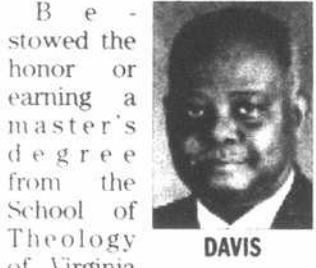


# MLK celebration set for Jan. 19

From staff reports

The annual Chowan County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration will be held on Jan. 19 at Swan Auditorium at noon.

The Rev. William T. Davis, attorney at law, is the guest speaker. Davis was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in Edenton, where he graduated from D. F. Walker High School.



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Davis earned a master's degree from the School of Theology of Virginia Union University in 1993. Davis is the pastor of New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Camden County.

The celebration will also include musical selections by the Judah Arts Youth Ensemble under the direction of Brandon Mayo; and duets by Alana Stevenson and DaJon Fleming.

The public is invited to attend this annual free-of-charge event.

## Chamber banquet slated for Feb. 5

From staff reports

The annual Edenton-Chowan Chamber Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Chowan Golf and Country Club starting at 6 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Chamber for \$35 each. Corporate tables are \$300 and seat 8, and Half Corporate Tables are \$250 with seats

for 4.

Awards will be presented to the Chowan County Volunteer of the Year, Chowan County Humanitarian of the Year and Chowan County Business Person of the Year. And this year, for the first time, an award will be presented for the Chowan County Organization of the Year.

For more information, call the Chamber at 482-3400.

# Truck crash snarls traffic

From staff reports

Traffic came to a standstill for more than four hours Monday in the wake of a log truck crash on the Albemarle Sound Bridge.

WITN television reported that the N.C. Highway Patrol was called to the scene of the crash around 11:30 a.m. Monday.

The station cited a statement from Washington County Sheriff John Barnes that a log truck lost a wheel and hit the side of the bridge and that no other vehicles were involved.

Reports were that initially the bridge was closed down, followed by an opening of one lane of traffic Monday afternoon and the resumption of two-lane traffic shortly after 4 p.m.

# BALANCE

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above the county's target of 25 percent.

But county officials point to the county's internal commitments such as \$1.36 million set aside for debt service and \$22,500 that is specifically for the Register of Deeds office, \$28,200 for the Senior Center, \$51,800 for the Sheriff's Office, \$207,000 for College of The Albemarle and \$26,900 for animal control.

Once such internal commitments are taken into consideration, the county's adjusted unrestricted fund balance is 4.59 million or 28.9 percent.

The adjusted figure still meets the 25 percent target and county officials generally consider it a more realistic description of the county's fiscal outlook than the 41.2 percent would be.

Commissioner Emmett Winborne said the numbers show that hard work has been done and hard decisions have been made.

Among other observations in the audit report for fiscal year 2013-2014:

"The county's property tax collection rate improved last year.

"The county spends 28 percent on education, 23 percent on human services and 21 percent on public safety. Those three areas together make up 72 percent of the county's spending.

"The county had a \$385,000 negative cash flow in the Emergency Medical Service last year.

# TURNER

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members to Central Services and will not cost the school system additional money."

Turner has a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Methodist University. She earned her master's degree in supervision and administration from East Carolina University and obtained certification to teach academically gifted education in grades K-12 from College of the Albemarle.

During her professional career Turner has earned numerous honors, among them Middle Level Administrator to Watch for N.C. Eastern Region 2013, recognition for completion of the National Board for Principal Standards, Principal of the Year for Edenton-Chowan Schools 2011-2012 and president of the North Carolina Middle School Association 2010-2011.

Turner came to work for the Edenton-Chowan Schools in 2001 as an assistant principal of curriculum and instruction at Chowan

Middle School. In 2005 she was chosen to be the director of teacher development and testing for the school district. She has served as principal at Chowan Middle School since 2006.

Turner's academic career began in 1992 in neighboring Perquimans County, where she was an elementary school teacher and basketball coach. She later was an instructional facilitator at Perquimans Middle School.

Turner said that it was with some sadness that she would leave staff and students at the middle school

behind.

"I have and will always have a deep love and appreciation for the staff and students at Chowan Middle School and choosing to pursue this role was a difficult one for me, but one I believe I was led to through prayerful consideration," she said. "I believe the staff and students at the middle school have shaped me into the leader that I am today and I will be forever grateful to them for the special role each of them has played in my life."

Turner said she and CMS

also had benefited greatly from the professionalism and teamwork of the staff.

"I have used my strengths along with the strengths and teamwork of an awesome staff to establish CMS as a N.C. School to Watch which (involves recognition) for organizational structure, academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, and social equity," she said. "I would like to take what I have learned over my 23 years in education and use it to help all of Chowan County experience this same success."

# TAX CREDITS

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the list goes on. A look at before and after photos of these sites clearly show the economic value these projects and others like them have had on this community.

Chanda Bessmer, regional director for Preservation North Carolina, said that she believed the restoration of the Edenton Cotton Mill property was one of the largest and most suc-

cessful to be associated with PNC.

"The buildings (including the Cotton Mill condos as well as a separate set of condos rehabbed by Hall and Betsy Harrell Johnson and of Edenton) have turned out to be great living spaces that have attracted some interesting people," she said.

The recently expired North Carolina preservation state tax credits offered for the rehabilitation of historic buildings made available a 20 percent state

tax credit for income-producing properties that also were eligible for a 20 percent federal investment tax credit — in effect equating a 40 percent credit for qualifying properties.

It also offered a state tax credit of 30 percent for qualifying projects to rehab non-income-producing historic buildings, including personal residences that were owner-occupied. No federal match for those rehabilitations currently exists, state officials said.

Dan and Brigid Bohl,

who have taken advantage of both sets of state tax credits, have used the funds to rehab their Cotton Mill condo and the Mill office building they purchased that is home to the Cotton Mill Museum.

As the sunset of existing preservation tax credits went into effect at the end of December, the Bohls said they had almost completed all the work necessary at the Mill office but wouldn't quite make it.

"I think we're going to make it, or be close to it,"

said Brigid Bohl. "The only thing we won't get finished is the floors. This continues to be a work in progress."

N.C. Department of Cultural Resources Secretary Susan Klutz is leading a coalition of elected officials, small businesses, developers, preservationists, downtown advocates, bankers, architects, realtors and others in pushing a grassroots effort to ask the state legislature to restore the historic preservation tax credits.

# FARMLAND

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completed farmland preservation plan.

The first step would be to form a county team made up of leaders from agriculture, forestry and agribusiness; representatives of county agencies; and local leaders.

The team would conduct surveys and interviews in order to get an accurate picture of the current state of agriculture and forestry in the county.

June 2016 is the target date for completing the plan.

"What exactly is in a plan?" asked Board of Commissioners Chairman Jeff Smith.

Lawrence explained that the plan would include recommendations for preserving farmland. It would not be a regulatory plan in any way, she said.

The plan would be a tool to guide county agencies and could become part of a comprehensive land use plan, according to Lawrence.

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### Town of Edenton Garbage Collection

#### MLK Day Schedule 2015

Mon	Jan. 19	"Holiday" No Collection
Tues	Jan. 20	Eastside solid waste collection will be picked up
Wed	Jan. 21	Recyclables will be picked up
Thur	Jan. 22	Yard waste will be picked up
Fri	Jan. 23	Westside solid waste collection will be picked up

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