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Aces cross country team scores — 1B

## Commission seeks bid for upcoming tax revaluation

BY MILES LAYTON  
 Editor

Chowan County Commission approved a laundry list of items during Monday's meeting that begins with a revaluation request sought by the county's Tax Department.

Commission gave its blessing to Tax Administrator Melissa Radke's plans to seek bids from companies to conduct the next county-

wide appraisal that will take place in 2022.

In past meetings, Radke advocated getting a head start on the process so as not only to find the right company with the best software to do the job, but to save the taxpayers money.

In other business, commissioners approved a resolution endorsing House Bill 320 which expands land that qualifies for Wildlife Present Use Value from a maximum

of 100 acres to 800 acres. Radke said the changes in the law will not affect any property in Chowan County.

Also, commissioners unanimously approved US Cellular's plans for the temporary relocation of an antenna while the Town of Edenton is conducting maintenance on the water tower where the antenna is located.

Also, commissioners

unanimously approved a bid from Brown's Land Development of Hertford to remove two dilapidated mobile homes in the county — one on Happy Home Road and the other at Pamlico Trail.

And commissioners unanimously approved a change order for various items related to the ongoing work at the Senior Center.

On a related note, Senior Center Director Connie Parker gave the commis-

sion her annual report on the Senior Center.

County Manager Kevin Howard gave project completion dates for the Chowan Senior Center (February), D.F. Walker (mid winter) and Dillard's Millpond — still working with federal authorities.

In other news, Commissioner Patti Kersey spoke about a Capital Improve-

See TAX, 2A



### Fair leaves memories

The 72nd annual Chowan County Regional Fair was a big success, according to the board. — 6A



### Iredell hosts fundraiser

The Friends of the State Historic Sites-Edenton held a Formal Dinner recently at the Iredell House and Iredell House Dependencies. — 4B



### Exhibit features Clayton

Leanne Clayton will share her joy in creating beautiful paintings to her one woman show at the Chowan Arts Council in downtown Edenton during the month of October. — 7A



### Walk/Run for Hunger

This weekend, the Food Bank of the Albemarle asked for help feeding the hungry, and people came running. — 5B



### Area enjoys Mayberry

Enthusiastic audiences greeted performers like Ernest T. Bass in "Trouble in Mayberry" during shows that took place Sept. 28-30 at Rocky Hock Baptist Church. — 6B



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Members of the "Singing Weeders," a group made up of volunteers from the Cupola House Wednesday Weeders, entertain the crowd at Sunday afternoon's garden party celebrating the 100th anniversary of the saving of the historic house. They are, from left, Sherry Jordan, Marie Perry, Jonathan Tobias and Gerard Cooney.

## Festival poised to harvest fun times

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
 Staff Writer

The celebration of Chowan County's 350th anniversary is providing an opportunity for a rare series of events being called "From Pirates to Peanuts" that will take place this Saturday, Oct. 6 to complement the annual Peanut Festival.

These events are planned from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and a highlight will be the popular Peanut Festival Parade through downtown Edenton that starts at 11 a.m. Following the parade, those who come to the historic 1767 Chowan County Courthouse Green will have the chance to watch as reenactors and Native American tribes offer demonstrations and interpret history at this free public gathering.

Natalie Harrison, program coordinator for the Historic Edenton State Historic Sites, is among those working to organize and present these activities. She said she was enthusiastic and looking forward to Saturday and seeing the work of many hands come alive.

"This is truly a group effort," she said.

From 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Eastern North Carolina Native American Tribes — the Chowanoke, Roanoke, Hatteras, Tuscarora and Meherrin — will take part in activities designed to demonstrate their tribal history and culture.

"The Chowanoke will drum, sing and dance,"

See FESTIVAL, 3A

## 'Birthplace of national preservation'

■ Cupola House celebrates centennial anniversary

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
 Staff Writer

Preservationist Barbara Handy Pahl aptly observed Sunday afternoon that the historic Cupola House in Edenton "is a house of many firsts."

Pahl's comment came during her keynote address at the 100th Anniversary celebration of the formation of the Cupola House Association that saved one of the town's most architecturally and historically interesting places and lead to its preservation. Today the house continues to be the focus of studies to determine such things as the original color of the house.

The efforts of those who worked to save the house have led the project to be known as "the birthplace of



Sambo Dixon and Susan Inglis of Edenton listen to keynote speaker Barbara Handy Pahl talk about the importance of historic preservation and the role it has played at the Cupola House in Edenton during a Sunday afternoon garden party.

the national preservation effort in North Carolina," Pahl said.

Pahl, who is senior vice president for Preservation Field Services for the National Trust for Historic

Preservation, was introduced by Sambo Dixon, a native Edentonian, who is a trustee for the organization.

Noting that Pahl has family members who live in North Carolina, Dixon said

it was obvious she had a soft spot in her heart for the state. He added that she is among those trying to help save and restore the historic Kadesh Church in Edenton. Of her work on behalf of historic preservation, Dixon said, "She is one of the most dedicated people I have ever known."

Rep. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, brought greetings and shared the words of a resolution adopted by members of the North Carolina House of Representatives regarding this special anniversary.

Calling the saving of historic treasures such as the Cupola House "a beacon of hope" for the future, he added that the resolution "is dedicated to those who have gone before us and those that come behind."

Another highlight of the

See CUPOLA, 4A

## Farm laborers seek work, not welfare

BY MILES LAYTON  
 Editor

*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 second in a series of articles detailing what we found.*

COLERAIN — There are a lot of myths and misconceptions about the more than 150,000 foreign farm workers who toil the tobacco fields and other crops in North Carolina each year. But none seem as persistent as the false claims that they collect taxpayer-funded benefits like food stamps and health care or that they vote in elections.

Alphonso Aguilar, a migrant farm worker in the U.S. on a work visa, says

neither he nor the four other men with whom he lives in a small house in Bertie County receive any benefits from the state of North Carolina or the U.S. government. Because they are not U.S. citizens, the migrant farm workers are not eligible for food stamps or any associated subsidies.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, a person must be a U.S. citizen or an eligible, lawfully-present non-citizen to qualify for SNAP benefits. Non-citi-

See FARM, 3A

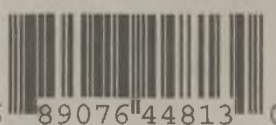


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Sunrise, sunset and all over again each day — this trio of seasonal workers works deep in the fields within Bertie County. These workers, who are from Central America, send the bulk of their paychecks home to support their families.



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