

# NEW MEDICAL PRACTICE OPENS



Vidant Chowan Hospital President Jeffrey Sackrison (center) discusses the hospital's continuing efforts to recruit doctors to the community. Looking on are (l-r) Dr. Bryan Bunn; Lisa Lane, a member of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce board; Win Dale, the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce's executive director and Chamber President Scott Noble.

Doctors Jeremy Sexton (left, center) and Bryan Bunn (right, center) cut a ribbon to celebrate the opening of their medical practice, Vidant Family and Sports Medicine, at 105 Mark Drive, Edenton, Thursday, Jan. 29. Surrounding them are family, medical office staff and Vidant Chowan Hospital staff.

STAFF PHOTOS BY REGGIE PONDER

## Arrest made in vehicle break-ins

From staff reports

Edenton Police have made an arrest in connection with a string of vehicle break-ins.

On Monday, the Edenton Police Department arrested Jesse Alexander Wood, 18, of 802 Badham Road, Edenton, in connection with a string of vehicle breaking and entering's that occurred on Feb. 7.

Wood was charged with 16 offences, included felony breaking and entering, felony larceny and misdemeanor larceny, related to 12 separate vehicle break-ins. He is currently being held in the Chowan County Jail under a \$74,000.00 secured bond.



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## Smith-Ingram in Edenton next week

From staff reports

Sen. Erica Smith-Ingram will hold a listening session in Edenton next week.

Smith-Ingram, D-Northampton, will hold the session Feb. 19 from 6-7 p.m. at the Public Safety Building on Freemason

Street.

Smith-Ingram, a former member of the Northampton County Board of Education, ran unopposed on the November ballot after winning the Democratic Primary in May.

Smith-Ingram represents the 3rd District in the N.C. Senate.

## Davidson named to JMU dean's list

From staff reports

Edenton resident Samantha Renee Davidson has been named to the

dean's list at James Madison University for the spring 2014 semester.

Students who earn dean's list honors must carry at least 12 graded credit hours and earn a GPA of between 3.5 and 3.899. Davidson is a senior whose major is Math - BS.

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## High school honor rolls released

From staff reports

John A. Holmes High School has released the names of its students who earned a place on the Principal's List or the A/B Honor Roll during the school's second quarter grading period.

They are:

### Principal's List

Ninth Grade — Lindsey Britton, Caroline Brooks, Getzabel Carrera, Nicholas Casper, Emily Cross, Rion Everette, Brooklyn Goodwin, Coreesha Harrell, Shandronique Jackson, Freya Kelsey, Katie Layden, Hannah Melendez, Tiara Miller, Keandra Mizzell.

Also, Contessa Muro, Hannah Painter, Chasity Pate, Carlos Patino, Taylor Pierce, Michelle Rose, Narmeen Saleem, Logan Smith, Keshona Spivey, Annie Tynch, Tyler Vick, Benjamin Ward, Kayla White, Bailey Young.

Tenth Grade — Matthew Benfield, Emma Brentjens, Jessica Buchanan, Whitney Cranford, Patrick Downum, Simone Gummere, Emma Kelsey, Katie Lane, Whitney Pierce, Natalie Priest, Sabrina Rogerson, Caleb Seese, Ansleigh Traylor, Datelyn

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Warren, Chelsea White.

Eleventh Grade — Laura Chappell, Aubree Davenport, Tyriq Dolison, Hailey Dunlow, William High, Madison Nance, Kaitlyn B. Smith, Dylan Sorey, Abigail Stanley, Katherine Whichard.

Twelfth Grade — Nicolette Anton, Jarrod Bass, Kanika Blount, Rebecca Brinson, Terranna Brock, Bryant Chappell, Jakeem Cofield, James Ellis, Zytaja Gregory, Garrett Hare, Ashley Jackson, Elizabeth Jones, Joshua Lawrence, Rachel Lowe, Wesley Mills, Kimberly Peede, Adriana Rojas, Brandon Yount.

### A/B Honor Roll

Ninth Grade — Desiree Allen, Unity Austin, Hunter Belch, Krysta Bell, Raymark Bembury, Tori Bland, Nykia Boston, Kyra Bradley, Haley Buchanan, Brandi Bunch, Xavius Capehart, Alison Cooke, Jayquan Crutch, Caleb Daniels, Nev Duruman, Christopher Gainey, Ny'Mari Gilliam, Alexis Gregory,

Elizabeth Gummere, Angela Hollis, Shaki'Ra Hunt.

Also, Deja Jones, Jakyra Kears, Hunter Kight, Elizabeth Knott, Brittany Mick, Debra Nowell, Harrison Powell, Jada Privott, Nata Rankins, Tiffany Riddick, Victoria Sawyer, Kenneth Sotiropoulos, Ja'Von Swain, Joshua Tyson, Amanda Walker, Kayla Welch, Janyryah White, Shametria White, Alyssa Wrighton.

Tenth Grade — Amelia Ali, Hunter Bass, Renzo Benavides, Khalil Blount, Joseph Bunch, My'Keyah Bunch, Roslyn Bunch, Christopher Byrum, Anahi Dominguez, Marisa Ellis, Natalie Foreman, Ariel Fueston, Natalie Gonzalez, Alexandra Gummere, Jer'Kyrah Jackson, Andrew Jordan.

Also, David Lassiter, Tichynna Leary, Eliah Lopez, Ellie Rinehart, Sha'Quanna Robbins, Kania Ruffin, Kyshema Slade, Nathaniel Stallings, Kneicya Tripp, Graham Turney, Robert Turner, Margaret Walser, Sarah Ward, Stanley White, Mikayla Williams, Hannah Worrells, Owen Yokley.

Eleventh Grade — Breyona Armstead, Judy Ashley, Jacqueline Barrera, Susan Bass, Wyatt Barrer, Mikiyah Bond, Bethany Byrum, Sam-

uel Clayton, Aylin Duruman, Nathan Ferrell, Jonathan Griffin, Daniel Jones, Eugene Jordan, Maria Knight, Patrice Lewis, David Nixon, Donovan Norman, Deron Rawls, Corey Reynolds, Corey Saunders, Amira Wilkins-Copeland.

Twelfth Grade — Sarah Ainsley, Brian Armstrong, Jacob Ashley, Adria Bell, Hadiya Bembry, Jenny Blanchard, Kelli Blanchard, Tymeia Bond, James Byrum, Ryanika Capehart, Lareisha Delancy, Shelby Herring, Jordan Hughes, Kristen Jackson, A'Shanti Johnson, Dustin Lane, Sarah Leary, Brittany Lively, Tyasia Martin.

Also, Marleny Medrano-Garcia, Sarah Grace Misseri, Deion Moody, Isaiah Morning, Cody Parks, Natalie Parks, Marie Perry, Jacob Pierce, Tamia Ponder, Hoskins Powell, Chequirra Privott, Michael Reynolds, Latavia Riddick, Iyanna Roulac, Cayla Smith, Carrie Stallings, Demonica Stanley, Maryalice Swanson, Dominique Taylor, Chantayyah Wallace, Grace Ward, Dayveon White, Ja'Zuania White, Joshua White, Matthew Winebarger, Caston Young.

## Upgrades set for Queen St. interchange

BY REBECCA BUNCH AND REGGIE PONDER  
Staff Writers

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners voted 6-1 at its Feb. 2 meeting to add a decorative planting at the West Queen Street interchange along the U.S. 17 bypass and to remove

plantings at the Paradise Road and Martin Luther King Drive interchanges.

The removal of plantings at two interchanges and introduction of a new site were based on traffic counts at the four Edenton interchanges on Highway 17. The plantings at the North Broad Street interchange

will remain in place.

Commissioner Emmett Winborne cast the lone dissenting vote, questioning the benefit to the county of the \$400-\$500 a month it could cost to maintain the state-installed landscaping.

The board had discussed the matter previously during its Jan. 20 meeting. At that meeting, the commissioners asked N.C. Department of Transportation Roadside Environmental Engineer Pat Mansfield if she could come back to them with drawings that would illustrate how one of the areas might look if beautified to greet visitors.

Following a suggestion offered by Commissioner Keith Nixon, who heads the Chowan County Tourism Development board, Mansfield told the commissioners she would "be glad to work with the TDA" to get some input while she develops a design to bring back to them.

The county would be responsible for maintaining

the site under the terms of an agreement with N.C. DOT, manager Kevin Howard said.

Currently the county has multiple landscaped sites at the interchanges. Mansfield appeared before the board to discuss an opportunity for the county to utilize state enhancement funding that would revitalize the existing beds at the various interchanges when the discussion turned to possibly creating just a single site that would welcome visitors.

Commissioner John Mitchener requested that the proposed design being created by Mansfield emphasize the community's "seasonal beauty."

Nixon suggested at Monday's meeting that the county explore using volunteers from 4-H or Master Gardeners to help maintain the plant beds. There was also some discussion about possibly using inmate labor to help with the upkeep.

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## Leigh named to dean's list at WSSU

From staff reports

C'Asia Z. Leigh, a 2014 graduate of John A. Holmes High School, has been named to the Dean's List for Fall Semester at Winston-Salem State University in Winston-Salem.

Leigh plans to major in physical therapy.

She is the daughter of Her parents are Rodney and Brendette Leigh of Edenton and granddaughter of Brenda Williams of Edenton and the late Sarah B. Leigh.

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