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Taylor Theater re-opens for second act

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

On Thursday, July 5, the Taylor Theater will open its doors to the community for a sneak preview of the national premiere of Ant Man starting at 7 p.m. The following day will mark the official reopening of the beloved movie theater that the community came together to save.

Belinda Respass, who with her husband Ryan will own and operate the movie theater, said they are really looking forward to seeing that happen.

"We are very grateful for everyone's support in making this possible," she said,

"and we can't wait to be open!"

Belinda said that moviegoers will find a summer schedule filled with matinees seven days a week with four shows a day except on Sundays when there will be three. Matinee tickets will sell for \$6 each for adults and children. Regular ticket prices will be \$6 for children and \$8 for adults.

Along with Ant Man, also showing at the Taylor starting Friday will be the Incredibles 2. Both superhero-themed movies are family friendly.

Complementing the movies on the screens will be new food options including White Castle hamburgers,

cheeseburgers, jalapeno cheeseburgers and chicken filet sandwiches, in addition to more traditional concessions like freshly popped popcorn in the Taylor's brand new popcorn machine.

The opening will mark the completion of a process that began last November when a standing room only group of community leaders and citizens met to discuss a plan to attract investors who would be willing to contribute to an effort to restore and reopen the popular movie theater located in Edenton's downtown.

In March, local residents expressed excitement when the familiar Taylor Theater

marquee's lights once again lit up the night sky. Typical of comments heard was this one posted on Facebook by Teresa Forward - "Excited to see that sign light up again!"

And on June 22, the message everyone had been waiting for appeared on the marquee. "Okay, friends, we're excited to announce that we have an opening date, Friday, July 6."

Along with the restored marquee, the terra cotta face of the movie theater has been redone courtesy of a facade grant secured by Destination Down-



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Locally owned and operated, thanks to the good people of Chowan County, Taylor Theater opens its doors for a second act on Friday.

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Jones won't run for judge

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 For the Chowan Herald

Perquimans County Commissioner Kyle Jones will not run for a District Court judgeship this year.

Jones, 32, expressed an interest earlier this year. He would have faced Judge Meader Harriss. Harriss is seeking his second term.

The deadline to file is Friday and Jones made his announcement Wednesday evening.

"I wanted to take all the time the law gave me to pray about it and come to a decision. I'm grateful for the sound advice of a few mentors.

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Wind energy developer to possibly sell

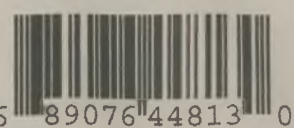
From Staff Reports

The Virginia-based wind energy company seeking permits to build a 40-turbine wind farm in Chowan County could potentially be sold to another company, a wind industry publication reported recently. Dahvi Wilson, senior director of public affairs for Apex

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CHANGE OF COMMAND

King sworn-in as chief

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

Edenton's new police chief, Henry King, was sworn in on June 26 in a special ceremony held in the Town Council chambers. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall administered the oath.

Surrounded by family, friends and town officials as well as professional colleagues, King, who came to Edenton after serving with the Rocky Mount Police Department, characterized his new position as the realization of a dream.

"I set a goal several years ago when I was interviewed by the Rocky Mount Police Department," King said. "My goal that I set for myself was to become a police chief. Through strong praying and believing in my Lord and Savior, being mentored and learning from several different chiefs in and around this state, and having a connection with the community that I love and serve, I



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Jasmine King attaches his new police badge to her husband's shirt during the swearing in ceremony for Police Chief Henry King. The ceremony took place last week in the town council chambers before a group of family, friends and professional colleagues.

stand before you today as the Chief of Police for the Town of Edenton. And I really appreciate the love and support in this room."

King said it was from his mentor and former chief, James C. Moore, that he learned — by words and actions — the most important

aspects of becoming a police chief. They included:

Leadership — the chief is out front, setting the pace for a task and ensuring the quality and completeness of the work. A chief must set high expectations for his or her team and ensure that they are met. If a chief

ever settles for less, then he is setting a new, lower standard.

Chiefs must be the undisputed subject matter experts in their field of expertise in order to train, develop and mentor their junior personnel. Always work to stay at the top of your chosen pro-

fession, he said.

Chiefs are team builders. It takes integrated teamwork to get the job done. A chief must develop and train his entire team to be as effective as possible, so that together the mission can be

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EDITOR'S NOTE — HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Editor's Note:

Due to an early press deadline commonly associated with a holiday, the Chowan Herald was published Monday. The good news is that if you are reading this Tuesday, then you got your newspaper early.

The bad news, if this is bad news for those special folks who wait with bated breath to

read about the Chowan County Commission, the story about that meeting will appear in the next edition, July 11.

Fourth of July coverage will also appear in the July 11th edition.

The holiday begins at 10 a.m. for the traditional reading of the Declaration of Independence on the Courthouse Green by

the marble statue of Joseph Hewes, who signed the document on behalf of North Carolina. District Court Judge Meader Harriss will read the document that changed the world.

Speaking of the Fourth of July, food vendors among others will begin setting up around 10ish Wednesday morning downtown and

there will be a LOT of things to do that afternoon. As to the Chowan-Edenton Optimist's Club's fireworks, maybe get there early so as to stake out a spot before it gets dark around 9 p.m. so you don't miss the big show. Last note, some dogs aren't exactly keen on fireworks, so maybe be kind and leave them behind safe and sound.

Algae reported at Chowan Beach

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Based on Diane Swanner's photo from Chowan Beach, it appears as if the algae is returning.

Swanner's photo was taken on Sunday, four houses south of Arrowhead Beach within eyesight of Colerain's beach and the mouth of Keel Creek.

Colleen Karl, spokeswoman for the Chowan-Edenton Environmental

"Hot, hot weather with no rain is not going to be helpful — we may likely see more pockets of blue-greens developing."

Colleen Karl
 Chowan-Edenton Environmental Group spokeswoman

Group, said algal blooms have been reported recently at Chowan and Arrowhead beaches. She said the state Department of Environmen-

tal Quality will be analyzing a sample that was collected last week. The EPA will be

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PHOTO BY DIANE SWANNER

NC Department of Environmental Quality officials are analyzing samples taken from the Chowan River to determine if the blue-green algae, which plagued county shores last summer, is present again this season.



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