



Environmental Club recognized for hydrilla efforts — 6A

# TROOP BREAKFAST



At a predeployment breakfast Monday at the National Guard Army in Williamston, Max Graybill, commander of the American Legion Edward G. Bond Post 40 of Edenton (l-r), accepts a token of appreciation from Capt. Sam Barrow, company commander. Barrow is the town planner for the Town of Edenton. The unit will be in Kosovo for a year. Post 40 served breakfast to the troops before they left Monday. See story 6B.

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# Schools eye hike in local funding

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The Edenton-Chowan Schools are seeking \$1 million more in local funding in the upcoming 2015-2016 fiscal year than the schools received from the county in the current year.

The school board decided last week it would go ahead and present its budget requests to county commissioners by the April 2 deadline rather than wait until a joint meeting set for mid-month.

Their reasoning was that giving the materials to the commissioners prior to their planned joint meeting on April 13 would give the county's elected officials extra time to review the proposed 2015-2016 budget and think about how to respond.

Unlike in earlier years, the document contains not only the school system's proposed current expense request and its proposed capital outlay request, it also contains a proposed technology-specific budget. Another difference is a proposed three-year mechanical systems capital outlay plan that will also be a part of the submitted document.

In his budget message, Superintendent Rob Jackson said that the proposed local budget request "will allow us to continue providing the educational services expected by our community and essential to our students' success in colleges and careers."

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# Car charging station could draw visitors

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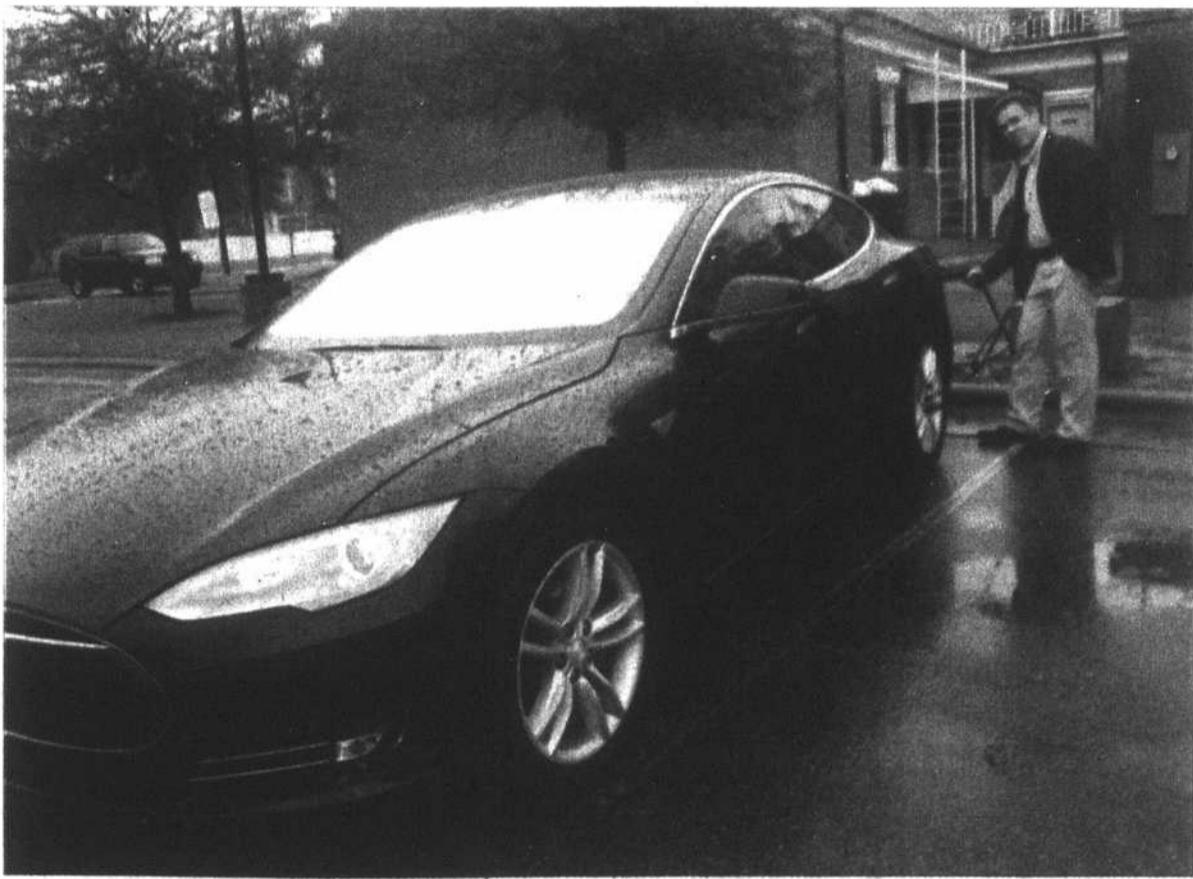
Now that spring has finally arrived town officials are hoping that the installation of an electric car charging station will help draw visitors who own them.

Town Utilities Director Glenn Andersen said he firmly believes that once people start to be drawn here because there is a place in the downtown parking area at Colonial Park where they can pause in their travels to charge their vehicles, they'll stay for a while.

"While they're waiting for their car to charge they'll go through the park to look at the water, enjoy the boats going by, then walk up the street to do some shopping, get something to eat," Andersen said. "This could really benefit the town."

A local electric car owner, Dr. Chris Ford, agrees with Andersen that the presence of the car charging station holds a lot of potential if marketed correctly.

"I travel a lot and I'll be doing something to occupy my time," he said of waiting for his car to charge



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Chris Ford checks the connection between his Tesla Model S and the new electric car charging station installed in the parking area at Colonial Park at the downtown Edenton waterfront.

See CHARGING, 4A

# County cool to tighter wind regs

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The Chowan County Board of Commissioners Monday received — but took no action on — a report from the Chowan Planning Board calling for much stricter regulation of wind energy facilities in the county.

## MORE INSIDE

■ Board seeks tougher wind energy facility rules — 3B

The report from the Planning Board calls for six additions or changes to the county's existing wind energy ordinance:

■ A property value guarantee that would compensate property owners within two miles for any property value losses due to an industrial development

■ A setback requirement that each industrial wind turbine be at least one mile from the property line of

See WIND POWER, 4A

# Three wounded in Saturday morning shooting

From staff reports

Three young men were shot in North Edenton early Saturday morning, according to police.



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Police responded around 2 a.m. Saturday to a shooting in the 900 block of North Oakum Street.

Officers located 21-year-old Avondre Blount of Edenton, who had suffered gunshot wounds to his neck and back. Blount was transported to Vidant Chowan Hospital and airlifted to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital, where

he was reported to be in serious but stable condition.

Police also discovered that Devontay Bond, 25, of Farmville, had suffered a gunshot wound to the leg and Jeramic Stanley, 25, of Edenton, had suffered a gunshot wound to the arm.

Bond and Stanley were treated and released from

Vidant Chowan Hospital.

The exact cause of the shooting has not been determined at this time and information is that multiple witnesses were present at the scene. This is an ongoing investigation and the Edenton Police Department is asking for help from anyone witnessing this crime.

Individuals with infor-

mation about this case are urged to call Sergeant Laura Wilkins of the Edenton Police Department at 252-482-9884 or 252-482-5144. Your information will be kept confidential.

The Edenton Police Department asks that you report all suspicious activity. Call 252-482-4444 or 911 if it's an emergency situation.

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