

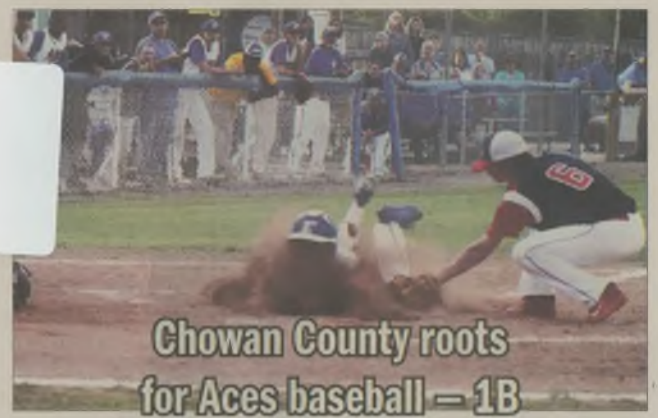
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Chowan County roots  
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## Colonial Park Playground poised to open Friday

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

Weather permitting, town officials are hoping the playground at Colonial Park will be completed and ready for use by the public by this Friday, May 18.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said the contractor planned to install the final layer of the surface area on Monday. Fencing has been installed and some adjustments need to be made to the various pieces of equipment in the playground.

"We are hosting a ribbon cutting for the new playground as part of the 20th Annual Music and Water Festival this Saturday, May 19, at 9:30 a.m. and the public is invited," Knighton said.

She added that the mayor and town council are "very pleased" with the outcome of the project.

"The goal was to install a playground that would be accessible and usable for all children," Knighton said. "Rene Jackson has been a fantastic project manager for the town. She solicited feedback and input from special needs teachers and

staff within our school system, she conducted public workshops to seek input from citizens and she coordinated a survey as well. Then she wrote a grant that was funded by the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund."

"Rene is a former town manager and a former physical education teacher so we really were fortunate to have her helping us with this project," Knighton added. "Her organizational skills are off the charts and there was a lot of coordinat-

See PLAYGROUND, 2A



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Colonial Park playground is closed for renovations. Should be back open for family fun by May 18. The Town received a \$200,000 grant for new equipment including a zip line!



### Glow run a success

Local athletes laced up their shoes to compete on Friday at the Kids and Cops 5K Glow Run. Eighty-five runners/walkers finished the race that was organized by Chowan County 4-H & the Chowan County Sheriff's Office. — 2B

### Latino News

Check out our Latino news section on Mother's Day, Latino impact and soccer news. — 3B



### School reflects on year

As the end of the school year comes to a close, the doors of D.F. Walker Elementary School have been wide open for students and families. — 5A

### Shelter gets manager

Katelyn Robertson has been named the new director of the Tri-County Animal Shelter in Tyner. The shelter serves Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties. — 2A



### Aces' track advances

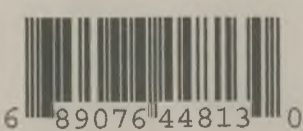
Elements of John A. Holmes' track team conjured up the winning formula to earn a spot later this week at the state championship meet in Greensboro. — 1B

### Session to eye pay hikes

Raises for state employees and teachers, more school funding, rural broadband and combating water pollution are among the issues area lawmakers wish to see addressed during the legislative session which starts today. — 4A



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## CELEBRATING OUR 350TH



PHOTO BY NATALIE HARRISON

Visitors who were part of the Albemarle Sound Tour group enjoyed a tour and lunch on Saturday at the historic 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse before leaving for Plymouth.

## Historic charter, tour boat visit

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

More than 60 visitors aboard the Belle of Washington had the chance to spend time in Edenton over the weekend as part of the area's 350th anniversary celebration.

Guests from across North Carolina — everywhere from Durham to Mooresville — were treated to a reception in their honor Friday afternoon at the historic 1767 Chowan County Courthouse after they arrived at the downtown Edenton waterfront to spend the night and spend part of Saturday in town as well.

"We are very happy to

have these special guests with us," said Chowan Tourism Director Nancy Nicholls at the reception on Friday.

On Saturday morning the special guests enjoyed a relaxed tour of the 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse and were treated to lunch there prior to departing for Plymouth, the next spot on the Albemarle Sound Tour designed to help celebrate the anniversary 350 years ago of four precincts that made up the first governmental units in what would eventually become the state of North Carolina.

Special guests on board

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REBECCA BUNCH/CHOWAN HERALD

Edenton Historical Commission Chair Chris Bean, at left, was among the local dignitaries who greeted visitors who landed at the downtown waterfront on Friday afternoon as part of a boat tour tied to the 350th Celebration of the establishment of the Albemarle area.

## Man wins lottery — twice

From staff reports

Maurice Fleming of Edenton has won the lottery not just once, but twice!

Most recently, Fleming is celebrating a \$200,000 instant win in the Mega Bucks game.

The Chowan County man bought the lucky \$5 ticket at the Speedway on Virginia Road in Edenton. He claimed his prize Monday at lottery headquarters in Raleigh. After required state and federal tax withholdings, he took home \$141,003.

Mega Bucks launched in November with seven top prizes of \$200,000. Four top prizes remain to be claimed.

Attempts to reach Fleming have been unsuccessful.

In October, Fleming said a lucky feeling led him to play the \$500 Cash game at the Broad Street Mart on North Broad Street.

Fleming said he bought a \$5 ticket, took it home and started scratching.

"I couldn't believe it when I saw it," Fleming told the Daily Advance soon after he won. "I almost fell out of my chair."

Fleming claimed his \$150,000 lottery prize in October at lottery headquarters in Raleigh. After required state and federal tax withholdings, he took home \$104,253.

Lottery officials said that since Fleming won the \$500 Cash game's last top prize, the lottery has ended the game. Players have until June 14 to claim any prizes,

See LOTTERY, 3A

## DC trip topped off by free breakfast

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Now that the Bulldogs are back from their recent trip to the nation's capitol, check that trip off life's bucket list.

"I want to thank the sixth grade teachers for coming to me with the idea for a trip that was something they wanted to pursue for their kids," Chowan Middle School Principal John Lassiter said. "The Washington DC field trip was to give our kids the historical component of what our country was built from by

seeing some of the monuments and touring the museums."

Travel for about 150 students from the sixth grade class, staff and more than 80 chaperons was provided by four tour buses from Legacy Coach.

"The trip would not be possible without the teachers' initiative to plan it and the amount of chaperons who had to take off work to invest their day to make sure our kids had a good experience," Lassiter said.

The trip did experience some problems from a bus with a door that wouldn't

close completely and later, a busted mirror. While in DC, a tire blew when the bus was parked. A new bus was acquired so the trip home was able to proceed with only a slight delay.

Legacy Coach refunded the money for that tour bus and has agreed to buy breakfasts for students when they take the End of Grade (EOG) tests later this month, Lassiter said.

"Every student will have a good breakfast before they take the test," he said.

See BREAKFAST, 2A



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Legacy Coach reimbursed Edenton-Chowan Schools for the bus that had some issues during the sixth grade class's recent field trip to Washington, DC. Chowan Middle School Principal John Lassiter (left) said that not only did Legacy Coach refund the money for that bus, but the company provided funds to buy breakfast for students who will be taking the End of Grade (EOG) Tests later this month.

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