

CRIMEWATCH

EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

■ Sept. 28 - Desiree Daniell Gilliam, 39, of East Gale Street, was charged with one misdemeanor count of injury to real property.
 ■ Sept. 28 - Essie Marie Baker, 25, of Wedgewood Apts., was charged with one misdemeanor count of injury to personal property.
 ■ Sept. 27 - Marcia Jean Perry, 41, of Filberts Creek, was charged with

one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.
 ■ Sept. 27 - Nykera Tiranae Blount, 20, of Tyler Run 1, was charged with one misdemeanor count of communicating threats.
 ■ Sept. 27 - Marlon O'Neal Dillard, 19, of White-mon Lane, was arrested on two misdemeanor counts of failure to appear.
 ■ Sept. 27 - Donte Jermaine Scott, 24, of North Oakum Street, was arrested on one misdemeanor

count of failure to appear.
 ■ Sept. 27 - Michanda Brendayn Felton, 25, of Greenhall Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor or count of failure to appear.
 ■ Sept. 27 - Crystal Danielle Rankins, 29, of Tyler Lane, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of cyberstalking.
 ■ Sept. 27 - Myisha Lynette Basnight, 26, of South Oakum Street, was charged with one misdemeanor count of simple physical assault.

■ Sept. 27 - Jantania Nisary Williams, 21, of Tyler Run 1, was charged with one misdemeanor count of simple physical assault.
 ■ Sept. 27 - Deondre Dra'Shaun Copeland, 20, of West Peterson Street, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.
 ■ Sept. 25 - Dexter Jewell White, 29, of Boswell Street, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.
 ■ Sept. 22 - Avery La-mark Holley, 44, of Dr. Mar-

tin Luther King Jr. Avenue.
INCIDENTS
 ■ Sept. 24 - Injury to real property at the Edenton Farmer's Market on North Broad Street.
 ■ Sept. 22 - Larceny from motor vehicle on Luke Street.
 ■ Sept. 21 - Injury to real property on East Church Street.
 ■ Sept. 14 - Forgery and larceny at 313 South Broad Street.
CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS

■ Oct. 1 - Jerome Michael Duncan Jr., 27, of Joyful Lane, was arrested on five counts of misdemeanor probation violation.
 ■ Sept. 29 - Robert Keith Beasley, 38, of Coral Lane, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of violating a restraining order (second degree trespass).
 ■ Sept. 19 - Whitley Bre-Anne Turner, 18, of Riverby Farm Road, was arrested on two misdemeanor counts of cyberstalking.
INCIDENTS
 ■ None reported.

Williamson monument moves closer to reality

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Members of the Hugh Williamson Commission hope that a long-cherished dream of seeing a monument erected in his honor will be realized this spring.

In the meantime, they are grateful that about 16 years of hard work, dedication and planning are finally on the verge of bringing a successful end to the project.

One of the final steps in the process took place during the town's Sept. 26 town council work session when the council voted unanimously to approve a grant agreement authorizing it to receive Downtown Revitalization Funds from the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Council members Elton Bond and Norma Simpson were absent.

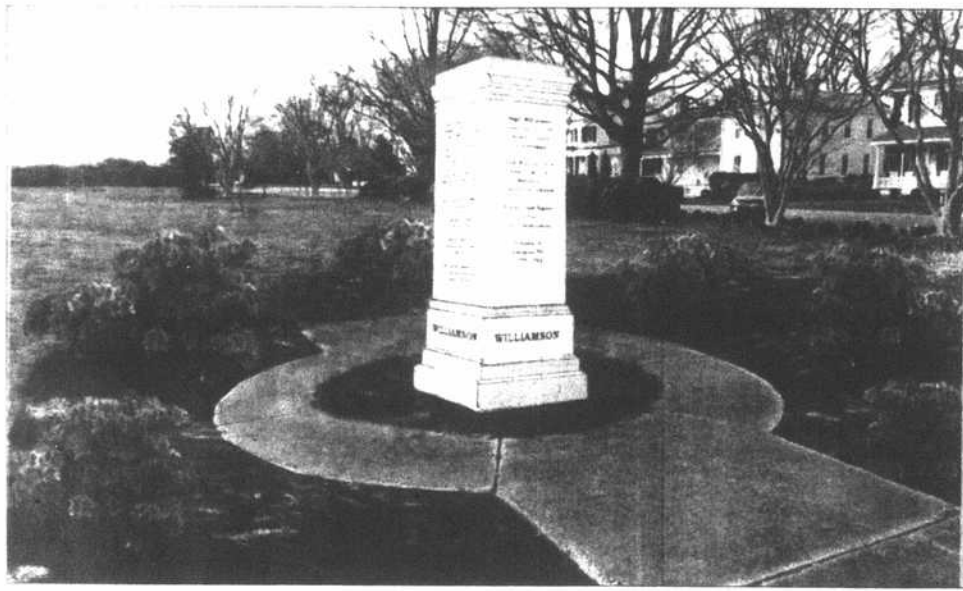


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This rendering shows the proposed design for the new Hugh Williamson monument being created by Parker Monuments of Edenton. The monument, which pays tribute to a local signer of the U.S. Constitution, will be placed in Queen Anne Park near the Hayes Bridge.

The \$95,000 grant was secured with the assistance of Rep. Bob Stein-

burg, R-Chowan. Council has agreed that \$15,000 of the grant will be awarded

to Destination Downtown Edenton's Public Art Initiative. Another \$20,000 from the grant could be used for other needs in town such as connecting portions of missing sidewalks, Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said.

Commission members Beth Taylor and Virginia Wood, who attended the session along with Bob Hopkins, executive director of the Historic Edenton State Historic Sites, said in the end all the work and waiting were worth it.

"Virginia had the vision for it," Taylor said crediting Wood's determination to push the project ahead with arrangements for the monument finally being finalized.

Taylor recalled that just after she was installed as regent of the Edenton Tea Party Wood came to her and said there were two things that the DAR needed to accomplish - one was to create a ceremony where each July 4 the Declaration of Independence would be read and tribute paid to one of its signers, Edenton's own Joseph Hewes. The other was to create a monument honoring Williamson, another Edentonian, who signed the U.S. Constitution.

So, Taylor said, they set out to see what they could do. In short order, they set

up the ceremony for the Declaration reading and went to work on getting a monument for Williamson. That has taken somewhat longer to accomplish but the pair never gave up hope it could happen.

Wood said that while she may have been the one who came up with the idea, "she (Beth) put feet under it."

Years ago, Taylor said, when Bill Culpepper of Edenton was serving in the state's General Assembly as a state representative, he was able to get funds committed for the project. But when the recession of 2008 hit and Gov. Bev Perdue started to look for funds that could be returned to the state that had not yet been used, Chowan County lost the money.

Fast forward a few years and Rep. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, now holds a seat in the General Assembly.

"Last July 4 we talked with Bob and asked for his help in getting funds restored for the project," Taylor said.

The request for help came with a proposal that would put the monument in Queen Anne Park adjacent to the Hayes Bridge. It would replace a historic bell that would then be relocated to a site beside the 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse.

The proposal, first mentioned by Mayor Roland Vaughan to Hopkins, was simple in nature. The area in question was already landscaped and wouldn't require anything more than the creation of the monument and its placement at the site.

So the members of the Hugh Williamson Commission, Taylor said, once again talked with Frank and Suzanne Parker, owners of Parker Monuments in Edenton, who had been a part of the earlier plan that lost funding and asked them to create a new design that would fit within the space at the site while still paying tribute to Williamson.

The Parkers obliged and a monument design meet-

ing the requirements was introduced.

"They came back with something we really liked," Taylor said.

Wood agreed. "The bell will be moved right where it needs to be - belongs, at the lighthouse," she said.

A site plan was drawn up by Bill Ahearn of Edenton, Taylor said, and the Parkers gave the commission an estimate of the cost that would be involved.

"We sent all the verbiage (wording) to them and they came back with a final price," Taylor said. "Then Bob (Steinburg) took it to Raleigh and he was able to get grant funds through the NC Department of Commerce designated for small town revitalization projects."

His efforts were successful, Taylor said, and the result was an announcement made at this year's July 4 ceremony letting the community know that the monument at long last would be created and installed.

The town, in signing off on the grant agreement, has accepted responsibility for owning and maintaining the monument, Taylor said.

And that's only fitting, Wood said.

"Anne-Marie has been on top of everything to do with this project the entire time," she said.

"Of course we were disappointed when the earlier project didn't work out," Taylor said, "but now I feel like this (new location) is where it was supposed to be all along. It's just amazing how fast it happened once the time was right."

Taylor said that once the four-sided granite monument is completed and installed, a special public ceremony would take place. She said she agreed with fellow commission member, Judge Terry Boyle, who said that the installation represented a lot more than just something of local significance. "He said it has national significance," Taylor said. "And the ceremony will reflect that."

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Chowan County Important Dates For General Election November 8, 2016

Friday, October 14 -Voter registration deadline is 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 20 -One-stop early voting begins for General Election
Tuesday, November 1 -Last day to request absentee ballots by mail
Saturday, November 5 -One-stop absentee voting ends at 1:00 p.m.
Monday, November 7 -Mailed absentee ballots must be received in CBE office by 5:00 p.m. OR postmarked Election date and received no later than 3 days after election
Tuesday, November 8 -UOCAVA Absentee ballot return deadline - electronic
****Tuesday, November 8** -General Election Day — polls open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, November 17 -UOCAVA Absentee ballot return deadline by mail
Friday, November 18 -Canvass Day 11:00 a.m. at the Elections office

Election Day – Polls will open November 8th at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. Each voter is assigned a precinct polling location – to locate your precinct reference your voter registration card that was mailed to you by the Elections office or call the Chowan County Board of Election's office – 252/482/4010.

Precinct Locations:
 East Edenton – Old National Guard Armory – Broad Street
 West Edenton – Chowan Agricultural Center – Granville Street
 Rocky Hock – RH Rescue Squad Building – RH Landing Rd
 Center Hill – Northern Chowan Community Center – Virginia Rd
 Wardville – Faith Fellowship Baptist Church – Virginia Rd
 Yeopim – National Guard Armory Building - Soundside Road

Individuals may register and vote at One-Stop early voting locations within their county during the 17-day period, beginning October 20 and ending November 5

No photo I.D. required to vote in this election. Voters will no longer be required to present photo identification at the polls. First time voters may have to show ID if they have not presented it to the elections office previously.

Any further questions contact the Chowan County Elections office – 252-482-4010
 Email: rebecca.lowe@chowan.nc.gov

Timbermill evidence eyes impact on water, crops

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

Two scientists testifying in opposition to the proposed Timbermill Wind

Project told Chowan County officials last week that the project would hamper crop production in the area and deplete groundwater resources.

The testimony was part of four days of hearings on the conditional use permit application for the proposed Timbermill Wind Project.

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An engineer testifying on behalf of the project countered the groundwater argument by explaining that the roads being constructed would not be nearly as large as the roads used as the basis for the scientist's hydrogeological projections.

Charlottesville, Va.-based Apex Clean Energy Inc. has proposed the 300-megawatt wind energy generation facility in the Bear Swamp and Center Hill areas of Chowan and Perquimans counties.

The proposal includes 105 large-scale wind turbines, 48 of which would be located in Chowan.

The county commissioners finished hearing evidence in the case last week and will meet Oct. 17 to set

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