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Northeast job fair for employers

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Need a job or a career change? Maybe you want to build boats for Regulator Marine or sell ocean view homes for Hatteras Realty. Now's your chance to change your stars and fol-

low your dreams by attending the Northeast NC Career Fair between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Thursday at the College of Albemarle's Edenton campus. "It had been several years since Chowan County had hosted a career fair," said Win Dale, Executive Director of the Edenton-Chowan

Chamber of Commerce realized the importance of this event after holding a similar event last fall where we had 136 people attend and several were hired by the participating employers. Admission is free for the event that takes place in the Culinary Arts Building and Building #3 of the Edenton

event that was a little larger, focused on the region, and featured not just Chowan County employers, but employers from outside the area," Dale said. "Chowan County's unemployment rate is still higher than the state average, and we feel that the more we can do to help willing workers to find

a job, the better off all citizens will be." The Career Fair is a joint venture between College of the Albemarle, NC Works, The Albemarle Commission and Northeast Workforce Development Board, Chowan County Social Ser-

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Jones calls into question Comey firing

BY JON HAWLEY
 Staff Writer

Congressman Walter B. Jones said Thursday it's possible President Donald Trump fired FBI Director James Comey this week to discourage investigation into Russian involvement in the 2016 presidential campaign.



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Jones, R-N.C., also renewed his call for an independent commission to investigate the matter.

Jones offered those comments two days after Trump fired Comey — a sudden and shocking move for which the White House is offering questionable, even contradictory explanations.

Trump himself said in an interview with NBC News Thursday that he had decided to fire Comey "regardless of the recommendation" from Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, which administration spokespersons initially said motivated Trump to fire Comey.

Rosenstein's stated reasoning for the firing was that Comey mishandled the investigation into former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's emails, and had made the FBI lose trust with the public and Congress.

Though stopping short of saying the White House was lying or being deceptive, Jones described Comey's firing as "very disappointing." If someone advised the president to fire Comey now — just days after he testified the FBI was continuing its investigation into alleged ties between Russia and Trump's campaign — it was "bad advice," Jones said.

"The timing is just bizarre," Jones said, adding the rationale for Comey's firing was "ironic," considering Trump has praised

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APPRECIATION THROUGH TEDDY BEARS



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Handcrafted teddy bears shared table space with World War II memorabilia during a special program held last week that honored the military service of several local women including Carol Watson and the late Mildred Warner.

Ministry honors women in military

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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"We Honor Our Women in the Military" was the theme of a special program held last week honoring the service to their country provided by several women who have served the United States in the military.

The program, held at Edenton United Methodist Church fellowship hall, was hosted by women of the church including the members of a knitters group that provided handcrafted teddy bears to those they honored. Carol Watson, who served as a U.S. Navy nurse from 1942-1950, was given a teddy bear fashioned from red, white and blue yarn. The family of another honoree, the late Mildred Warner, who was a U.S. Army nurse, also received a teddy bear in appreciation for her service. That bear was accepted by American Legion Post 40 Commander Ron Green and his wife, Debbie, who was Warner's daughter.

Others who received special recognition during the program were Jacqueline Hardy, U.S. Air Force electrician, 1981-1985 and Yvonne Lambeth, U.S. Air Force nurse, 1970-1972.

Carol Watson shared her memories of her time serving and of meeting her future husband George in Trinidad.

"We fell in love and got married," she said. "We had 20 days of leave together."

She was a Methodist from South Carolina, a Southern girl, and her



Carol Watson, who served as a nurse during World War II, holds a red, white and blue teddy bear she was given during a program last week that honored the military service of local women. Watson spoke briefly during the program, along with her daughter Bonnie, sharing memories of her time in the service.

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husband, who was Catholic, was from Boston, she said.

Their daughter Bonnie recalled during the program how her mom told her, "His mom said you weren't Catholic but you were a nice girl anyhow."

Debbie Green talked about how her mom, an only child, wanted to travel and got the chance to spend time in Australia as a result of her military service. Mildred Warner served in a hospital that was set

up "kind of like a MASH unit," her daughter said.

"She met my dad on the boat coming back," Debbie Green said. "He always joked that she trapped him on the boat and he couldn't get away."

Ron Green said a highlight of Mildred Warner's life came years later after he had learned she was eligible to receive medals in appreciation for her service and he was able to

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Steinburg: Wind bill good for area

BY JON HAWLEY
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The N.C. Senate's proposed state budget includes a moratorium on state approval of any new wind energy projects that is expected to meet stiff opposition in the state House.

Released Tuesday, the Senate's proposed \$22.9 billion budget would define state spending for the coming year while advancing various policy priorities. Among those priorities is a halt on the state's wind industry for three years to allow for what the Senate describes as "ample time" for the General Assembly to study the impact wind farms an energy infrastructure would have on the state's military operations. The moratorium would extend through Dec. 31, 2020.

Senators proposed a near identical measure in a stand-alone bill in March, with bill sponsors, including Sen. Bill Cook, R-Beaufort, claiming the bill was necessary to safeguard military facilities and their major contribution to the state economy.

A Cook spokesman said the senator still supports the moratorium, but didn't provide further comment as of

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NHS head swears in sister

BY MILES LAYTON
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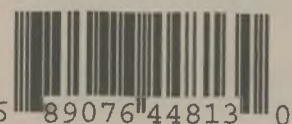
Many of John A. Holmes' High School's top students were recently inducted into the National Honor Society — an academic group that emphasizes service and leadership.

"This is a big honor for these students because it shows that not only are they academically strong, but they also have leadership skills, the community ser-

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Proud Edentonian opens Victorians' boutique

BY MILES LAYTON
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Maybe it was because Mother's Day was this past Sunday, but that made a recent ribbon cutting for Victorians a little more special.

The store's owner, Jacqueline Hardy-Lassiter, and her mother, Annie Hardy, may have stolen the show

for the new business located at 431 South Broad St. that offers not only locally designed clothing brands, apparel and jewelry, but also international and nationally known designers and brands.

"Thank you for supporting our endeavor because this is a family backed company," Hardy-Lassiter said.

"Victorians' boutique for him and her is about the one who dares to succeed, celebrate, accomplish and provide opportunities for others. We compliment that man and woman by providing quality clothing, accessories, shoes and everything from head to toe as well as phenomenal customer service. We promise you that

type of experience when you come into our store. I like to say 'you come in one way, but you'll definitely leave another way.' I'd like to definitely make sure that takes place. We are about lifting up the community."

Hardy smiled as she shared her daughter's success.

"I just want to say praise

God for everything that has been done," she said. "I truly thank God for you all being here at the ribbon cutting. I thank God for Jacqueline to come back home and start a business. A lot of people just come back home to retire and don't do hardly nothing, but she came back

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