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# Town manager clarifies process on property at waterfront

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Editor

If Councilman Bob Quinn's concerns about the use of property adjacent to the Conger Building at Edenton's waterfront prove to be a genuine sticking point, there is a process for converting some of the land in the park to private use in exchange for acquiring additional park land.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton reported on that process in a memo to the mayor and members of the Town Council.

Councilman Bob Quinn, one of four

councilors who recently voted not to sell the building variously known as the Conger Building, old ice house and former Northeast Commission Building, has submitted 13 questions and related concerns about the sale. Many of the concerns deal with use of the land around the building.

One of Quinn's questions is "Where are the exact physical boundaries of the land surrounding the building that is to be leased or sold?"

The councilman goes on to say: "There

have been discussions, and questions about which activities can occur on the 1979 Land Water Conservation Fund Grant's reserved property within legal boundaries of the Park. Both development proposals included plans for exterior decking and outdoor use by patrons, which the plat does not appear to allow. Definitive answers are needed and can't be negotiated after a sale or lease or tolerated without proper endorsements and approvals."

Knighton indicated the boundary ques-

tion had been worked on and was still being resolved.

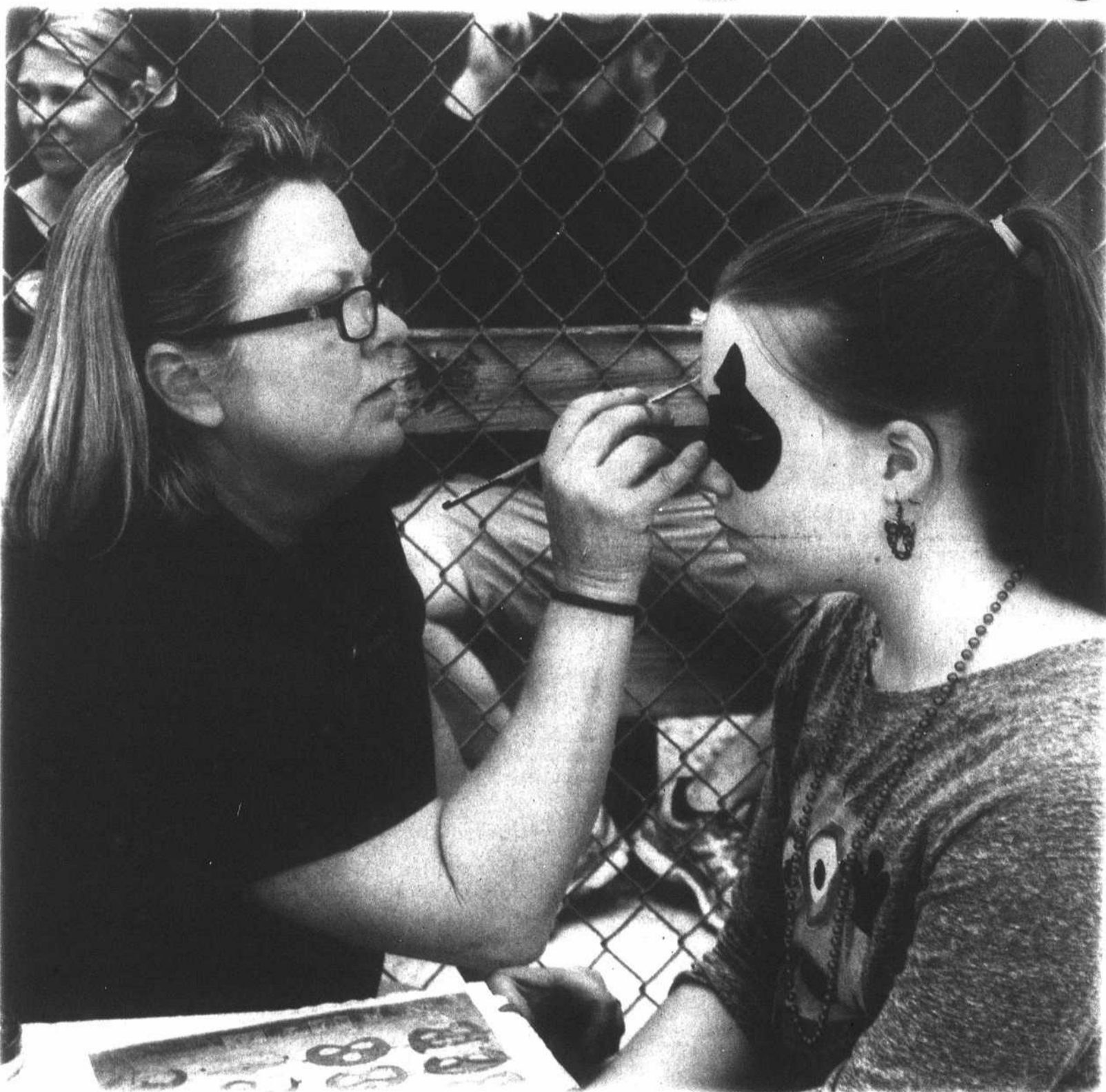
"I can tell you that there is more land included in the Conger Building property on the east of the building (entrance of building) than what has been assumed," Knighton said in a message to town councilors and the mayor regarding Quinn's questions and concerns. "And there is a 5/12 foot gap in the boundary line on the west side (Steve Leary property). Steve's deed has a boundary line that favors the Town but the Town's



KNIGHTON

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# Fun With Facepainting



STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

Batman-style face masks were a favorite design picked by those getting their faces painted on Saturday during May Play Day. See more photos from Saturday's May Play Day inside, 1B.

## Progress Edenton staunch but civil

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A leader of the Progress Edenton movement said last week that the group is committed to maintaining civil discourse while continuing to push for town officials to sell the former Northeast Commission Building to a developer with plans to operate a brew-pub at the waterfront site.

"I certainly hope no member of Progress Edenton

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## Planning processes evoke controversy

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Editor

Chowan County officials have determined it is too late for citizens to appeal a decision by the planning board last summer to approve a special use permit for a solar farm on Yeopim Road.

Harriet DeHart told the county commissioners at their May 2 meeting that the planning board did not follow proper quasi-judicial procedures in granting the

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# Chowan first to be NC Certified Work Ready Community

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
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Chowan County has officially become the first county in northeastern North Carolina to be declared a NC Works Certified Work Ready Community by the North Carolina Chamber Foundation.

According to a news release issued by the Edenton-Chowan Schools, Chowan is the 11th of North Carolina's 100 counties to achieve the designation as the result

of a partnership fostered by the school system, the Edenton-Chowan Partnership, the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and College of the Albemarle.

Those officials came together Monday afternoon for a press conference announcing the special recognition for the county.

Chamber president Win Dale noted that the process that led to the certification began about a year ago and was designed to close the gap between potential employers and qualified employees.

Special guest, North Carolina Chamber Vice-President



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County Commission Chair Jeff Smith, left, joins Mayor Roland Vaughan, center, in accepting a certificate presented by North Carolina Chamber Vice-Chair Ed Troha, right, designating Chowan County as the first county in northeastern North Carolina to earn the NC Works Certified Work Ready Community designation.



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