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Masons dedicate plaque to historic courthouse



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Masons held a solemn ritual and ceremony on Monday to recognize the 250th anniversary of the 1767 historic Chowan County Courthouse.

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Masons marched in step behind a Color Guard on Monday on Water Street to the 1767 Courthouse.

They were to dedicate a commemorative plaque to the courthouse's 250-year history. And it must be said that the Masons are not only part and parcel of this nation's founding, but of that courthouse's very history.

Edenton's Masons met

within the courthouse for 176 years before they moved a short hop away to their new home at the Unanimity Lodge on Water Street.

The Masons provided a glimpse into their rituals and decorum during the dedication ceremony that included clapping their hands three times and ringing a special bell.

"Oyez. Oyez. Oyez!" District Deputy Grand Master Ben Roberts said aloud to convene the ritual that

took place in front of the courthouse.

Marshall Mickey Spruill asked for a moment of silence for a proclamation aimed at the south, west and to the east.

Chaplain Bud Sowers offered a prayer before a talk of the courthouse's storied history. Names like Dr. Hugh Williamson, who signed the U.S. Constitution; Joseph Hewes, a signer of the Declaration of Independence; U.S. Senator Samuel Johnston;

and James Iredell, who was appointed by President George Washington to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Grand Master Gene Cobb asked Master John Dunn what is the proper jewel of his office?

Dunn answers, "The square" to which "to square our actions by the square of virtue, and prove our work." Wearing a gold ring with a mason's

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Brew Pub plans near completion

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

Town officials are hoping that Raleigh businessman John Glover will be ready to present his final plans for a proposed brewery and pub on the downtown Edenton waterfront in early November.

This comes on the heels of Glover's acceptance of 18 covenants attached to the proposed sale of the site that formerly housed the Northeast Commission building. His concerns had included the ability under the covenants to change the use of the building at some future time and clarification of the town's historic building flood proofing policy. Both have now been resolved, according to Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton.

"The next step is for Mr. Glover to present his final plans for the brew pub with particular attention to the buffer," she said. "Covenant #18 stipulates an 'approved buffer zone' must be provided for appropriate review and approval prior to the sale of the building. And we want a final determination of whether or not the brew pub will utilize the outbuilding we refer to as the Sail Loft, where kayaks and sails are stored."

The final step in the process, Knighton said, is for town council members to conduct a public hearing on the proposed sale.

"This public hearing is needed as part of the statutory requirements for a local government to sell property for economic development purposes," she said.

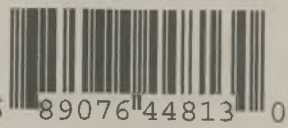
Knighton said she would be preparing economic impact data for the project to help guide the council as it makes the determination that the purchase price is not less than the value of the property.

"If (council) determines

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Auction attracts budding artists

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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The Chowan Arts Council is using a simple but intriguing concept to power its "Grow the Arts Auction" scheduled to take place on Friday, Nov. 3 at the historic 1767 Chowan County Courthouse in Edenton.

The principle behind the auction, which starts at 6:30 p.m., is one that got its start last Friday afternoon when kids who attend the local Boys and Girls Club gathered there to begin creating paintings that could be bid on by those attending the auction.

The budding artists, assisted by volunteers from the CAC, completed their work at the club on Monday afternoon.

Missie Harrell, who helped organize the

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Top: Boys and Girls Club members carefully prepare their canvases on Monday afternoon for entry in the upcoming "Grow the Arts Auction" sponsored by the Chowan Arts Council. Left: Peggy Anne Vaughan of the Chowan Arts Council helps a member of the Boys and Girls Club show off her colorful Popcorn-themed painting Monday afternoon.

Native elected to Trust

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

Edenton attorney Samuel B. Dixon has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

The Trust has a total of 24 trustees. Each year eight are elected, or re-elected, to a three-year term.

Dixon is currently serving his fourth term as a member of the Edenton Town Council and chairs the finance committee. He is currently a member of the National Trust Council and a past board member of Preservation North Carolina.

Dixon said he felt deeply honored to have been chosen.

"I was thrilled to be asked to join the Board of the National Trust for Historic Preservation," he said. "We had our first meeting on October 14 at Kykuit, the home of John D. Rockefeller. The Rockefeller family donated this extraordinary property to the National Trust."

"My wife Gray and I have been involved with the Trust for 15 years,"

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DIXON

Sackrison recognized among Great 100 Nurses of North Carolina

From staff reports

Jeffrey Sackrison, MBA, BSN, FACHE, president of Vidant Chowan and Vidant Bertie hospitals has been named to the Great 100 Nurses class of 2017.

The Vidant Health leader was chosen for the honor because he exemplifies continued professional growth and inspires those around him with his commitment to improve the health and well-being of eastern North Carolina.

"The Great 100 Nurses nonprofit organization offers the annual honor as a way for peers to recognize and promote nursing excellence throughout the state of North Carolina. Sackrison was recently recognized of this accomplishment at a gala event in Concord.

"The recognition and acknowledgment by your peers for the dedication to the profession is humbling and means a lot to me," Sackrison said. "It's quite an honor that my staff supported the effort."

Sackrison has been with Vidant Health for nearly 15 years, having served in his current role for the past 13 years. He earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from East Stroudsburg University and a master's degree in business administration from California Coast University. Additionally, he is a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and a member of the following organizations: North Carolina Hospital Association, North Carolina Hospital Association Strategic Partners Board, Eastern Area Health Education Center Executive Board, Edenton Chowan Partnership Board and Executive Committee and Edenton Rotary Club.

Now that the business end of the story is on the page, Sackrison is an anomaly — meaning that it is not all that often that a nurse or doctor ends up managing a hospital. More often than not, ac-

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HOMEcoming COURT



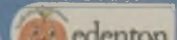
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Welcome John A. Holmes alumni to Homecoming. Friday's football game pits the Aces against Manteo's Redskins — two teams that are undefeated in the Albemarle Athletic Conference. After the fireworks display, kick-off starts around 7:30 p.m. John A. Holmes 2017-2018 Homecoming Court (left to right) 9th-Adrian Durant, 9th-Camilia Miles, 11th-Nakevin Hill, 11th-Kimora Miles, 12th-Brooklyn Goodwin, 12th-Dylan Gainey, 12th-Eric Phelps, 12th-Lindsey Britton, 12th-J-Shon Bryant, 12th-Nyny White, 12th-Jamika Moore & 12th-Da'Quan Wilson (10th-Mijonta Stanley & 10th-Megan Gainey - not available for photo)

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