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# Brew pub still on tap for waterfront

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
 Staff Writer

Members of the town council deadlocked in a 3-3 vote Monday night on whether a previous appraiser should be retained to conduct a reappraisal to determine the current value of the former Northeast Commission building, the proposed location for a new microbrewery and pub on the downtown waterfront. The tie, which came during a special meeting held prior to the start of the

work session, was broken by Mayor Roland Vaughan, who voted in favor of keeping Andy Piner of Greenville, who had performed a 2014 appraisal at the site. Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton reported to the council at the meeting that Piner had told her he could complete the appraisal report by Jan. 5 which would give council members time to review the appraisal prior to their Jan. 9 regular monthly meeting. "Depending on the updated values, there will have

to be discussions with Mr. Glover (the proposed buyer) and then a determination of economic impact," she said after the meeting. "The economic impact assessment will then be considered when the council considers selling the property." Knighton estimated it could be February when the council considers whether to sell the property to Glover. The two newly elected council members, Craig Miller and Rev. Roscoe Poole, were both in the

audience listening to the discussion during Monday night's meeting. Miller is known to favor the brewpub proposal. Poole's views on the issue remain publicly unknown. Miller was elected to Bob Quinn's at-large seat while Poole was elected to Norma Simpson's Third Ward seat. Miller and Poole will be sworn-in Dec. 12. While Quinn favored the sale of the land for the brewpub, Simpson opposed the measure. As to a new appraisal, the issue came to the fore-

front after Gill Burroughs questioned the land's appraisal value in a letter to the editor with the headline "Comedy of errors" that was published Nov. 22 within the Chowan Herald. Prior to the Town Council meeting, an announcement was made on social media that a planned public hearing scheduled to take place Monday night in the auditorium at John A. Holmes High School had been canceled due to a discrepancy in the amount of land included in the proposed brewpub site. That

discrepancy was uncovered by Burrough's letter. In a memo to the town council dated Nov. 22, Knighton said that Burroughs had questioned "the legality and fiscal soundness of the town selling .34 acres of land for \$282,000 when the original appraisal was based on the tract including .27 acres." "I consulted with Town Attorney Hood Ellis and subsequently I spoke with the appraiser about Gil's questions," she added. See PUB, 2A



## Send Santa letters

From staff reports

We are seeking letters to Santa. On that note, letters to Santa are special, very special. We are running a special section in December. If we can get them e-mailed to mlayton@nc-weeklies.com — all the better. Paper copies work too, but email is best. Also, if you want to submit poems, short stories, art work, etc., we're good with that too. Deadline will be Friday, Dec. 1 so that we can process the letters in time to create graphics and do the work needed to make this something that would inspire Santa. Email is important because penmanship is critical. No kid wants a doll when he spelled out iPad. All that said, when we get a letter that we can't read, we'll do the best we can to decipher it. Name spellings are essential — we can't fake that here at the paper. From what we've been told, Santa likes reading the Chowan Herald because it's not fake news. Lots of kids at Chowan County elementary schools have been busy writing these letters to Santa. However, if you

See SANTA, 3A



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Bulldogs bleed maroon and gold memories

BY MILES LAYTON  
 Editor

Three banners hanging from the bleachers within the Northern Chowan Community Center read "Lights, Camera, Action" — words that accurately summed up the mood Saturday of Chowan High School's multi-class reunion. "This is going to be everything we want it to be," said Steve Evans, class of 1979. "We had 419 signed up and it looks like most of them came to the reunion. When we started kicking this idea around, we had no idea it would turn into this. This is awesome." Photos and interviews with Willie Koonce, Rob Boyce and many others appear on page B2. Also, check out a video by from Hannah Banana Photography on our Facebook page. Since 1922 when 11 seniors graduated, the school produced many successful alumni that included doctors, lawyers, journalists, nurses, educators, scientists, missionar-

See MEMORIES, 3A



## Locals stay home to shop

BY REGGIE PONDER  
 For the Chowan Herald

Area businesses reported a strong response from shoppers Saturday to the Shop Small promotion on what is known as Small Business Saturday. Small Business Saturday is a national event, sponsored by American Express, that promotes local businesses using the slogan "Shop Small." Elizabeth City Downtown Inc. supports Small

See SHOP, 3A

## GAME TIME: ACES' TICKET INFORMATION

Edenton travels to Tarboro this coming Friday to play for the 1AA Eastern Regional Championship. The winner will travel to Carter Finley Stadium in Raleigh on Dec. 9, to play for the State Championship. Tarboro and Edenton are ranked #1 and #2 in the state polls, so attendance will be high. You can avoid the anticipated long ticket lines by buying your ticket online. Go to this link <https://gofan.co/app/events/19043> to purchase your ticket. A digital ticket will pop up for purchase and will be downloaded to your mobile device when purchased. All

See TICKETS, 4A

## Law enforcement seeks to keep congregations safe

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
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Close to 200 area residents attended a special meeting last week on keeping churches and their congregations safe from harm. The gathering, which took place at Edenton United Methodist Church on Nov. 21, was hosted by members of the Chowan County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin

welcomed those in attendance. Deputy John McArthur served as moderator for the event. Also taking part in the program were Chief Deputy Andy Bunch, Lieutenant Edward "Scooter" Basnight, Sergeant Justin Saez, Deputy Brian Callon and retired Sergeant Buddy Bunch. Goodwin opened the program by emphasizing the

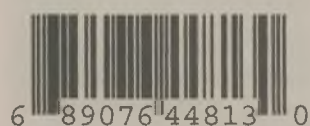
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The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association recently convened a group of sheriffs and sheriffs' personnel from across the state to develop training materials that will help places of worship create security plans to keep citizens safe recently at Edenton United Methodist Church.



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