

P8/C8*****CAR-RT LOT**C 002 A0038
 SHEPHERD PRUDEN LIBRARY
 106 W WATER ST
 EDENTON NC 27932-1854

482-4418

Wednesday

75¢



Smith fab lab opens

Pepperoni, cheese and punch were served Friday during a grand opening gala for the Smith Digital Fabrication Lab. The laboratory will expand Pocosin Arts' fine craft programs with the latest digital tools, equipment, facilities and innovative programs. — 4B



Program fosters fun

The Kids and Cops program began in 2012 with Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin's vision of building a more positive relationship between the youth of our county and local law enforcement officers. This year marks our seventh consecutive year of camps. — 4A

Four Clams earn honors

Four Edenton Steamers were named to the 2018 Coastal Plain League all-league teams. — 2B



Pastors pray for county

Pastors and family members of United Methodist churches in the Beacon District on the North Carolina Conference meet Saturday for the District Set Up Meeting on Saturday in Edenton. — 5B



Toppin talks military

During a recent visit to Fort Drum by President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence, Sgt. Major Timothy Toppin, a Chowan County native, had what he calls "a once in a lifetime experience" for most any soldier — the opportunity to meet and have his picture taken with the vice president whom he describes as very personable. — 6A

Judges: Congress map still unlawful with partisan bias

From Staff, Wire Reports

RALEIGH — Federal judges on Monday affirmed their earlier decision striking North Carolina's congressional districts as unconstitutional because Republicans drew them with excessive partisanship. Acting under an order of the U.S. Supreme Court to re-

examine the case, the three-judge panel ruled again in favor of election advocacy groups and Democrats who had sued to challenge the boundaries drawn in 2016.

The court has ordered lawyers on both sides of the congressional redistricting dispute to submit arguments by Friday. Those arguments should address whether leg-

islators will have another chance to draw election maps. In the meantime, the court announced plans to pursue hiring a special master.

The Greensboro-based court also raised the possibility of directing the GOP-dominated legislature to redraw the maps by mid-September so they could

be in effect for the fall elections, or getting an outside expert to do so. The printing of ballots has been delayed while other fall election matters are in court. Judges also suggested that the next congressional elections might not be complete until January 2019.

"In such circumstances, we decline to rule out the

possibility that the state should be enjoined from conducting any further congressional elections using the 2016 plan," U.S. Circuit Judge Jim Wynn wrote in the majority opinion. He asked lawyers in the case to weigh in by Friday about what should happen next.

See MAP, 4A

Chowan schools state '#believeit' year

BY MILES LAYTON AND REBECCA BUNCH
 Cooke Communications

The first day of school in the Edenton-Chowan school system went off without any major glitches on Monday as about 1,970 students arrived at the county's two elementary schools, middle school and high school. The theme for this school year is #believeit.

"We have had a fantastic day," said White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans. "Some of our buses arrived a few minutes later than expected, but soon parents and bus drivers will be in sync with the morning bus stop time. That's a normal adjustment and posed no problems to the start of the school day."

"Our friends (students) have spent time today learning the new routines of the classroom, reading, using manipulatives in math, and enjoying recess," she added.

Evans said that her staff returned to school with enthusiasm and prepared to inspire and educate their students.

"We have a superb faculty who are second to none," Evans said. "For our friends, that means each day will be filled with love and learning at the happiest place in Chowan County."

As a special treat for the children at White Oak, on Monday they were able to enjoy one of their favorite meals, chicken nuggets.

"Pizza is on the schedule for later this week which is their absolute favorite lunch," Evans said.

Over at D.F. Walker Elementary, Principal Michelle White described the first day of school there as "excellent." She said the morning was exceptional with all the buses on campus and unloaded by 8:15 a.m.

"We are elated to have our Hornets back in the hive and know this will be an amazing year," she said. "D.F. Walker's theme this year is 'Anchored in Excellence! Reaching every single one in the deep blue sea! We will continue our tradition of academic excellence by promoting a positive school culture



Summer vacation is over for these students returning to classes Monday at Edenton-Chowan schools.



School has started, so there will be no more morning beach trips or days spent chasing colors in video games!

where every child is inspired to reach their maximum potential. We truly believe that this year we will reach unprecedented success."

New Chowan Middle School Principal Alton Campbell said he and his students had "a great first

See SCHOOL, 7A

Statues to remain at Capitol

From Staff, Wire Reports

The state Study Committee on Relocation of Monuments decided to leave three Confederate monuments on N.C. Capitol grounds in place.

The state Historical Commission was responding to a request by Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper to move the 20th-Century monuments from the Capitol grounds.

"It is time for North Carolina to realize that we can document and learn from our history without idolizing painful symbols," Cooper said in a statement released last week. "The General Assembly needs to change its 2015 law so our state and its people have a better path to remove or relocate these monuments safely, and I urge those who object to the monuments to call on their legislators to change the law and support legislative candidates who want to move our state forward."

Last Wednesday (Aug. 22), the commission adopted three resolutions to protect the objects of remembrance in the wake of vandalism to other Civil War statues, while seeking to add

See STATUES, 3A

Here's to the Moms

By Adrian Wood

Here's to the moms who are at the top of their back to school game and here's to the moms who are living and breathing a total sh** show.

Here's to the moms who cut up apples and veggies for the week and here's to the moms who ran into Dollar General.

Here's to the moms who have their children's bus numbers memorized and here's to the moms picking up kids at the bus garage (truth).

Here's to the moms who have neat and tidy carpools arranged and here's to the moms who set alarms to remember who to pick up when and where.

Here's to the moms who pack healthy special lunches and here's to the moms who feel so proud



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Thanks to their mom's direction and care Tuesday morning, Russell, Blair and Thomas Wood wait patiently for the school bus to arrive.

over their notes.

Here's to the moms who have technology rules and chore check-

See MOMS, 4A

Courthouse closed for repairs

From Staff Reports

Tuesday morning, officials with the Historic Edenton State Historic Sites announced that the historic 1767 Chowan County Courthouse has been closed temporarily.

Erica Smith, assistant site manager, said a water leak in the basement was

See REPAIRS, 3A

Meet the BOE candidates: Bunch and Browder

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Jean Bunch and Ricky Browder are running unopposed for re-election to their respective seats on the Edenton-Chowan School Board.

Both candidates have strong ties to Chowan County and say they seek to make the best decision regarding whether to build a new high school to replace the aging one at the John A. Holmes site.

Bunch was born and raised in Chowan County. She and her husband of 43 years, Richard Bunch, have two adult children and four grandchildren. Bunch is a Registered Nurse at Vidant Chowan Hospital, and a member of Edenton United Methodist Church.

Bunch has served on the



BUNCH



BROWDER

Board of Education for 12 years. She is seeking re-election so that she can continue to be the voice of the students,

parents and staff of Edenton-Chowan Schools. Her agenda is not self-serving, she says, rather one of being devoted to serving others.

"I believe that great strides have been made to

Both candidates have strong ties to Chowan County and say they seek to make the best decision regarding whether to build a new high school to replace the aging one at the John A. Holmes site.

ensure that every student is provided knowledge and skills to become successful and socially responsible adults," she said. "We must, however, continue to be vigilant and seize opportunities

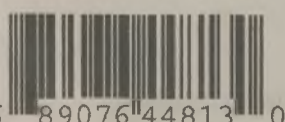
that will enrich educational experiences for our young people."

Browder, who will complete his 18th year on the

See BOE, 2A



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK AT /THECHOWANHERALD



6 89076 44813 0

©2018 The Chowan Herald
 All Rights Reserved