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Aces fall short in tourney

As baseball teams return to the diamond for the 2018 season, they will all be looking for contributions from young players to replace a talented graduating class from last season. — 1B

High winds in area

Albemarle area counties were feeling the effects of a major nor'easter pounding the East Coast on Friday, as more than 400 power outages were reported and a tractor-trailer overturned on a bridge in Chowan County. — 2A



Drive has huge haul

The Chowan County Sheriff's Office and the Edenton-Chowan Schools organized a competitive food drive that collected tons of food and thousands of dollars for the local food pantry. — 3B



Leaders say goodbye

The Town of Edenton officially said goodbye to three of its most well-known department heads during a reception in their honor at a reception held in the Town Council Chambers on Feb. 28. — 4A

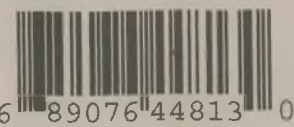


Goodwin talks politics

NC Democratic Chair Wayne Goodwin stopped into Edenton recently to inspire the troops and get the message out that the leadership wants to hear those voices from rural areas of the Old North State. — 6A



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Citizens issue 'Call to Action' to serve



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Former Edenton Town Councilwoman Norma Simpson listens during a panel discussion at a Feb. 28 Black History Celebration with the theme "A Call to Action."

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

"A Call to Action" was the theme of a Black History Celebration held in the Edenton Town Council Chambers on Feb. 28. Organized by local businesswoman Jacqueline Hardy-Bond, the event showcased a panel discussion that focused on how African American citizens in the area could have a stronger voice among local governing bodies.

"I think it's a wonderful thing," she said, "so they can share their wisdom."

Participants included the mayors of Winfall, Hertford and Creswell. Hardy-Bond said she also invited the mayors of Elizabeth City and Roper but that they were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

Representing Chowan County was former Edenton Town Councilwoman Norma Simpson. Hardy-Bond said that Simpson symbolized all the women from the area who hold elected office.

"She's all about the community," said Hardy-Bond of Simpson, who served on the

council for six years.

Particularly outspoken was West Virginia native Fred Yates who has been mayor of the town of Winfall for the past 25 years. He was the first African-American elected to lead the community and the former Marine Corps veteran has led the way to a number of important achievements including construction of a new Town Hall building in 2003 as well as a new building for the town's volunteer fire department, and new

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Miss NC wishes kids 'hakuna matata'

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

TYNER — Victoria Huggins, Miss North Carolina for 2017, broke into song during her recent visit to White Oak Elementary.

True, Huggins was there last week to read the Dr. Seuss' classic "Green Eggs and Ham" so as to promote reading to kindergarten kids, however the one-time "American Idol" contestant couldn't help herself but to offer a Disney treat to the kids.

Kids sang the words with Huggins during her spirited rendition of "Hakuna matata!" from the movie, "The Lion King." And Huggins sang it to perfection — far better than that meerkat and warhog duo.

Try getting that song out of your head on a sunny day. Could be worse. Could be "Let it go" from "Frozen." Maybe go pick up those movies today from Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

Anyway, Dr. Seuss was what brought Huggins to this neck of the woods — Cubbie Country!

"I'm so excited because it is my goal as Miss North Carolina to be in all 100 counties during my year of service," she said. "There has yet to be a Miss North Carolina that has accomplished that feat. So this is an opportunity to meet these wonderful children as well as cross Chowan County off my list. As the 80th Miss North Carolina, it's really special because this is the first time I've partnered with CITGO to be able to give all these children a brand new book. The excitement in their eyes is one of the most spe-

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Better than a Disney princess, Miss North Carolina 2017, Victoria Huggins, visited Cubbie Country recently at White Oak Elementary School. She read the class Dr. Seuss' book "Green Eggs and Ham" and sang a few Disney songs.

Decision time for Conger Building

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Town Council may make decision Tuesday as to whether to sell the Conger Building.

Prior to the meeting, there will be a public hearing at 6 p.m. March 13 to receive citizens' comments concerning the proposed sale of the former Northeast Commission building on the downtown waterfront to Raleigh businessman John Glover, who wants to establish a brewery and pub at the site.

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Center's new name recognizes soldier

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

State National Guard's Edenton Readiness Center was renamed Sunday as the Sgt. Jeremy Hardison Center.

The dedication honors Hardison, who was a member of the NC National

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Phelps files for Senate

BY JON HAWLEY
For the Chowan Herald

There will be a Democratic primary for the newly drawn Senate District 1 that includes all area counties.

Washington County Commissioner D. Cole Phelps, 29, filed for the seat on Wednesday (Feb. 28), the last day of filing. Phelps' entry into the race follows the filing of Hertford County businessman Richard "Steve" James on Tuesday.



PHELPS

Phelps gave several statements in a press release issued by the N.C. Senate Democratic Caucus.

"I am honored to announce my candidacy for the North Carolina Senate," Phelps states in the release. "Too often, North Carolinians east of I-95 are forgotten. Northeastern North Carolina deserves a representative who is familiar with the needs of our community and will fight for them."

Phelps' candidacy is inconsistent with a statement he gave on Nov. 8 in which he withdrew his interest in running for the seat in newly drawn House District 1.

"While I would like to broaden

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James runs for Senate

BY JON HAWLEY
For the Chowan Herald

Richard "Steve" James, of Hertford County, has filed as a candidate for state Senate District 1 to run in the Democratic primary.

In a short phone interview Wednesday, James said he's vice president of Alfiniti, an aluminum manufacturing company that employs more than 100 people in Winton.

James will be running against Washington County Commissioner D. Cole Phelps in the Democratic primary for the seat.

Depending on the outcome of the contested Republican primary on May 8, the winner will face either state Rep. Bob Steinburg,



R-Chowan, or Clark Twiddy, a businessman from Dare County, in the November general election.

James said he's running to help bring more opportunities and resources to rural North Carolina, which he noted hasn't seen the growth and investment that urban areas have.

For one, James said, the state

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