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Boys of summer chase playoffs dreams - 4B

Commission begins work on draft budget

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Chowan County Commission's draft budget calls for a property tax increase and more funding for various services.

County Manager Kevin Howard introduced a draft copy of the 2018/19 budget on Monday to the County Commission.

"This budget represents our best estimate of rev-

enues and expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year," he said. "As with any budget, during the course of the coming fiscal year, adjustments may be required to amend the adopted budget. The Chowan County Board of Commissioners is required to approve any such budget adjustments, which increase or decrease a department's total expenditures during the course of the fiscal year."

To see the proposed budget and related documents, click the associated links at the county commission's web page that is found at chowancounty-nc.gov.

Commissioners began budget discussion Tuesday so as to begin working on a final draft of the document that must be approved no later than June 30.

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budgeted revenues and expenditures for the Gen-

eral Fund, including the Social Services Fund, are \$17,573,827 compared to the approved FY 2017-2018 budget of \$17,021,728.

According to budget documents, the FY 2018-2019 budget, as proposed, is based on a \$0.775 tax rate, a \$.035 increase from a \$0.74 tax rate for FY 2017-2018. The proposed increase to the tax rate is due to a projected decrease in EMS call volume resulting in a loss

of revenue, an increase in employee health insurance expense, an increase in public school funding, and an increase in capital expense needs.

In other news, the commission approved a change order so as to provide more rip rap to restoration efforts at Bennett's Millpond. The project will cost around \$4,500 — funds that will

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Manning reflects

Pete Manning's life was dedicated to a noble aim — publishing the Chowan Herald. — 1B

Latino News

Check out our Latino news. Cinco de Mayo Community classes.



Play Day

Saturday brought weather conditions to the annual community arts festival held at the Rocky Hock Community Center. — 5A



Deal preserves site

Efforts to unravel the mysterious fate of North Carolina's fabled Lost Colony could benefit after a preservation group took out its first-ever loan to buy a coastal tract where some colonists may have resettled hundreds of years ago. — 2B



National Day of Prayer

Prayer warriors gathered Thursday at the 1767 Historic Chowan County Courthouse for the 67th annual National Day of Prayer. — 7B

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Shametria White (center) was among the forty-four Aces who were inducted into the National Honor Society on Monday at John A. Holmes High School. To earn this distinction, a student must have at least a 3.2 grade point average and be an active member of the community.

Aces inducted into honor society

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Forty-four of John A. Holmes' High School's best and brightest students were inducted on Monday into the National Honor Society — an academic group that emphasizes service and leadership.

"I am so proud of the students who were inducted into the National Honor Society," said Superintendent Rob Jackson, who was the keynote speaker for the induction ceremony. "They have each clearly demonstrated scholarship, leadership, service, and character (the pillars of NHS) as students in our school system. As they signed their name into the rolls of the NHS, they pledged to continue to live out those values. I am confident that they will do just that and use their gifts to make our community, our state, and our country a better place."



Principal Stephen Wood shakes hands with Mikyjah White as she was being inducted into the National Honor Society.

During the formal ceremony that is highlighted by a candle and recitation of the values that the NHS values. Juniors received a special pin and seniors a special multi-colored cord that they will wear at graduation.

"Yes, I was so excited to get this cord," Gezy Carrera said. "I had been waiting for a year to get this cord. I feel

like I deserved it."

Afterward, Mikyjah White, an all-around athlete and top scholar, said she is very honored to be inducted into the NHS.

"National Honor Society means that you've shown scholarship, leadership, service, and character around the school and community," she said. "I'm glad they no-



Seniors Savannah Yount (left) and Gezy Carrera were awarded their cords during Monday's night National Honor Society induction ceremony.

ted my good and hard work."

A point echoed by Principal Stephen Wood: "Be-

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lyn Castellani says her 10 years as a successful kidney transplant recipient have allowed her the joy of seeing her grandchildren grow up and enjoying traveling to the Holy Land and other places she'd always wanted to go.

Organ donations save lives

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

When Lyn Castellani of Edenton received a donor kidney 10 years ago, she had just days left to live. She was one of the lucky ones. According to the National Kidney Foundation, on average more than 3,000 new patients get added to the waiting list for transplants each month, yet 13 people die each day while awaiting the lifesaving surgery.

And according to a recent story in the Los Angeles Times, only slightly more than half of all adults have signed donor cards.

See DONATION, 4A

Voters cast ballots in primary

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Voters cast their ballots in Tuesday's Primary election that featured local candidates for the General Assembly — Republicans NC Senate candidate Bob Steinburg and NC House candidate Ed Goodwin, who races Candace Hunter of Perquimans County.

Due to Tuesday's press deadline, results will not be published in today's newspaper.

However, please see

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Honor moms through deeds more than candy

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Mother's Day is around the corner — Sunday to be precise.

Honor the women who rock the cradle and make a house a home.

Three local mothers who talked about their experiences were Jennifer Harri-
riss, Sandra Carrera and La-Trenya M. Wills Crutch.

Worth noting, Mother's Day traces its roots to West Virginia when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her



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mother on May 12, 1907 within Andrew's Methodist Episcopal Church. Jarvis, whose home near Grafton, W.Va., has become a museum, then campaigned to establish Mother's Day first as a U.S. national holiday and

Shrine is located in the parlor of that same church which still hosts the premier Mother's Day celebration each year.

Interesting side notes as to Jarvis. For Civil War buffs, Jarvis' home place

then later as an international holiday.

The International Mother's Day

was used by Union General George McClellan as his first field headquarters during his 1861 western Virginia campaign.

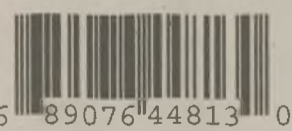
That aside, Jarvis spent the rest of her life trying to dial back Mother's Day as it had become too commercialized. She made a strong point.

"A printed card means nothing except that you are too lazy to write to the woman who has done more for you than anyone in the

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