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Northeastern overpowers Edenton — 1B

## Chowan sends prayers, relief to hurricane victims

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

A highly organized hurricane relief effort in Chowan County is helping to provide much-needed supplies to fellow North Carolinians whose lives and homes have been impacted by Hurricane Florence.

People are helping in any way they can to make the effort a success, including donating food, cleaning supplies and cash donations among other items, according to Harvey Binns. Binns and Sheila Bootwright have organized a well-run sorting and packaging volunteer operation inside the Colony Tire training center building

at the corner of North Broad Street and Peanut Drive. Colony Tire owner Charlie Creighton has made the building available for use for that purpose. Each evening, his trucks pick up boxes of disaster relief supplies from pallets in the parking lot and travel to places like Swansboro, Wilmington, New Bern, Fayetteville and Lumberton.

"Charlie has played a critical role in all of this," Binns said. "We truly could not make this happen with his generosity and commitment to helping those who are trying to get their lives and homes back together."

Binns added that the response from the commu-

nity's schools, churches, clubs, businesses and citizens has been heartening.

"We are blessed," he said. "We have a great community."

Many of the boxes being used are being provided by Ricky Nixon of Nixon's Fishery and are wax coated fish boxes designed to keep the things from getting wet, said volunteer Frances Jordan. Buckets for the relief effort have been donated by Hal Burns of Jimbo's Jumbos.

And Bootwright has personally contacted emergency shelters in the state to find out what the needs are.

"We've had so many



REBECCA BUNCH/CHOWAN HERALD

Harvey Binns, Frances Jordan and Colleen Kennedy stuff buckets Sunday afternoon with supplies to send to hurricane relief shelters in areas impacted by Hurricane Florence. The local relief center is located inside a Colony Tire building at the corner of North Broad Street and Peanut Drive. Signs have been posted along the way to alert motorists to where the building is located.

See RELIEF, 3A



### Creating a pizza garden

Strawberries, onions, summer and zucchini squash, cucumbers, peas, watermelons, eggplant, green and red peppers, tomatoes, herbs, green beans, and for the first time, corn — there was something for everyone in the Edenton Boys and Girls (B&G) Club raised bed gardens! — 3B



### Old Jail opens doors

A celebration of the preservation and reopening of the historic 1825 Chowan County Jail took place on Thursday at the 1767 Chowan Courthouse in Edenton. — 6A



### Pitt sends storm aid

More than 100 police officers, deputies, fire-rescue and emergency medical services personnel from Greenville and Pitt County spread out across eastern North Carolina to help counties battling the flooding and damage brought by Hurricane Florence. — 4B



### Cotillion teaches grace

Young gentleman and ladies are not born so much as mentored in the ways of civility, grace and etiquette. For that, there is the Lost Colony Cotillion, a chapter of the National League of Junior Cotillions. — 8A



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Frances Inglis accepts good wishes from Adrian Wood, at right, and Missie Harrell, left, at a reception marking the renaming of the historic Cupola House Garden in her honor following a special ceremony in 2013.

## Cupola House celebrates 100 years

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

The first recorded minutes of the Cupola House Association were written by Lulie Kipps (Mrs. W.S. Summerell) on March 10, 1918. They describe a meeting of local citizens in attorney W.D. Pruden's office who agreed to organize an association for the purchase and preservation of the Cupola House.

Besides Pruden, those present that day who committed to saving the house included C.S. Vann, J.G. Wood, Mrs. Annie S. Graham, Mrs. Annie W. Pruden, Rev. R.B. Drane, J.N. Pruden, J.H. McMullan Jr. and Dr. Richard Dillard.

That meeting, and the agreement of the group to move ahead with plans to form a nonprofit association to preserve the house, have given the Cupola House Association the distinction of being the first nonprofit formed in North Carolina for that purpose.

The action capped years of concern about the increasingly weather-beaten and grim appearance of the house that had been hailed as a landmark in the community. In 1912, its appearance prompted a letter to the North Carolina Historical Commission asking if the commission could help save the house. Its chair-

See CUPOLA, 4A



Frances Inglis admires the plaque that commemorates the renaming of the historic Cupola House gardens as the Frances Inglis Garden. The announcement came during a special ceremony attended by family, friends and volunteer members of the Cupola House Weeders group in 2013.

## Farm laborers feed the nation

*Editor's note: The farm fields around eastern North Carolina are farmed by seasonal laborers from other countries. Though these people live among us, they share a different culture and manner of life that may not be visible to most Americans. The Chowan Herald recently reached out to these visitors to learn more about the conditions of their work and lives here. This is the first in a series of articles detailing what we found.*

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

COLERAIN — Father Carlos Arce drives deep into the interior of Bertie County to check on some of his parishioners. His destination is a small, one-story house far off the beaten path where five men live.

All five of his parishioners are from Mexico, and are among the more than 150,000 farm laborers either from that country or Central

*"Not a lot of choice but to cross the border to keep their families fed."*

Alphonso Aguilar  
Farm worker

America nations who toil in the fields of North Carolina's agricultural industry, tending crops like cotton and tobacco.

Arce, who pastors St. Anne Catholic Church in

Edenton and is originally from Central America, believes it's important to take God's word to men like these who work long hours

See FARM, 9A

## Group to plan school needs

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

A joint committee comprised of members from the Chowan County Commission and Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met recently to discuss exploring possible financing options aimed at building a new high school or renovating/repairing the 50-year-old structure.

Aside from the joint committee, several people of the community, county commissioners, educators and school board members attended the meeting Sept. 22 at Public Safety Center to hear a presentation by Neil Emory of the North Caro-

See SCHOOL, 2A

## Hearing planned for trees, bike lanes

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
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Edenton Town Council agreed during its work session Monday night to prepare for a public hearing on two potential street beautification plans also designed to slow traffic on North Broad Street.

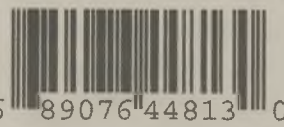
That suggestion was made by Mayor Roland Vaughan following discussion, by the council concerning the pros and cons of the plans, and the costs associated with each. He said he thought it was important for the council to hear directly from citizens about their ideas and concerns.

"That would be my suggestion," Vaughan said. "Then we'll go from there."

See HEARING, 6A



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