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Holmes track team defeats a trio of rivals — 6B



CAC kicks off exhibit

The Chowan Arts Council kicked off its inaugural art exhibition at its hoped-for new space in the former Chero's building in Edenton last Thursday evening with a gallery show featuring the work of Bertie County artists. — 1B

Service offers lesson

Nearly 100 believers crowded the sanctuary of Center Hill Chapel Missionary Baptist Church at noon March 30 to reverence the "Final Words from the Cross". — 3B



Candidates mull energy

The increasing footprint of wind and solar energy projects in northeastern North Carolina became a policy flashpoint at a candidates' forum in Camden Saturday. Republican state Senate candidate Clark Twiddy and GOP state House candidate Candice Hunter both said they oppose subsidies for renewable energy. — 4A



Gardeners hold show

The eighth annual Albemarle Master Gardeners' Spring Garden Show, "Through a Garden Gate," will be held between 9 a.m. — 3 p.m. Saturday, April 28 at the Perquimans County Recreational Center, 310 Granby Street, Hertford. — 2B

Board approves move

The bid to renovate and upgrade the new home of Edenton-Chowan Schools administrative offices came in a bit higher than expected — much like suddenly learning your car's transmission needs a bit more than a tune-up. — 6A

School budget seeks safety improvements, salary increases

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Edenton-Chowan School Board approved a proposed budget request for 2018-19 that includes plans to enhance safety and seek raises for classified staff.

During Thursday's meeting, Superintendent Rob Jackson presented about a \$3.8 million local operating fund request that represents an increase of nearly \$267,000 more than the 2017/18 operating fund budget of



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around \$3.5 million from the county commission. The \$267,000 increase represents a request to add a School Social Worker position to the school system, a request to give school system hourly employees their first step increase since the 2008-2009 school year, and includes \$122,000

that the school system is required to pay to charter schools.

When adding other local funds from fines and forfeitures, projected indirect cost payments, sales tax refund, and an appropriation from the school system fund balance, the total local operating budget request comes to around \$4.3 million which is up about nearly \$267,000 from last year's budget at around \$4.1 million.

See BUDGET, 6A

Commission shows support for BOE

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Chowan County Commission will assist the Edenton-Chowan School system's plans to relocate its administrative offices.

During Monday's meeting, the commission unanimously approved plans to appropriate \$75,000 toward the project that is estimated to cost more than \$302,000. Last week, Edenton-Chowan Board of

Education made plans to provide the \$225,000 balance of funds needed to relocate from the Central Services Building on West Queen Street to space that will be renovated at the old D.F. Walker Elementary by the Edenton Campus of College of the Albemarle.

In other business, the commission signed off on plans to reduce exorbitant water bills from custom-

See BOE, 2A



REBECCA BUNCH/CHOWAN HERALD

Food Pantry Director Roger Coleman welcomes the crowd and talks about the mission of the pantry to feed the hungry in the community during the annual "Fill the Food Pantry" dinner held at Nothin' Fancy on Saturday evening. The event was hosted by members of the Unitarian Universalists Fellowship of the Albemarle.

Fundraiser takes bite out of hunger

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

The annual "Fill the Food Pantry" fundraiser held Saturday evening at Nothin' Fancy in Edenton raised more than two thousand dollars in support of the Book Bag Buddies program that combats hunger among children in the Edenton-Chowan Schools.

The event is hosted each year by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Albemarle and chaired by UU-FOA member Lee Lolkema. Lolkema said that over 100 area residents bought tickets that allowed them to take part in the buffet-style dinner while others gave generous donations in support of the program that sends food home with students in need so that they will not go hun-



This display at the "Fill the Food Pantry" fundraiser Saturday night offered a glimpse of the foods provided to local school students on weekends through the Book Bag Buddies program. Items included fresh fruit and other kid-friendly items.

gry on the weekends.

"We're keeping the kids healthy with your help," Food Pantry Director Roger Coleman told the crowd.

And he shared a story that

illustrated how much the program means to the children.

"This morning I was at the Arrowhead Beach Community Expo setting up an information table for the food

pantry," he said. "As I was carrying in display materials, a young boy came up and asked if he could help. When we began to set up the display, he pointed to the Book Bag Buddies food package that I had brought and said, 'That's the Book Bag Buddies. I get that every Friday.' He then ran off and brought back several of his friends, pointing out to them each of the food items in the bag to highlight their importance. When he had finished, his friends just stood there for a few seconds and then together said 'Wow' before running off to play."

Coleman added that last week he had been asked if he thought giving out food to families created dependency instead of self-reliance. His

See HUNGER, 2A

Weekend filled with fun

From staff reports

Spring is here, more or less, so it's time to go outside and enjoy what Chowan County has to offer!

Friday and Saturday will be sunny with highs topping out in the low 60s.

Make plans to check out some Beach music, Easels in the Gardens, Edenton Rotary Club's breakfast followed perhaps by a 5K before seeing a priest bless the fleet.

Boogie on Broad, a free, family-friendly street dance featuring the Catalinas, will take place in

See WEEKEND, 2A

Council seeks growth strategies

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Harris Vaughan, a partner in the Raleigh-based public relations firm of Eckel and Vaughan, offered the town council and interested community partners in the audience a glimpse at strategies that could help Edenton better tell its story and create opportunities for growth during a special meeting held Monday evening in the council chambers.

His recommendations, based on meetings with local focus groups and his team's years of experience, will be posted on the town's website this week, according to officials at the meeting.

Vaughan, son of Mayor Roland Vaughan, and a native of the community, said the town's natural beauty, unique living history and the welcoming attitude shown by locals to visitors are all assets that can be used to draw even more people to the area as a destination for a visit or perhaps a permanent home. Looking for people who want to move here and get involved in making Edenton an even better place to live and

See COUNCIL, 3A

Ribbon cutting makes Farmers Market official

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

It's official! Edenton Farmers Market's ribbon cutting took place Thursday to pay tribute to its new downtown location on North Broad Street.

"We're just so grateful that everyone came out tonight to help us celebrate the grand opening of the Farmers Market. This will be a big benefit to the community," said Lexie Armstead, president of the Edenton Farmers Market

Board of Directors. "We are so grateful that we are able to help the vendors in our area to be able to sell our wares and to support our local economy."

Several businesses made generous donations in support of the relocation project from North Granville to the North Broad Street property that formerly housed the Etna station that began last summer. Earlier this year, the doors opened for business bright and early one Saturday morning.

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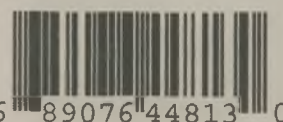


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Edenton Farmers Market celebrated its official grand opening Thursday with a ribbon cutting at its new location on North Broad Street.



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