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Aces fall short in touney

The Aces made a good showing in the North Carolina High School Athletic Association 1A basketball tournament, but it was not meant to be. — 1B

Miss NC to visit school

In celebration of National Reading Month this March, CITGO Petroleum Corporation is kicking off its second annual literacy campaign to spread the joy of reading to thousands of children in schools, community centers and hospitals across 19 states. — 6A



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. — 6B

Primary heats up

There's been a war of words spread across the airwaves between Congressman Walter Jones Jr. and Craven County Commission Scott Dacey who are vying to be the Republican nominee for the 3rd District. — 7A

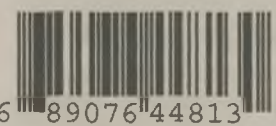


Duo bond with art

Mother-daughter country act The Judds once famously sang that "Love Can Build a Bridge." But in the case of a well-known local family it is art too that has created a bridge between a mother and her daughter. — 3B



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Town Council discusses audit revelations

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

At the request of Councilman Steve Biggs, council members spent time at their work session Monday night reviewing and discussing the findings of a January audit report given by the town's new auditor Donna Hollowell that two accounts receivable items had been

overstated as of June 30, 2016.

In a Feb. 23 memo to the council, Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton reminded them that Hollowell "did not agree with the calculation used by the previous auditor to determine the figure used for accounts receivable. As a result, the Electric Fund beginning net position was reduced by



BIGGS



KNIGHTON

\$739,424 and the beginning net position of the Water and Sewer Fund was reduced by

\$128,045."

The recent audit determined that those amounts were written off around 2008 by the town's then-auditor but were never taken out of the audit and continued to get pushed forward for the next 10 years, according to Councilman Steve Biggs who said Tuesday morning he is still frustrated with the explanation offered by town

officials and intends to continue looking for answers to how the action slipped through the cracks and nobody noticed it.

"What bothers me is, this went on for 10 years and we didn't know about it," he said.

Knighton acknowledged that despite a set of checks

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Located in Tyner, the Tri-County Animal Shelter is poised to expand to better meet the needs of the communities it serves in Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties. Chowan officials expect work to start on an expansion project at the shelter within the next 30 days.

Expansion work to start at shelter

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

Chowan County officials say, sometime within the next 30 days, they expect improvements to the Tri-County Animal Shelter to get underway.

According to County Manager Kevin Howard, Phase 1 of the project has the full backing of the county's board of commissioners.

"We plan to go out to bid in the next two to four

weeks," he said. "The commissioners are all supporting the project."

Howard acknowledged the recent departure of the shelter's director, Dana Goheen, but said he did not expect that to impact the work going forward.

"The addition design was based on a group discussion and will move forward without the director," he said.

When the entire program of work is completed, one of the primary goals is to

have a shelter that meets current standards for such facilities, according to Barbara Yates of Edenton, president of AWARE (Animal Welfare of the Albemarle Region Every Day).

"Our goal is to have a sustainable shelter designed and operated by industry standards that reflects positively on our counties and demonstrates responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds," she said.

The shelter, located in Tyner, serves Chowan,

Gates and Perquimans counties.

Yates said, the goal for Phase 1 is "to improve the current shelter so that it provides a safe and functional work space for employees, a welcoming atmosphere for the public and volunteers, and a healthier environment for animals."

She added that the project would create clearly defined areas within the

See SHELTER, 6A

Author comes to town

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Mark the calendar because best-selling author Paul Young is coming to Edenton.

The New York Times best-selling author wrote a novel that was turned into the 2017 Christian drama film "The Shack" will be the featured speaker at two events in Edenton in early March.



YOUNG

"I have been trying to get to Edenton/Chowan County since 2015, because of a friend, J Malone Gilliam, rector of St Paul's Episcopal Church," Young said. "So when the good folks at Restore One contacted us,

See AUTHOR, 3A

COA hosts Black History Month celebration

BY VERONICA DOWNING
 Correspondent

College of the Albemarle hosted a Black History Month program for its students and staff with the theme being "Embracing our Past, Inspiring Our Future."

Folks from the Chowan County Senior Center, in attendance by happenstance due to much needed reno-

See COA, 2A

NC Democratic Chairman Goodwin visits Chowan County

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Editor's Note: This is the first part of a two-part series that details a one-on-one interview with NC Democratic Chairman Wayne Goodwin. Next week, the follow-up story will reveal Goodwin's answers to questions about Governor Roy Cooper's handling of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and a myriad of other issues.

Wayne Goodwin rolled into a town familiar to him not only as a campaign stop but as a place he's made friends over the years.

"Being in a smaller town, it reminds me of how valuable small towns are to our entire state," said Goodwin, a former state Insurance Commissioner and legislator, Goodwin is now chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party.

As Goodwin made his way toward the Chowan Herald's office on South Broad Street, he crossed path with Bill Vogedes, president of Vogedes Insurance Company.

"We spent about 10 minutes catching up on things," Goodwin said. "One of things I enjoy about Edenton is that

everybody knows everybody and cares everybody. Edenton and other small realize that citizens — we're all it together. The community prospers if everyone is working together. Communities don't prosper if they are divided."

Goodwin was not only in town to fire-up the local Democrats for action in this upcoming primary and general election cycle, but to announce a new initiative that seeks to listen to, hear from, and bring change to North Carolina's rural communities. The Rural NC Listen-

See GOODWIN, 7A



PHOTO BY MILES LAYTON
 NC Democratic Chair Wayne Goodwin pays the Chowan Herald a visit to talk about politics and more.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church & Edenton Baptist Church present

Wm. Paul Young

7 p.m. Monday, March 5

at Edenton Baptist Church

Author of New York Times bestseller *The Shack*

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