

Farmers Market plans move to North Broad site

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The Edenton Farmers Market has announced plans to purchase the site of the former Etna service station on North Broad Street from the Elizabeth Vann Moore Fund.

Calyb Hare, president of the market's board, confirmed that the market had been in negotiations with the fund during the winter months and has now reached an agreement for the purchase of the building.

"We have come to an agreement where the Elizabeth Vann Moore Fund agrees to finance the building over a nine-year period," Hare said.

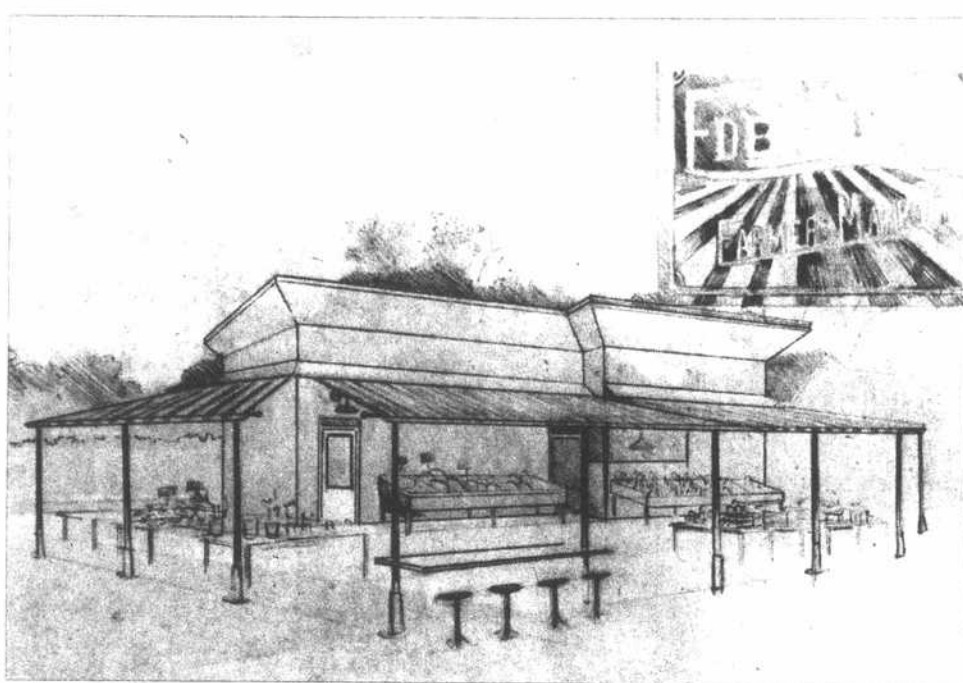
"They've been very generous and patient in negotiations and we're extremely grateful."

Originally the members of the Elizabeth Vann Moore Fund had hoped to relocate a historic Chowan County home, Martinique, to the site where it would share space with the market.

But fund spokesman Sambo Dixon said that he supports the new plan to keep the former gas station building at the site and that another appropriate location would be found for Martinique.

"This is going to be a very interesting project," Dixon said. "I'm really excited about it."

Hare said that plans call for the market to remodel



SKETCH COURTESY OF CALYB HARE

This black and white rendering shows how the former Etna service station on North Broad Street could look if repurposed to house the Edenton Farmers Market. Permits are currently being sought that would allow that to happen.

inside of the building as a year-round cooperative type grocery/farm store and offering various educational activities on site.

The Edenton Farmers Market will continue to pursue grant funds but also intends to do fundraising within the community. Corporate sponsors are being sought as well as volunteers and donations of materials and labor.

Hare emphasized that the Edenton Farmers Market sees this opportunity as a long-term investment that will benefit the health and education of local citizens and that they hope the community will support their efforts in a tangible way.

Anyone interested in finding out how they can help is encouraged to contact Calyb Hare at (252) 370-0890 or market manager Janet MacKenzie at (252) 209-4792.



STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

Plans are underway to relocate the Edenton Farmers Market to this North Broad Street building, which previously housed the Etna service station.

the existing building. First, though, they must go before several local boards including a meeting of the Preservation Commission that took place Monday afternoon, where they were granted a certificate of appropriateness necessary before they could paint the building.

A second hearing before the town Board of Adjustments to request a special use permit to operate the market at that location has been scheduled for June 15.

Hare said that the first

step in the remodeling process would be to paint the one-story building. Gas tanks that had been stored underground at the site have already been removed.

"Additional remodeling will occur over the coming winter, as we've applied for some grant funding available through the USDA's Farmers Market Promotion Program that is designed to support markets in their outreach efforts to provide fresh and healthy foods to financially needy residents in counties they've identified as being in need," Hare said.

Hare said the farmers market also has a number of interesting ideas for drawing more involvement from citizens of all ages to providing innovative services designed to enhance the market's visibility in the community.

"Items that are on the table and are being discussed include establishing raised beds on site for farm-based education targeted at school-aged children," Hare said.

He added that also under discussion was utilizing the

discussions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues. Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers.

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FSA county committee nominations set to begin June 15

From staff reports

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recently announced that the nomination period for local Farm Service Agency county committees begins June 15.

"Through the county committees, farmers and ranchers have a voice. Their opinions and ideas get to be heard on federal farm programs," said Agriculture

Secretary Tom Vilsack. "It is important for county committees to reflect America's diversity, so I encourage all eligible farmers and ranchers, including beginning farmers, to get involved in this year's elections. We've seen an increase in the number of nominations for qualified candidates, especially among women and minorities, and I hope that trend continues."

To be eligible to serve on a FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in an agency administered program, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where they are nominated.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and

women also may nominate candidates. To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign an FSA-669A nomination form. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections. Nomination forms for the 2015 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business

on Aug. 3, 2015.

FSA will mail election ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 9, 2015. Ballots will be due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 7, 2015. Newly elected committee members and alternates will take office on Jan. 1, 2016.

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CRIMEWATCH

Edenton Police Department

ARRESTS

• June 2 — Octavien Tre'on Mizzelles-Jones, 19, of Coke Avenue, was arrested for one misdemeanor count of larceny.

• June 2 — Lakisha Renee Seely Stallings, 35, of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, was charged with one misdemeanor count of assault inflicting serious injury and one misdemeanor count of assault with a deadly weapon.

• May 30 — Max Brett Anack, 40, of Pasquenoke

Trail, was cited for misdemeanor possession of less than 1/2 ounce of a Schedule VI controlled substance.

• May 27 — Stephen Brooks Tatem, 34, of Gilberts Beach Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.

• May 27 — Chasity Angelle Palin, 33, of West Gale Circle, was issued a criminal summons for injury to personal property.

• May 26 — Calicquete Lamont Pittman, 40, of Waterford Place, was issued a criminal summons for failure to pay loud music violation fine.

• May 24 — Natasha Zepora Gilliam, 32, of East Albararle Street, was issued a criminal summons for tethering dog.

• May 22 — Alexander Raymond Valentine, 55, homeless, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of communicating threats, two misdemeanor counts of injury to real property, and one misdemeanor count of trespassing.

INCIDENTS

• June 4 — Damage to property on Valentine Avenue.

• June 2 — Communicating threats on Badham Road.

• June 2 — Larceny on North Broad Street.

• June 1 — Vandalism on East King Street.

• June 1 — Larceny of an electric meter, possession of stolen property and interfering with an electric meter on East Queen Street.

• May 31 — Resisting arrest on Paxton Lane.

• May 26 — Larceny on Coke Avenue.

• May 25 — Assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill or inflict serious injury on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue.

• May 22 — Larceny on North Granville Street.

• May 21 — Assault on

the 300 block of North Oakum Street.

• May 6 — Breaking and entering and larceny on West Peterson Street.

Chowan County Sheriff's Office

ARRESTS

• June 1 — Pamela G. Dunn, 42, of Pima Trail, Edenton, was issued a criminal summons for four counts dog/cat vaccination.

• May 28 — Anthony Anitone Jones, 34, of Elizabeth City, was arrested for failure to appear.

• May 26 — Kevin Morriste, age unknown, of New-

port News, Va., was arrested for failure to appear.

• May 23 — Walter Alvin Bryant, 53, of Boswell Street, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of larceny and one misdemeanor count of injury to personal property.

INCIDENTS

• June 2 — Larceny on Wildcat Road.

• June 1 — Unauthorized use of motor vehicle on Mexico Road.

• May 29 — Vandalism on Mexico Road.

• May 19 — Larceny of auto parts and accessories on Virginia Road.

Perquimans woman reported missing, last seen in Edenton

By staff report

Lawmen are searching for a Perquimans County woman who was last seen May 31 in Edenton.

Karen Bosta, 39, is described as 5-foot-3 and 150

pounds with brown curly hair and blue eyes. She is a resident of the Bethel area.

The Edenton Police Department located Bosta's car Monday night in a parking lot at Candlelight Square

off Broad Street. She was driving a red 1997 Lincoln Continental.

According to the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office she was last seen at Walgreens in Edenton and was wearing a white t-shirt, white shorts, and slip on shoes. The Chowan Sheriff's Office is also searching for Bosta.

Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley said his office is working jointly with Chowan lawmen on the case since Bosta was last seen in Edenton.

Anyone with any information about Bosta's whereabouts, is asked please contact the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office at 426-5615.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Karen Bosta has been missing since May 31, when she was last seen in Edenton.

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