percent — his personal goal is to achieve a 100 percent graduation rate and much remains to be done.



JACKSON

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### Town officials have full plate

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

While the mayor and town council ready themselves for their soon-to-happen annual review of their Vision Statement, Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton offers Chowan Herald readers a look ahead at the town's projects and priorities in 2015.

Knighton said those would include continuing to push for economic development in the area, the adoption of two new housing redevelopment zones and closely watching future developments in efforts to attract another grocery store to Edenton.

"Looking ahead to 2015, the mayor and council will continue to work with the



KNIGHTON

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## Council delays vote on multi-family housing regulations

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

The town council unanimously agreed at its Dec. 9 monthly meeting to table a motion to adopt two text amendments that would amend the town's Unified Development Ordinance.

The first amendment if adopted would amend

the Permitted Use Table by removing Multi-Family Dwelling as a permitted use in the R-40, R-20, R-14 and R-10 Zoning Districts. The second amendment pertained to Section 169 in the UDO that regulates Multi-Family Dwellings. This amendment would prohibit multi-family units of three or more in the Historic District.

Multi-Family Dwellings would continue to be allowed in R-5, the most heavily populated residential district in the



ZONING MAP: TOWNOFEDENTON.COM

This map on the Town of Edenton's website shows the various zoning districts in the community. The town council is considering a plan to limit new multi-family housing units to R-5 which is the most heavily populated area in town.



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