

# Edenton earns accolades in 'Main Streets' contest

From staff reports

The national small business movement, Independent We Stand, announces the quarterfinalists, including Downtown Edenton, in the 2018 "America's Main Streets" contest.

As the lifeblood of our cities and towns, Main Streets play an important role in the long-term success of communities and help build a sense of place.

Independent We Stand invites the public to vote for their favorite quarterfinalist and move a deserving Main Street one step closer to the grand prize of \$25,000.

"We are in our third year of the contest and are so happy to see the passion and pride these nominees have for their Main Streets and the local businesses that keep them alive. Now

it's time for consumers to show their support and vote again to move their favorites into the semifinals," said Independent We Stand co-founder Bill Brunelle. "Our theme this year is 'Local Memories. Lasting Impact.' and this group is a terrific example of the unique experiences and economic benefits shopping local can have on a community."

Semifinalist voting began Monday at MainStreetContest.com and runs through May 27.

To vote for "America's Main Streets" semifinalists, visit MainStreetContest.com. The top 10 semifinalists will be announced May 28. The winner of the 2018 "America's Main Streets" contest will be announced June 4 followed by a "Main Streets Make Us Better" celebration on the Fourth of July, when

the winner will announce how the prize money will be utilized. Contest prizes include:

- \$25,000 grand prize
- STIHL Equipment Certificate for \$1,000 worth of STIHL equipment good at any STIHL dealer in the U.S.

- Do it Best Corp. \$500 shopping spree

- PPG Paints \$500 shopping spree

- Public relations and social media recognition

- Special plaque for winner to proudly display

In other news, Destination Downtown Edenton, Inc. has been designated as an 'accredited Main Street America program for meeting rigorous performance standards set by the National Main Street Center.

Each year, the National Main Street Center and its Coordinating Program

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**Bill Brunelle**

Independent We Stand co-founder

partners announce the list of accredited Main Street America programs in recognition of their exemplary commitment to preservation-based economic development and community revitalization through the Main Street Approach.

"We are thrilled to honor this year's 829 nationally accredited Main Street America programs for their commitment to preservation-based economic development and the revital-

ization of their commercial districts," said Patrice Frey, President & CEO of the National Main Street Center. "The power of Main Street shrines across the country through these vibrant communities, who have all worked to generate impressive economic returns, preserve community character, and celebrate local history."

In 2017 alone, Main Street America programs generated \$4.48 billion in local

investment, helped open 6,211 net new businesses, generated 30,294 net new jobs, catalyzed the rehabilitation of 8,737 historic buildings, and clocked 2.7 million volunteer hours.

The performance of Destination Downtown Edenton, Inc. is evaluated annually by the North Carolina Main Street program, which works in partnership with the National Main Street Center to identify the local programs that meet ten national performance standards.

Evaluation criteria determines the communities that are building comprehensive and sustainable revitalization efforts and include standards such as fostering strong public-private partnerships, documenting programmatic progress, and actively preserving historic buildings.

# Bertie sheriff candidate Bowen disqualified

■ Edenton attorney says residency a 'serious matter'

BY THADD WHITE  
For the Chowan Herald

WINDSOR — The Bertie County Board of Elections found Adrian Bowen not to be a resident of Bertie County.

The board conducted a hearing on April 17 in which they heard a challenge from Vivian Clark, who challenged Bowen's residency, and therefore qualification to seek the office of sheriff.

Clark filed an affidavit saying while Bowen changed

his home address to 110 East Robin Lane in Windsor, he still owned a residence in Elizabeth City (504 Troy Drive) and his wife and daughter still resided in Pasquotank County.

Edenton attorney, Paul "Faison" Winborne, who served with distinction as legal counsel for Clark, described the issue as a "serious matter." He said sheriff's have a separate statute requiring them to be a resident of the County they are running in for one year prior to the general election. This is to make sure the sheriff, the

chief law enforcement officer in the county, is known to the people, and known by the people.

"We are pleased with the outcome," said Winborne of Dixon and Thompson Attorneys at Law. "These types of cases are fact specific; each one is different relying on its own set of facts."

Prior to joining Dixon and Thompson in 2016, Winborne had been practicing law in Raleigh for 28 years in every level of state court including District Court, Superior Court and the N.C. Court of Appeals, as well as

Federal Court including the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, and before the Social Security Administration. He has extensive experience in Family Law, civil litigation, wills and estates as well as bankruptcy.

During Winborne's closing remarks he offered this observation about how a wall wasn't built by one brick, but he believed the bricks in Bowen's case made it clear he was not a resident of Bertie County by November of last year as would be required by state law.

"In law school we learn

the cliché that one brick doesn't make a wall," he said. "You have to build brick upon brick and soon you have something. That's what happened here. The Board heard all parties and looked at all of the documents presented. His self serving claim that he was a resident didn't make sense in light of the statements by him — that he spent 3-4 nights in Bertie Co — and his wife's affidavit that he stayed 2-3 nights in Elizabeth City, and the other evidence. It just didn't add up."

During Bowen's closing,

he spoke of being a resident of Bertie County and had been since April 2016. Bowen said he voted in the 2016 Presidential Election in Bertie County, which would have required him to be a resident.

"I've never seen anywhere where my wife and child have to move here at the same time I do," he said.

Bowen stated he intended to appeal the decision. Smith said he would get him copies of the state statutes to outline the appeal process.

Thadd White is editor of the Bertie Ledger-Advance.

## CRIMEWATCH

### CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS

■ April 26 — Prudencio Moran Montalvo, 42, of Virginia Road, was arrested on a felony charge of

breaking and entering and a misdemeanor count of communicating threats.

■ April 26 — Rick Elston Parks Jr., 26, of Green Road, was charged with two misdemeanor counts of

failure to pay child support.

### INCIDENTS

■ April 23 — Breaking and entering and communicating threats on Virginia Road.

■ April 21 — Willful and wanton

injury to personal property and larceny of property (receiving stolen goods) on Jehu Road in Belvidere.

■ April 19 — Breaking and/or entering and injury to real property on Virginia Road.

■ April 16 — Credit card fraud in Edenton.

■ April 15 — Unauthorized use of a motor-propelled conveyance and larceny of property (receiving stolen goods) on Macedonia Road.

## ELECTIONS

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tions, which means that a voter must be registered as a party member in order to vote in that party's primary. Unaffiliated voters, however, can participate in the primary of their choice.

The only candidates appearing on the ballot are for the challenged offices within the party.

The two premier races on the ballot are the Senate and House races for District 1 which features Republican candidates from Chowan County — NC Senate candidate Bob Steinburg and NC House candidate Ed Goodwin who faces Candace Hunter of Perquimans County.

The Democratic side of the ledger for NC Senate 1 has D. Cole Phelps as the solo candidate since Richard James was disqualified because he failed to meet the required residency requirements.

Republican primary for 3rd Congressional District too is heated between three candidates — Scott Dacey, Phil Law and incumbent Walter Jones, Jr. No Democrat filed for to run in that race.

Winners in North Carolina primary elections must win by at least 40 percent of the vote plus one. If no candidate reaches that figure, a runoff election must be held.

Northeastern North Carolina is about midway through early voting that started April 19 and ends May 5. Election officials across five counties in region reported Friday that more than 2,700 voters had cast ballots through Friday, including both mail-in ballots and in-person voting at the counties' election offices.

With the exception of Pasquotank County, where Democratic and Republican

## RESULTS

■ Due to the press deadline, results will not be published in the May 9 edition.

■ However, please see the Chowan Herald's Facebook page or Twitter feed to learn the immediate results which will be published not only in the Daily Advance the day after the election, but within the Chowan Herald at a later date.

voters are both deciding contested sheriff's primaries, more Republican than Democratic ballots have been cast.

As of Friday in Chowan County, there were 294 votes cast. Of the 70 unaffiliated ballots cast, 59 were Republican ballots and only 11 were Democratic ballots.

## BULLDOGS

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The marble and ornate decor made even the bathrooms look fancy.

The Library of Congress featured the names of famous authors, such as Shakespeare, carved on the walls near the ceiling. There were also lots of mosaics. The facility is home to several exhibits, including one on Aztecs and other indigenous tribes of North and South America and one about World War I.

The tour of the Capitol included watching a video about the famous building and an audio tour highlighting the statues and paintings there.

Some students and their chaperones had to wait for a replacement bus to arrive to take them home. The bus that took them there suffered from mechanical issues on the way to Washington, D.C.

After a fun-filled day, the group went home, stopping for dinner along



PHOTO BY JOY HARVILL

That's not James Wilkes Booth within Ford's Theatre, but Nelson Spear, a chaperon and local pharmacist.

the way. In a message to parents, principal John Lassiter said the students had a good time. They were glad the weather cooperated for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

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