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Board hears call for school funding, no tax hike

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

Parents and school officials urged the county commissioners Monday to increase funding for the local schools while other citizens encouraged the commissioners to encourage the line on the property tax rate.

The commissioners must adopt a balanced budget by June 30. The board currently is holding budget work sessions to come up with a final version of the 2016-1017 county budget.

A public hearing on County Manager Kevin Howard's recommended budget was held during the commissioners' regular meet-

ing Monday night. The recommended budget, which already has been altered by the commissioners in work sessions, called for a four-percent increase in the property tax rate to 76.5 cents and increased current expense funding for the public schools by \$50,000.

Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Rob Jackson pushed

for increased funding during his remarks at the hearing.

During the extraordinarily lean times of 2009, the school board reduced local salaries and supplements for teachers and staff by 2 percent. Since then, 1 percent of that has been restored. The school board is hoping in the coming fiscal year to restore the remaining

1 percent. Jackson told the commissioners Monday that restoring that 1 percent to teacher and staff salaries - slated to cost \$177,918 - is the school board's highest priority in the 2016-2017 budget.

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RIGHTEOUS BROTHERS TOO



Russell Bootwright, lead vocalist for The Righteous Brothers Too, performs the Jerry Lee Lewis classic, "Great Balls of Fire," during Saturday's annual Music and Water Festival.

STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

Escapee returns to custody

From staff reports

The man who escaped from the custody of a Chowan County Jail transport officer last week is facing additional charges as a result of the incident.

David Alan Stallings, 48, has been charged with escape from jail, breaking and entering, and larceny after breaking and entering, according to Chowan County Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin. Stallings is being held in the Chowan County Jail under \$200,000 secured bond, according to Goodwin.

Stallings has a court appearance scheduled for July 12. Goodwin said Stallings ran away in handcuffs while being taken from the transport vehicle to the county jail around 3 p.m. on June 1.



STALLINGS

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Bond to receive France's most prestigious award

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

A retired Edenton postmaster is being honored at a ceremony next week with the National Order of the Legion of Honor, the highest honor bestowed by the French.

James Bond is one of 12 World War II veterans receiving the honor at a ceremony that will be held at the Levine Museum of the New South in Charlotte on June 15 at 2 p.m. Established in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte,

the award recognizes those who have offered outstanding service to the French Republic. According to a news release, recipients of the honor are designated by the President of the Republic, Francois Hollande.

Besides Bond, North Carolinians receiving the award include Richard P. Woodson of Raleigh, Lewis E. Herron of Asheville, John M. Newman of Mooresville, Jerome M. Schwartz of Charlotte, Mervin E. Hogg from Wilmington,



BOND

Anthony J. Buccieri of Apex, Murray Lorber, also of Raleigh, James R. Inman from Elizabethtown, Charles J. Jones of Jamestown, and Julius N. Watlington of Yanceyville, as well as Vincent Corsini of Burlington, S.C.

Bond and the other recipients being honored at the ceremony are receiving the recognition as a gesture of thanks for protecting and defending France and the French people with their very lives during the war.

"It is a tremendous honor for me to thank, on behalf of my country, the American veterans who participated in the liberation of France more than 70 years ago," said Consul General Denis Barbet when the announcement was made. "We wish to give these men their due honor and to assure them that the French people have not forgotten their heroic service. We are forever grateful to them."

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Bethel Fishing Center is more than just a bait shop

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

Editor's note: Much more fishing coverage will be included in the Summer 2016 edition of Albemarle Magazine, which will be inserted in next week's Chowan Herald.

Bethel Fishing Center is a bait and tackle shop located at the edge of a residential subdivision of the same name in Perquimans County.

That's true enough. It's situated right on the



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Yeopim River next to a boat ramp in the Bethel community.

That's true, too. And it also might be helpful to note Bethel Fishing Center sells snack and other assorted items in addition to fishing supplies.

But you still don't know Bethel Fishing Center until you meet the owner and operator.

Mildred Henry and her late husband, Patrick, bought the shop 22 years ago, she recalled in an interview recently, seated at a table near the counter that has an awesome view of the river. Her husband died six years ago and she has continued running the business since then.

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Mildred Henry is right at home behind the counter at Bethel Fishing Center.



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