



## Chowan County takes bite out of hunger

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
 Staff Writer

Representatives of the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry have announced that they have surpassed the \$100,000 challenge required to obtain a matching grant from the 4 Others Foundation begun by a former Edentonian, Dr. John Phillips.

Following a months long effort, the campaign ended Friday with a total of \$103,335 in pledges and contributions received.

In offering the grant, Phillips, a childhood friend of Mayor Roland Vaughan, made

it clear that a demonstration of support from the community would be required for it to be awarded. Vaughan said the outcome of the fundraising effort demonstrated once again the people of Chowan County could be counted on to support initiatives that are important to those who call it home.

"Once again the citizens of our community rose to the challenge and met the match that brings much needed cash to our Food Pantry," Vaughan said. "Hats off to Roger (Coleman, pantry director) and his team for the hard work needed to make this happen

and a very special 'thank you' to Johnny Phillips and the 4 Others Foundation for their generosity in giving back to his hometown."

Coleman said the news could not have come at a better time.

"Successfully matching the challenge from the 4 Others Foundation means that the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry Endowment will provide an additional \$10,000 annually for use in serving the food needs of area residents including children participating in the Book Bag Buddies

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Left to right, Gerard Cooney (fundraising committee member), Amanda Howell (fundraising committee chairman) and Roger Coleman (director).



### Santa Letters

Check out "Dear Santa" letters written by our very own Chowan County kids! — B1



### Bulldogs perform

The Chowan Middle School Band and Choir performed before a standing room only crowd Thursday at the Northern Chowan Recreation Center. — A5



### Council trio sworn-in

During its Dec. 12 meeting the town council welcomed two new members and bid farewell to two others. In the reorganization process that followed, veteran council member Steve Biggs was named mayor pro tempore and committee assignments were established. — A4



### Honoring soldiers

Just one week before Christmas, Wreaths Across America honored various branches of the armed forces this holiday season. — A9

### Noted pianist performs

"Child of the Promise" was presented last weekend by the Rocky Hock Baptist Church Choir featuring noted pianist Richard Simmons who often performs with the Rocky Hock Opry. — A8

## 'Twas the Night Before Christmas in Chowan County

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,

While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.

And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow

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## Christmas Church Service Schedule

### St. Anne Catholic Church

Christmas Mass schedule for this time of year begins at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 24 for the 4th Sunday of Advent Mass in the Church. Later, the Christmas Eve

See CHURCH, 8A



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When Santa made a stopover Sunday at the Chowan Arts Council, Annamiles Coxe, 9, made him pinky swear that he'll bring presents to all of the good girls and boys in Chowan County. Coxe is the daughter of Miles and Regan Coxe of Edenton.

## D.F. Walker Principal White earns accolade

BY MILES LAYTON  
 Editor

D.F. Walker Principal Michelle White has been named as Northeast Region Principal of the Year.

The Edenton-Chowan School Board, administrators, faculty, staff, students and distinguished guests honored White's achievement Tuesday morning at the Hornet's hive auditorium.

"Thank you everyone so much," White said as her eyes were watering up with in an emotionally charged voice. "You are the best people ever."

White praised the School Board, "Monna" Sheila Evans, a noted educator and principal at White Oak Elementary and the kids — everyone who is a part of "Team Walker."

"To every person in this school, I love you," she said.

White is one of eight regional finalists statewide for Wells Fargo North Carolina Principal of the Year.

Regional winners will each receive \$1,000 for personal use and \$1,000 for their schools. The 2018 State Wells Fargo Principal of the Year will be announced in spring 2018. Since 1984,

Wells Fargo Bank has financially supported a program in collaboration with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to recognize outstanding principals from the North Carolina Public Schools.

White advanced to the regional Principal of the Year competition after being named as the 2017-18 Edenton-Chowan Schools Administrator of the Year.

Superintendent Rob Jackson noted how the Hornets were the only school in the state to exceed growth during the past two years

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## Hunter to seek seat in House

BY JON HAWLEY  
 For the Chowan Herald

HERTFORD — A second Republican has announced plans to seek election to the N.C. Legislature next year in the new six-county House District 1.



HUNTER

Candice "CV" Hunter, 45, of Hertford said Friday she plans to file for the GOP primary in the district that now includes Chowan, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Bertie, Washington and Camden counties.

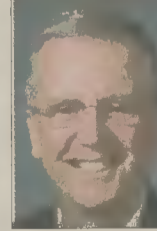
Hunter, a marketing company owner and former TV anchor, joins former state ferry director Eddy Goodwin as the only announced candidates so far for the House

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## Steinburg: Prison conceals dangers

BY JON HAWLEY  
 For the Chowan Herald

State Rep. Bob Steinburg is blasting North Carolina's prison administrators



STEINBURG

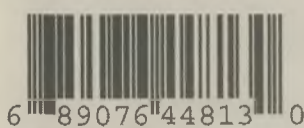
"from the top down," citing claims from correctional officers that prison managers are allowing and concealing dangerous conditions, including threats and violence from inmates.

In an interview last week, Steinburg, R-Chowan, said correctional officers have reported to him dire conditions

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