



Christmas reflection

Adam Kelly, an award-winning journalist, looks back on the Christmas of his past that made him a firm believer in Santa. — B1



Pets of the Week

Check out some of the pets the Tri-County Animal Shelter offers that would love to start the new year in a home of their very own. — B2

Aces earn recognition

Though the fall sports season is over, the accolades and honors keep coming for the Aces who earned recognition by being named to the Daily Advance's All-Area teams. — B3



Our View: Year of giving

Chowan County had an impressive 2017 that was marked by charity. It calls to mind the holiday classic by John Lennon "Happy X-mas (War is Over)." — A4

Check It Out!

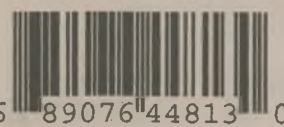
The New Year is upon us! Do you have any resolutions? The Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library can help — really we can. We have access to resources that can help you find a new job, learn a new language, take up a fitness program, travel or whatever flight of fancy you may have. — B1

'That Wynne Girl'

The final chapter in "That Wynne Girl" wraps up this Christmas story. — B4



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Brown to the department

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Captain Daroyll (pronounced Darryl) Brown has been named interim chief of the Edenton Police Department. He replaces Police Chief Jay Fortenbery whose resignation becomes effective Dec. 31.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said she was grateful to have Brown step

role during this interim period.

"Captain Brown agreed to take the reins at the police department while I complete the recruitment process for hiring a new chief," she said. "I'm happy that I could lean on Captain Brown. He knows our community well, and as Captain,



BROWN

he has been managing many aspects of the department already. We have simply expanded the scope of his responsibilities. I have full confidence in his abilities."

Brown, 48, has been in law enforcement for the past 16 years. A native of Montrose, Ga., he grew up in Gates County and was

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Anne-Marie Knighton
Edenton town manager

hired by Fortenbery to be a part of the law enforcement team in Edenton. Brown, who completed his law en-

forcement training at Halifax Community College in

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TELLING THE CHRISTMAS STORY



TOP PHOTO BY MILES LAYTON / RIGHT PHOTO BY JOY HARVILL

Top: Myron and Dawn Broadwell light the Advent candles at Edenton Baptist Church during Sunday morning's Christmas Eve service.

Right: Sure, there are big time Hollywood productions about the Nativity, but none will ever be as special as the ones produced by churches and children in Chowan County. This group of children from Edenton Baptist Church deserve an Academy Award for their excellent portrayal of the best Christmas story ever told.

Have a happy holiday season from all of us at The Chowan Herald!

Jackson to seek House 1 seat

BY REGGIE PONDER
For the Chowan Herald

HERTFORD — A little more than a month after winning election to Hertford Town Council, Quentin Jackson has his eyes set on higher public office.



JACKSON

Jackson, who was sworn in as a Hertford town councilor this month, said this week he plans to run as a Democrat for the state Legislature in the newly drawn 1st House District next year.

He joins two Republicans — Ed Goodwin and Candice "CV" Hunter — who have already announced their plans to seek the 1st House District seat, which is being vacated by state Rep. Bob Steinburg. R-Chowan. Steinburg has announced plans to seek the legislative seat in the newly drawn 1st Senate District.

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New Year's Resolutions

From staff reports

Next week, the Chowan Herald will list the biggest stories of the year from our area. Among the contenders are how the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry met its \$100K fundraising goal and how the Aces' baseball team won the state championship.



KNIGHTON

We'd also like to hear from you as to what your New Year's resolutions are going to be. Send them our way to mlayton@ncweeklies.com



DIXON

Here are some early ones from Edenton Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton and Sam Dixon, a Town councilman and a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

"I am working now on clean out my email in-box

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Aid program helps those in need

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

The local Emergency Aid program may be one of this community's best-kept secrets. The non-profit enterprise backed by churches in Chowan County is financially supported by the Clothes Closet in Edenton. And while Emergency Aid may not be as well known as some other efforts to help those in need, its programs provide a crucial safety net for those who receive its services.

"Most people are familiar with the Clothes Closet which provides about 85 percent of our income," said board member Gil Burroughs. Available assistance comes in the form of utility payments, rent, prescriptions, and assisting clients with trips to doctors and clinics outside Chowan County for medical treatments as well as help with heating fuel.

Besides emergency fi-

"One of our goals is to make sure ministers in our community know we have funds available to assist people in need. We would appreciate hearing from them if they know about someone that needs our help."

April Lane

Emergency Aid board member

ancial aid and the Clothes Closet, Emergency Aid also has a program geared toward assisting transients.

"The Transient Program is administered by the Edenton Police Department," Burroughs said. "Transients are provided a voucher for gas, meals and/or motel rooms on a one time basis. The Emergency Financial Assistance Program provides one time assistance of up to \$150 for emergency needs such as rent, utilities, fuel or prescriptions. These requests are handled through the local Department of Social Services."

A screening process is in place for those who apply.

"Clients are screened by a volunteer to determine the need for assistance," said Emergency Aid President Pat Roughton. "Once approved, the financial assistance is sent directly to the vendor."

"The Clothes Closet is a non-profit organization, so we are dependent on sales at the Closet along with donations from area churches," she added. "We would like to encourage everyone in the community to come and visit the Clothes Closet which is open from 9 a.m.

until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday."

The Clothes Closet is located at 1370 North Broad Street alongside the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry and the local Habitat ReStore.

"Emergency Aid owns the property which houses the Clothes Closet, the Food Pantry and the Habitat for Humanity ReStore," Burroughs said. "The Food Pantry is provided its space rent free and the ReStore is not charged for the use of the land occupied by their buildings."

Clothes Closet manager Linda Casper and Assistant Manager Norma Barry are assisted by volunteers who sort, tag and display clothing and other donated items.

"We carry ladies, men's and children's clothing and accessories as well as small household items, seasonal décor and a large assortment of books that have been donated to us," Rough-

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