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50¢ Aces' Pierce takes polar plunge — B4



LEOS served in 2017

The John A. Holmes LEO Club was extremely busy serving in the community in 2017 and will finish out the school year in June 2018. — 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



Taylor talks choices

Marketa Keishia Taylor recently held a seminar entitled Respecting Choices which reviews the importance of Advanced Care Planning/Advanced Directives in the African American Community. — A5



Games postponed

The only winner in recent days involving sports in the area has been Mother Nature. The threat of and the actual snow storm has either canceled or postponed high school and college games the past three days. — B4

SNOWPOCALYPSE



PHOTO BY KRISTA BOND
Now Mario is a happy dog.

PHOTO BY MILES LAYTON

Edenton's Public Work crews were very busy treating the streets in the wake of Winter Storm Grayson's onslaught. Road conditions were so bad that NC DOT workers from across the state had to assist with snow removal.



PHOTO BY ROBIN LANE STRICKLAND

Myla Gray Taylor's first snow.



PHOTO BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON

For the most part, Edenton Marina had a healthy helping of ice during the storm. The sailboat "Atlantic Passage" was listing more than a bit to its port side Sunday morning

Winter Storm Grayson conquers Chowan

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

When Winter Storm Grayson invaded, its shock troops of ice and snow conquered near and far across eastern North Carolina and much of the South.

Snow starting falling Wednesday, but the brunt of the storm, dubbed a bomb cyclone, rushed over Chowan County.

The weather promises to be more moderate this week with temperatures ranging between the mid 50s to the upper 60s on Friday. When combining melting snow and the rain forecast for

Thursday, expect the creeks to rise and pray for the pipes to behave.

As the winter's storm reign ends, maybe it is time to take a look back what Grayson has wrought.

Thursday

Fierce winds ripped across the coastal plains as more than 6 inches of snow fell in fields in Rocky Hock to the Courthouse Green in Edenton. Many spots along the banks of the Chowan River in places like White's Landing and the old Peele Fishery had frozen. Windy conditions created an almost surreal scene as the

snow blew past the grave-stones at Nixon Cemetery. Snow drifts could be 2-3 feet deep.

Students rejoiced when Edenton-Chowan Schools announced that classes were dismissing 3-hours early Wednesday and were canceled Thursday, Friday and Monday. Much like the schools, local government offices and the courts were closed too. Even Food Lion amended its hours in an effort to keep employees and customers a bit safer.

Friday

The snow had stopped, but the damage was done.

Roads and even major thoroughfares like N.C. 32, aka Virginia Road, were covered with ice and snow.

For those daring souls who ventured out into the elements to restock their supply of frozen pizza, bread, snacks and milk, Food Lion had the answer.

Far from the shadow of the Barker House, a quartet of young men was able to walk out onto the ice in Edenton Bay by Water Street.

Dogs and kids played in the snow and their parents took a multitude of photos

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Church opens minds about Christ's mission

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

As 2018 emerges, perhaps people's thoughts turn to how they can make the world a better place.

Stephen Mizell is doing just that as lead pastor at Open Door Church in Edenton.

"I believe the command of Jesus and the mandate the church has is to affect the community that is around us," he said. "That is to make sure that those in need are cared for whether it is children, widows, and others that Bible calls out

as groups that we should be concerned with."

Mizell said the ministry has crossed \$1 million mark received in external giving within the last 10 years. The money supports a soup kitchen, local outreach including food drives, orphanages in Haiti and India and a transition home in Moldova to assist people who have been victimized by human trafficking. A soup kitchen is planned for the fall on property adjacent to the church on U.S. 17 outside Edenton. Also, there will be a pre-school within the building.

"People often ask why is our church successful," Mizell said. "I would tell you that I think it is because a lot of people find fulfillment in understanding that when Jesus said it is more blessed to give than it is to receive."

Open Door Church is not content just to pass around the collection, but pursue deeds accomplish good works to better serve humanity.

"I think some churches have abandoned their responsibility — they are happy to pay taxes, but let other people do the work," Mizell said. "That was never

the intent of the Bible. The intent of the Bible was for us to do the work. It may cost of some money and effort, but I find that people find significant fulfillment in being able to make a difference in somebody's life. We may not be able to change our entire community, but we can change portions of community, portions of our region and portions of our world."

Service to others is not unique to Open Door Church.

"We're not the only peo-

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Hogan to speak at MLK ceremony

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Apostle Vonner G. Hogan will be the keynote speaker at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance on Monday, Jan. 15 being held in the John A. Holmes High School Auditorium at noon.



HOGAN

Special music is scheduled to include special music performed by Minister Sidney Lassiter and Jacqueline Lassiter Bond.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend this free event.

Apostle Hogan, a Williamston native, is the daughter of Willis and the late Mary L. Griffin. She is the wife of Andrew Hogan of Cleveland, Ohio. Hogan has an adult daughter, Rovonne and son-in-law Tyler who are expecting their first child in April.

Hogan, starting in 2000, served for 17 years as senior pastor at the New Oxley Hill Baptist Church in Merry Hill, making her among the first women in North Carolina to be called to pastor an established Missionary Baptist Church. She was affirmed as an apostle in the fall of 2010.

Prior to becoming a pastor, Hogan was an educator who served as both a classroom teacher and a school administrator. She is a graduate of Mount Olive College in Mount Olive, NC where she

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Market 'a true community effort'

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

After months of hard work the Edenton Farmers Market will reopen this Saturday, Jan. 13, at its permanent new location, 200 North Broad Street. Hours for its Winter Market will be 9 a.m. until noon. Additional dates this season will be Jan. 27; Feb. 10, 24; March 10, 24. Hours are expected to remain the same.

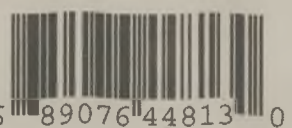
Approximately 10-12 vendors are expected to have a variety of items available for purchase including organic vegetables, North Carolina seafood, locally grown meats, baked goods, dairy products, jams, honey and personal hygiene products. Larry Mulderig will also be on hand, professionally sharpening knives, scissors and garden tools for those attending the market while they shop.

Market manager Janet MacKenzie said the reopening will mark the culmination of major renovations that began in Au-

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