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Council's vote not to sell building for brew pub angers citizens

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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The town council by a 4-2 vote has possibly brought an end to the hope expressed by many in the community that a brew pub could be established on the downtown waterfront.

The vote came during a council's April 12 meeting on a motion made by Councilman Steve Biggs, who chairs the administrative committee.

Voting against the motion were

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Mayor

council members Sambo Dixon and Jimmy Stallings.

Prior to the vote Mayor Roland Vaughan took a brief leave from his official responsibility of chair-

ing the meeting to walk to the podium and make a plea for the council to deny the motion and allow Raleigh businessman John Glover to purchase the former Northeast Commission building so the brew pub could locate there.

After offering a brief history of attempts to agree on what to do with the property, Vaughan said he felt the funds derived from the sale of the property that has an appraised value of \$282,000 could be used for an important cause such as helping the local Boys and Girls

Club relocate to a larger space in town.

For him, the mayor said, the decision came down to one thing.

"Selling," he said, "is a much better deal than being a landlord."

"We don't need to be a landlord," Stallings agreed.

Vaughan noted that Glover already had personal ties to the community through the Conger family that owned the building for generations. Glover, he said, wanted to be a part of the community through bringing a new business

here and had the means to do so.

Some members of the council, though, were not swayed by the support of the mayor, Dixon and Stallings for the sale.

Bob Quinn said he had a number of questions that remained unanswered relating to the proposed sale of the property.

"I do not feel satisfied with the answers I have gotten," he said in declining to support the building's sale.

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BOOGIE ON BROAD



STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

Dr. Chris Ford dances with his daughter during Boogie on Broad Friday night. The event was held to complement the Easels in the Gardens fundraiser being held over the weekend by the Cupola House Association. See more Boogie on Broad photos on 3A.

Davis rallies Democrats, stands against HB2

From staff reports

Speaking Saturday morning at the County Meeting of Chowan Democrats in Edenton, Sam Davis exhorted Democrats to stand against "the narrow-minded and regressive legislation being forwarded by Republicans in our General Assembly", and to vote out Bob Steinburg, the current incumbent.

Davis said Steinburg, R-Chowan, is part of the problem.

"We need someone who represents us, not someone who votes lockstep with the Republican Party, no matter what the consequences are," said Davis, a Pasquotank County Democrat who is challenging Steinburg for

the 1st District seat in the N.C. House of Representatives.

In particular, Davis referred to Steinburg's support of HB2 as having "nothing to do with public safety, and everything to do with enacting legislation that further discriminates against minority populations, forbids the filing of civil suits against employment discrimination in local and state courts, and prohibits local municipalities from setting hourly wage rates higher than the state-established minimums."

Davis talked about the strength of his local roots in Tyner, and the working ethic which has been a part of his growing up in northeastern North Carolina. "I particularly remember my mother, upon reading of societal unkindness and cultural changes she deemed negative, would say 'What's this world coming to?' In the reality of unparalleled



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Sam Davis speaks to Chowan Democrats, Saturday. At the County Meeting of Chowan Democrats in Edenton, Davis told Democrats to vote out Bob Steinburg, current incumbent, claiming he is part of the problem.

negative actions by our General Assembly, today I say the same - what's this world coming to?"

The 43 convention at-

tendees responded enthusiastically to Davis' urging to support him and get out the vote on Nov. 8 "to elect Democrats across the re-

gion and bring the General Assembly back into balance and reject the dis-

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Autopsy: Wood died of overdose

From staff reports

The previously unexplained death of a Chowan County teen last fall has been ruled a drug overdose in a report released Monday by the State Medical Examiner's Office.

Jesse Alexander Wood, 18, who was last known alive around 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 30 and found dead on Oct. 1, was found to have toxic levels of cocaine and methadone, according to the autopsy performed by Dr. Karen L. Kelly.

"Given the investigative, autopsy and toxicological findings, it is my opinion that Mr. Jesse Wood's cause of death was due to the combined toxic effects of cocaine and methadone," Kelly wrote in the report.

The report also indicates Wood had a history of abusing prescription medications and cocaine. It states that methadone and klonopin were found in his room.

Officials seek aid from COA

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

Chowan County officials are asking the College of The Albemarle to use some of the money it is receiving from the recently passed NC Connect Bond to shore up the two-story former D.F. Walker School Building on COA's Edenton-Chowan Campus.

Chowan Commissioner Keith Nixon said at the commissioners' meeting Monday night that he understood COA officials already have some major projects in mind for the money - including the library on the Elizabeth City Campus - but that he also understood the college was planning to do some work on all of its campuses.

Nixon asked Commissioner Ellis Lawrence to

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