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Council discusses Confederate monument, state law

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Local residents filled the Edenton Town Council chambers Monday night to listen to a briefing from town attorney Hood Ellis concerning the state law prohibiting removal of monuments on public lands, including Confederate-themed ones.

Ellis reviewed the language contained in NC Session Law 2015-170, Senate Bill 22 that was signed into law by former Gov. Pat McCrory. He focused primarily on subsection B that concerns the protection of

monuments in the state and allowable exceptions such as temporary removal for repairs.

And while public comment is not a part of those work sessions, town council members can share their thoughts. The only two council members who spoke left little doubt as to where they stood on the issue. Both said seeing the monument standing at the foot of South Broad Street in the downtown business district was troubling.



BOND SIMPSON VAUGHAN

Councilman Elton Bond described the monument's presence as "offensive" and said it brought back painful memories of hatred and prejudice he experienced during the 1950's and 1960's including having his vehicle run off the road.

"They called me all sorts of names," he said. "Seeing

the statue takes me back to that time."

Bond said he would like to see the statue removed and relocated elsewhere.

Councilwoman Norma Simpson agreed.

"I feel the same," she said.

Simpson, who is a nurse at a local medical practice, added that she felt a good deal of prejudice remains in the community.

She said that she was treated differently at work than she was when she

"How we go forward I don't think anyone knows at this point."

Roland Vaughan
Edenton mayor

went out in public as a private citizen.

"I see it every day," she said. "I do feel like this is a very prejudiced town."

Mayor Roland Vaughan emphasized that the purpose of having the future of the Confederate monument placed on the council's agenda for the work session was to initiate a dialogue on the subject and to

inform the public concerning current state law.

"We will have an opportunity to continue this conversation," he said. "This evening (the intent was) to get the subject on the table. How we go forward I don't think anyone knows at this point."

"We look forward to the time when we can discuss some options," he added.

Storm threat causes closings

From staff reports

Chowan County officials began preparing Monday for the approach of a tropical storm.

After participating in a conference call with the North Carolina Emergency Management team and the National Weather Service they announced that a coastal low was expected to impact northeastern North Carolina starting Monday evening.

Estimated rainfall totals Monday through Wednesday morning in Chowan County were 3 to 5 inches and residents were urged to pay attention to localized flooding. A flood watch was issued for the entire section of the state.

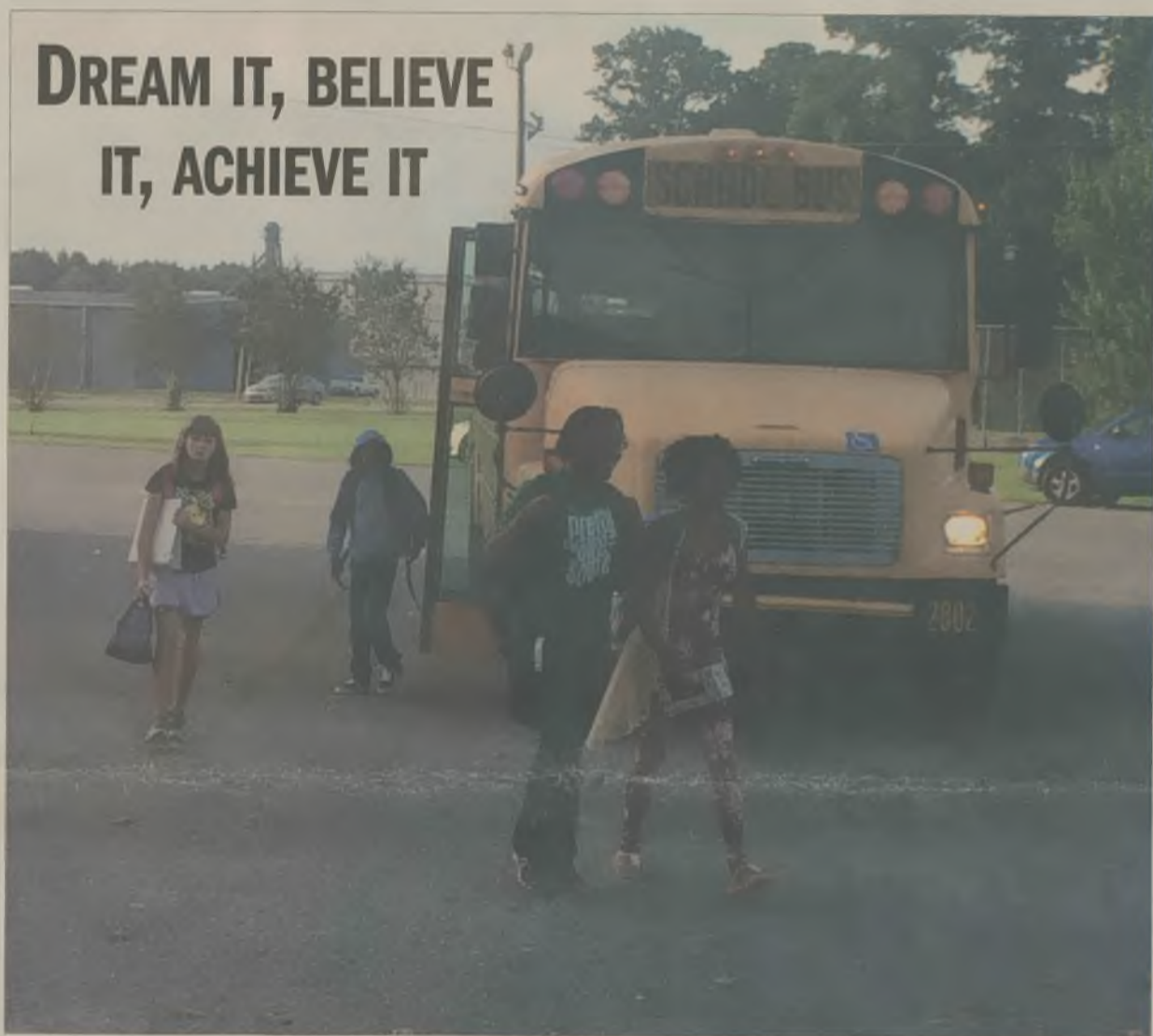
According to a weather advisory issued by the county, "Northeast North Carolina (is expected) to begin seeing northeast winds Tuesday morning through Tuesday evening of 30 to 35 miles per hour with gusts of 50-60 miles per hour. These types of winds will cause downed trees and power lines with some minor roof or structural damage."

The advisory said that the Town of Edenton and Chowan County government offices were taking preparatory action to be able to respond quickly to the anticipated effects of the storm.

Governor Roy Cooper issued a press release on Monday urging everyone in the path of the storm to be ready.

"Many North Carolinians

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Soon after exiting the school bus, a group of Chowan Middle School students start walking away from summer vacation and toward a year's worth of education.

Principal: Year off to fantastic start

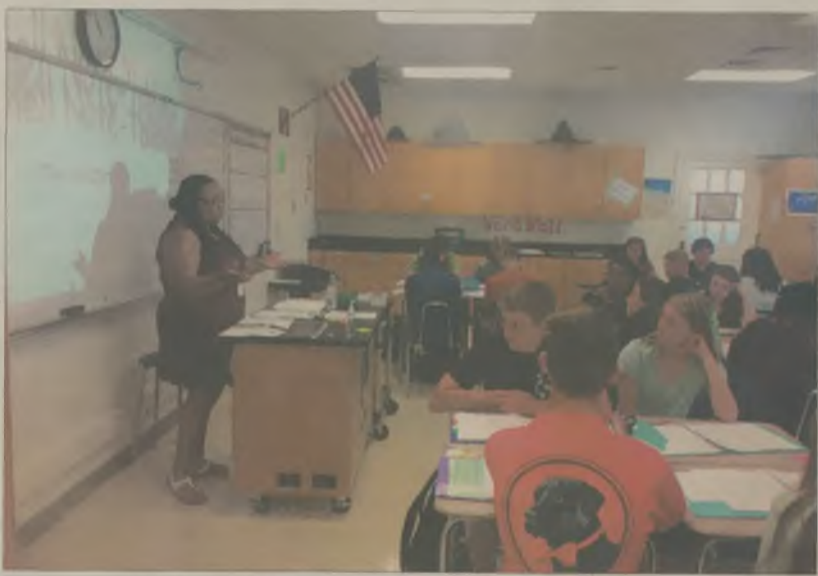
BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

EDENTON - Classes began Monday for more than 2,000 students in the Edenton-Chowan Schools.

White Oak Elementary Principal Sheila Evans greeted students as they got off school buses that had traveled between Rocky Hock and Edenton.

"We have had a fantastic start to the school year," she said. "In addition to our current staff, we had a retired teacher and four support folks from Central Services assisting with the morning routine today. That helped get our students in to classes quickly."

Evans said there were "a few



Soon after John A. Holmes' science teacher Raichelle Hunter welcomes students to class, she hits the ground running with lessons about life.

See SCHOOL, 6A

District could pit incumbents

BY JON HAWLEY
For the Chowan Herald

If state lawmakers redraw legislative districts as expected, both of the region's state senators would face off in a new district that doesn't include any area counties.

According to the proposed new

Senate map, Sen. Bill Cook, R-Beaufort, would face the prospect of running in a Democratic-leaning district against

Sen. Erica Smith-Ingram, D-Northampton, in what would be newly drawn Senate District 3.

Smith-Ingram currently represents District 3 in the Senate, while Cook represents District 1.

The new maps are the result of federal judges' ruling that state GOP lawmakers drew 28 House and Senate districts in 2011 that were unconstitutional racial gerrymanders. The judges have given lawmakers until Sept. 1 to adopt new maps.

The House and Senate redistricting committees both released their proposed maps early last week. Based on those maps and voting trend data, the maps are poised to reshape representation for northeastern North Carolina.

For instance, Beaufort County would become part of Senate District 3 instead of Senate District 1, and move Cook into Smith-In-



COOK

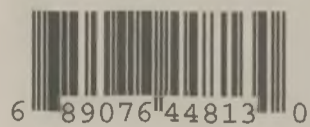


SMITH-INGRAM

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Family seeking closure on Taylor's murder

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Family members of a man shot to death in Edenton say he didn't deserve to die the way he did, and they are asking anyone with information about his death to come forward and contact them.

Both Edenton police and the State Bureau of Investigation continue to investigate the shooting death of Ronald Taylor, who

"Ronald had a lot of love out there from a lot of people."

Maria Ferebee-Capehart
Ronald Taylor's former common law wife

was gunned down in the 200 block of East Church Street on Saturday, Aug. 23. Taylor, 51, of 313 E. Church Street, later died of his injuries at Vidant-Chowan Hospital.

Police Chief Jay Forten-

berry said Taylor may have known the person who shot him multiple times, but so far police have not been able to make an arrest. A cash reward is being offered for information leading to an arrest in Taylor's

shooting.

Maria Ferebee-Capehart, who says she was once Taylor's common law wife, said her family is hopeful someone will come forward.

"We are looking for closure," Ferebee-Capehart said. "People are very very upset. Ronald had a lot of love out there from a lot of people. Everyone knew him, so a lot of people are

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