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Stanley, Aces pull away from Falcons — 1B

## Chowan County remembers 9/11

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

ROCKY HOCK — Never forget!

Patriotism, sacrifice and heartfelt loss intermingled deep within the American soul during Tuesday services to remember 9/11 across the country like the annual event that takes place in God's Country deep within Chowan County.

Retired Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department Fire Chief Leon Evans has organized and carried out the ceremony each year since the horrific terrorist attacks on America that took place on Sept. 11, 2001 — 17 years ago.

A large, homemade "Don't Forget" wooden sign stood as a sentry behind the podium where prayers offered by Tyler Cone and Elmer Overton punctuated the solemn ceremony where more than a few people shed tears.

Brian Harvill, president of Vidant Chowan Hospital, was the guest speaker at this year's 9-11 Memorial Tribute ceremony in Chowan County. Thoughts of people dying is seared into our country's collective soul.

"September 11th is a date that will always strike a nerve in the history of our country. It will never

be forgotten," Harvill said. "On that Tuesday morning 17 years ago, most of us remember where we were and what we were doing at eight-forty-six (in the morning). It was initially a time of shock and fear."

Firefighters and police rushed into collapsing buildings without fear reminds us of our nation's better nature.

"We watched in horror as our first responders put themselves in harm's way at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon," Harvill. "Then, there were the heroes who helped to down United

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Retired Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department Fire Chief Leon Evans thanks a cheering crowd for attending Tuesday's 9/11 Memorial Service in Rocky Hock. Evans and his wife Joyce have organized the solemn ceremony for many years.



### What is the DAR?

As community groups begin to gear up for their organizational seasons, I would like to introduce you to an organization that has quietly existed in Edenton since 1948 — the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution — better known as DAR. — 8A

### Board to fight subpoenas

North Carolina's elections board agreed Friday to fight federal subpoenas seeking millions of voting documents and ballots going back years. — 5B



### Anniversary for Bunch

Sue Bunch just celebrated her 50 year anniversary as an employee of the Chowan Herald which opened its doors on South Broad Street in 1934. — 6A



### Auction approaches

Anticipation is building at Pocosin Arts for the 2018 annual Benefit Auction! Pocosin Arts welcomes you to an evening of exceptional art, friends, music, food and fun. — 6B

### Patrol seeks recruits

The North Carolina Highway Patrol has mounted a special recruiting initiative to attract more recruits for positions in eastern North Carolina. — 3A



### Week shows true color

Powderpuff football games are a rite of passage at many high schools across the nation. Dressed as cheerleaders, guys wear ill fitting bras and scream cheers from the sidelines while girls take to the field for gridiron glory. — 2B

## Region braces for Hurricane Florence

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

RALEIGH — Florence exploded into a potentially catastrophic Category 4 hurricane Monday as it closed in on North and South Carolina, carrying winds up to 130 mph and water that could wreak havoc over a wide stretch of the eastern United States later this week.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper said the state was "in the bullseye" of the storm and urged people to "get ready now."

The storm is expected to make landfall in eastern North Carolina with strong winds, high storm surge and heavy rains arriving on Thursday. The entire state should brace for impacts from Florence, and people asked to evacuate should get out now.

"The waves and wind in this storm may be like nothing you have ever seen," Cooper said. "Even if you've ridden out storms before, this one is different. Don't bet your life on riding out this monster."

Preparations for Florence were intensifying up and down the densely populated coast. Since reliable record-keeping began more than 150 years ago, North Carolina has been hit by only one Category 4 hurricane: Hazel, with 130 mph winds, in 1954.

Officials in Chowan



FILE PHOTO

Chowan Herald front detailing the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel

County and town of Edenton issued a state-of-emergency declaration Monday.

According to the National Weather Service, Chowan County is under Hurricane Watch and Storm Surge Watch until further notice.

Chowan County Emergency Management Coordinator Cordell Palmer said if Hurricane Florence continues on this track Chowan County and the Town of Edenton may experience the effects of Hurricane Florence as early as Thursday.

Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Rob Jackson said in anticipation of the impact of Hurricane Florence, Edenton-Chowan Schools will be closed starting today (Wednesday) through Friday.

"It is our hope that our families and staff members will be able to use the time prior to the arrival of the storm to take all necessary precautions to ensure that they are able to stay safe during this intense weather event," he said.

John A. Holmes High



CHOWAN HERALD PHOTO

Shelves empty as residents scramble to prepare for Hurricane Florence.

School and Chowan Middle School will be designated as shelters. Chowan County and the Red Cross will announce when these shelters will open.

Jackson said school district leaders are working closely with Emergency Services and law enforcement personnel and will continue to monitor weather conditions. Any other information about future closures or delays will be communicated to the public in a timely manner.

Following actions were taken by county/town officials.

1. At 1 p.m. Sept. 10 — Chowan County and the

See FLORENCE, 9A

## Man admits to card usage

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
For the Chowan Herald

HERTFORD — An Edenton man pled guilty

last week to using a credit card that was loaned to a Perquimans County woman who was last seen in May 2015 and is presumed dead.

Thomas Edward White Sr., 63, was not charged with Karen Rae Bosta's disappearance, but did plead guilty Sept. 4 to the illicit credit card use the day after Bosta was last seen.

Superior Court Judge J.C. Cole gave him the maximum sentence of six weeks in jail, including 36 months of supervised probation and parole.

White also has to pay \$600 in restitution and is prohibited from making contact with Bosta's family.

Bosta's mother, Arlene Murin, had loaned her Discover card to her daughter so Bosta could buy cigarettes at a Food Lion in Edenton. White



WHITE



BOSTA

See CARD, 4A

## Edenton showed heart in Isabel's aftermath

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

Hurricane Isabel was like nothing Chowan County had ever seen when she came roaring through 15 years ago

in the fall of 2003. The hurricane made landfall on Sept. 18 between Cape Lookout and Ocracoke on North Carolina's Outer Banks as a Category 2 storm packing winds of up to 105 miles per hour.

Isabel's path took her northwest through North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and on into Pennsylvania, resulting in over \$5 billion in damage.

News of that unhappy an-

niversary, coupled with the impending approach of Hurricane Florence, predicted to be a Category 4 storm,

See ISABEL, 7A

## Commission candidates discuss school building needs

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Whoever wins the November general election for Chowan County Commission will need to contend with decisions to be made as to whether to build new schools or renovate existing buildings.

There are two contested races for county commissioner. Republican Bob Kirby is running against Commission President Jeff Smith, a Democrat, for District 1, Seat 2.

Larry McLaughlin, an unaffiliated candidate, is running against Commissioner John Mitchener, a Democrat, for District 2, Seat 2.

The Chowan Herald asked the candidates for their thoughts about whether to build a new high school or repair/renovate the existing home of the Aces.

Edenton-Chowan Board of Education and the Chowan County Commission have formed a joint committee to discuss either building a new school(s) or renovating existing school(s). If the school district were to build a new high school, it would cost less than what



KIRBY



SMITH

renovations/repairs are forecast to cost.

Due to space constraints associated with breaking news arising from Hurricane Florence, McLaughlin and Mitchener's answers will be published next week, pending we survive the storm that is brewing off the coast as this story is being written.

Not only is Smith chairman of the county commission, but he is a member of the joint committee studying how to tackle any plans to build or renovate schools.

Smith, who was educated by Edenton-Chowan schools, is a longtime successful farmer who describes himself as very cost conscious when making decisions about taxpayer funds.

"Education and public safety are the two most important things that we as commissioners must fund," he said. "That being said, it is also our responsibility to oversee the tax payers money and assure that it is spent in the most efficient way."

Smith said many factors have to be considered when talking about building a new school.

"As we continue our discussions about what to do about a new school or

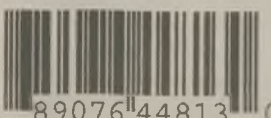
renovated high school many factors come into play," he said. "Cost is certainly a large factor, but it is not the only one. Location is very important. The John A. Holmes campus is very vital to the northern Edenton community. There is much infrastructure already in place."

After earning a degree in civil engineering from the Virginia Military Institute, Kirby was a top executive leading DE Kirby, Inc. Mechanical Contractors before he retired a few years ago. He believes that the Chowan County Commission and the Chowan County School Board have already em-

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