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Churches unite in prayer

Bethel Baptist Church and New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church came together as one community at New Bethel on the evening of Aug. 26 to pray for students and consider ways to support students in the Perquimans County Schools. — 5B

Tribute feature Harvill

Brian Harvill, president of Vidant Chowan Hospital, will be the guest speaker at this year's 9-11 Memorial Tribute ceremony in Chowan County, starting at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Sep. 11. — 4A



New markers installed

Since the spring of 2016, historical markers that tell Edenton's story in a clear, concise style accompanied by attractive photos relating to each location, have added to the visual appeal of those walking along its tree-lined streets. — 6A

Vidant still healthy

Vidant Health System has the necessary funding to continue its position as the health care safety net for eastern North Carolina but faces continued uncertainty regarding potential effects from changes in reimbursements from state and federal payers, officials said during a recent Board of Directors meeting. — 4B



Service in the fields

Father Carlos Arce of St. Anne Catholic Church officiated Eucharist in the fields for seasonal workers. During the Sunday service, Arce spoke of Jesus' love and the Sacraments. — 6B

Adams Publishing purchases Cooke Communications

The Daily Reflector

Adams Publishing Group announced today that it has purchased the assets of Cooke Communications LLC, based in Greenville and in Key West, Florida, including its print publications, websites and commercial printing operations, located in North Carolina and Florida. The transaction closed Friday.

Cooke Communications newspapers included in the sale are The Daily Reflector of Greenville, The Rocky Mount Telegram, The Daily Advance of Elizabeth City,

The Key West Citizen in Key West, Florida, and several non-daily newspapers, including the Chowan Herald and Perquimans Weekly, and websites. Two Oceans Digital, KeyWest.com and FloridaKeys.com will remain in Cooke Communications Florida.

Cooke Communications is a family-owned company founded by John Kent Cooke Sr. and his family in 2000. It has become known as a company devoted to its customers, its communities and its nearly 280 employees.

A joint release from John

Kent Cooke Sr., John Kent Cooke Jr. and Thomas Kent Cooke stated, "We believe Adams Publishing will be a good fit for our newspapers, as the Adams family has shown a strong commitment to its employees and to the communities its newspapers serve. APG focuses on providing timely, valuable and trustworthy local news and information for citizens and businesses in its communities."

APG principal Stephen Adams stated, "We are extremely excited to have the

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Gregg Jones with Adams Publishing Group, left, answers questions from employees during a meeting about the purchase of Cooke Communications in the Daily Reflector newsroom, Tuesday.

King speaks to Racial Reconciliation Group

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

If acronyms are something that interest you, here's one you might want to consider — DWYSYWD. Not sure what that means? Neither were some members of the local Racial Reconciliation Group until new Edenton Police Chief Henry King solved the mystery.

During last Thursday night's meeting, King told the group that the saying, "Do What You Say You Will Do," is the foundation for the decisions he is called upon to make as Edenton's top law enforcement officer. He said it affects the way he runs his department and the way he interacts with kids and adults who are part of the community. His goal is fair and impartial policing for all and encouraging his officers to maintain a positive attitude by setting a good example for them even when they are dealing with those who have broken the law.

"We cannot change the inevitable," the police chief said. "The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens and 90 percent how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes."

King also explained that he believes in and practices what he termed "procedural justice" based on four central principles - "treating people with dignity and respect, giving citizens a 'voice' during encounters, being neutral and transparent in decision-making, and conveying trustworthy motives."

King said that in addition to practicing positive community policing he wants to have a department staffed with officers who reflect the make up of the community. In practical terms, he said, that means having officers who are Caucasian, African-American and Hispanic. King



PHOTOS BY REBECCA BUNCH/CHOWAN HERALD

When police chief and volunteer Aces' football coach Henry King spoke to the Racial Reconciliation Group on Thursday, he talked about the philosophical foundation he uses to guide the police department.



Several people attended King's speech to the Racial Reconciliation Group.

King said that he is currently looking for another female police officer and a Hispanic officer to join his team.

"I want my police department to look like the community we serve," King said. The police chief, dressed

in athletic clothes during his appearance, has become involved in coaching since he took on his new job as a way to befriend kids in the community. In fact, he was on his way to a sports event where he was coaching after wrapping up his presentation to the Racial Reconciliation Group. King said he wants local citizens to realize that the police are not their enemies but rather somebody they need not be afraid to trust when they need assistance.

"It hurts me when I see kids run when they see the police coming," he said. "We've got to change that perception. I want to be a part of the solution."

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Tarheels grapple with fate of statue

From Staff, Wire reports

CHAPEL HILL — Leaders of North Carolina's flagship university were given a three-month deadline recently to figure out how to preserve — and where to put — a Confederate monument torn down by protesters.

The resolution approved on Aug. 28 by the board that oversees the state-wide university system doesn't indicate whether University of North Carolina leaders favor returning the statue known as "Silent Sam" to its former location in a main quad of the Chapel Hill campus. The statue was torn down during a protest a week ago.

Every Board of Governors member who joined the meeting voted in favor of the resolution except for Thom Goolsby.

"I cannot support the motion as it is written. I believe the time frame is too long especially in light of the violence, the ongoing threats and the continuing danger on our college campuses," he said before the vote.

Three protesters from both sides of the Silent Sam debate — Raul Arce Jimenez, 27, Danielle Shochet, 47, and Bary Brown, 40 — were presented with charges for actions allegedly taken either during or in the days following the forced removal of Silent Sam, according to the Daily Tarheel. The only person charged for the act of toppling the statue was Jimenez, who previously

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Barbecue pitmaster appears on Food Network

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Adam Hughes of Edenton may not have entirely succeeded in smoking his competition on the grand finale of the Food Network's Chopped: Grill Masters but he did the Tarheel state proud as this native son showed the other contestants that his skill in cooking pork and other meats meant he would stand out on the



HUGHES

show. Barbecue in particular is a lifelong passion of his, he said. "I've been eating barbecue for as long as I can remember," Hughes, 35, said. "I grew up like most people in eastern North Carolina, going to pig pickin's, eating barbecued chicken from

the fire department, and of course my family cooked barbecue for most special occasions."

Hughes, a pitmaster and owner of his own business, Old Colony Smokehouse, said when he was growing up it was his mother who handled all cooking in the family. It wasn't until he was in college at East Carolina, he said, that he figured out if he didn't want to starve, he'd better learn to cook.

"My dad gave me a grill and I learned to cook anything and everything on it," he said. "Before my four years of college were over, I found myself cooking for big crowds at football game tailgates. I did it because I loved to cook, of course, and I had seen the TV competitions and they looked like a lot of fun. I didn't win but I didn't finish last so I was instantly hooked and haven't slowed down since. To date

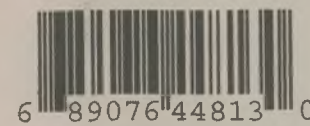
I have competed in over 50 professional competitions in 10 different states. I've won state championships in North Carolina, South Carolina and Maryland this year. I also won a world championship in ribs in 2017. I compete in 20-25 contests per year."

But it was the chance to bring small town eastern North Carolina food into a

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 8:45am Kids Dash
 9:00am 5K Run/Walk

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