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Bears dash Aces' playoffs run — 1B



Collecting donations

The Rocky Hock Lions and the John A. Holmes LEOs were all around Edenton recently collecting donations for the Brighter Visions Campaign. — 3B

Latino News

Check out our Latino news section on quinceañeras, Latino advocacy and soccer news. — 2B



Curry wedding sermon

Michael Curry was invited by Prince Harry and Meghan Markle to deliver the address at their wedding on Saturday at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle in England. — 5B

Biz sells bait, tackle

In what was originally the Pawn Shop at the back of Frog Crossing, Jeff Baker and his wife Penny hope to capitalize on one of Chowan County's most profitable pastimes, recreational fishing. — 4A



Band presents concert

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

John A. Holmes' track team captured top honors at the 1A North Carolina High School Athletic Association state championship. Though schools from Andrews to Winston Salem competed in Sunday's track meet at NC A&T University in Greensboro, the Aces finished the season as runner-up with only Polk County High scoring more points. — 1B

Commission amends Timbermill permit

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Chowan County Commission unanimously approved amendments to a proposed wind turbine project's permit.

During Monday's meeting, the commission signed off on Timbermill's plans for a new collection substation, an interconnection substation and a transmission line connecting the two substations.

Attorney Henry C.

Campen, Jr., of Parker Poe based in Raleigh, explained why amending Timbermill's conditional use permit did not substantially change the company's proposal during the commission's evidentiary hearing on the matter. He said there was no evidence presented to this board opposing this application. The burden for presenting such evidence would be with the opposition.

"For these reasons, we submit to you that Timbermill has submitted a com-

Former commissioner Kehayes said he's done extensive research and asserts that the setbacks between wind turbines and structures should be increased as they are in other places around the globe.

plete application and that it is within the commission's jurisdiction to decide. There is no evidence, no substantial evidence of any kind, based on this report to deny this application,"

he said.

The Chowan County Planning Board unanimously recommended approval of the transmission right of way (TROW) and substation application to

the commission. Approval constituted complete local zoning approval for all Timbermill related facilities.

After the meeting, former County Commissioner Alex Kehayes discussed his objections to the Timbermill project. As the sole member of the commission to vote against the proposal when the commission approved Timbermill's conditional use permit in 2016, Kehayes used an analogy

See PERMIT, 8A



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Chowan teachers recently attended the "March for Students and Rally for Respect" in Raleigh to make their voices heard. (Left to right): Shaunte Hunt, Molli Rose, Mike Vinickas, Nicole Smoot, Linda Sutton and Nick Moore wore comfortable walking shoes, carried colorful signs and later, met with NC Representative Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, to discuss education spending in the Tarheel State.

Teachers march for better tomorrow

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Chowan County teachers joined thousands of educators to demand that lawmakers do more to raise teacher pay and education spending in North Carolina.

Held May 16, the "March for Students and Rally for Respect" rally was the largest organized teacher political action in state history.

Organized by the North Carolina Association of Educators, thousands of public school students had the day off because schools couldn't find enough substitute teachers to keep schools open.

Edenton-Chowan Schools remained open during the march as did other schools throughout northeastern North Carolina.

Chowan County's teachers, who represented their colleagues by attending the rally, were Molli Rose, Linda



DAILY REFLECTOR PHOTO

Educators march with their signs as they protest unfair pay, limited funding and large class sizes as they march to the North Carolina State Capitol, May 16.

Sutton, Nicole Smoot, Nicholas Moore, Michael Vinickas and Shaunte Hunt.

"I attended the rally for my students, my colleagues and myself," said Rose, who teaches English at John A. Holmes High School. "My students deserve the very

best we can give them. Funding for schools needs to be more equitable. Students in small, rural counties should have the same opportunities as students in larger districts."

Coffee in the teachers' lounge turned to praise for

stepping up to the plate.

"Several of my colleagues reached out when they found out I was going to give me their support," said Rose, who has been teaching for a quarter of a century. "One of my colleagues was set to go and was selected for jury duty. Several were unable to attend due to the cost of using a personal day, \$50. Some had other obligations at home with their kids and family. I went to represent them as well."

Rose described the rally as "very positive and empowering."

"We are not isolated in how we feel," she said. "Also, the support from people along the march was inspiring. People lined the sidewalk and some wore red swatches of cloth pinned to their chest. Some even made posters and just thanked teachers outright

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Steinburg talks prison reform

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

N.C. Representative Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, discussed a variety of issues arising during the recent news cycle that included last fall's prison escape, doubling the death benefit paid to families of correctional employees killed in the line of duty and the teachers' rally.



STEINBURG

Early Saturday morning, Steinburg said he had just finished reading recent news reports released about the brutality of the attacks made during a prison escape in October at the Pasquotank Correctional Institution.

Inmates used hammers to crush skulls and scissors to spear flesh when they killed four employees last fall in the bloodiest prison escape attempt in North Carolina history, newly released autopsy and other reports by medical examiners said.

Steinburg vividly recalled speaking to two nurses who attended to the aftermath of the tragedy. "I knew this — a couple of nurses came to see me soon after the attack. Based on what they saw, they had not gone back to work because they were so traumatized. They were the first responders," he said. "They shared with me the severity of the attacks. What

See STEINBURG, 3A

Relay for Life 'Because You Loved Me'

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Evangelist Sherlon Broadnax opened this year's Chowan-Perquimans Relay for Life Friday night with a humble and heartfelt message about how her faith helped her survive cancer several years ago when she was an educator in the Edenton-Chowan school system.

"I held on to my trust in my God through it all," she said during her journey through cancer in what would turn out to be her last year of teaching. "I asked Him for His help and He gave me all I needed."

Broadnax said she was well aware

she was one of the fortunate ones; another member of her family who had cancer during that same time did not survive. But she said she believed her survival was all part of God's plan for her life. Today she gives back through sharing her faith as the leader of the Our Place spiritual ministry. She also uses her story of survival to inspire and encourage others.

"He has a plan to bring good things into my life," she said, adding, "I don't know why some die and some live."

To the survivors who were at Relay to walk a lap together during the opening ceremony, she said, "You who are survivors, I hope you get up every day knowing He's the one



PHOTO BY RICKY ROBERTS

Chowan-Perquimans Relay for Life did their of duty by raising funds and awareness for the battle against cancer on Friday at John A. Holmes track.

that brought you through. I'm here the sun broke through the clouds tonight to encourage you in that."

As Broadnax finished speaking,

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