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Aces defeat conference foe Bruins — 1B



Battle of the Bands

The 43rd Edenton Peanut Festival's Battle of the Bands was an exciting one for spectators to watch as it featured several of the largest bands in recent memory in competition on Saturday at John A. Holmes High School. — 3B



Parade brings fun

Moms, dads and kids of all ages crowded Broad Street on Saturday morning to enjoy watching the 43rd annual Peanut Festival Parade. — 6A



Fest showcases history

This year's Peanut Festival offered some extra-special activities as part of Chowan County's 350th anniversary — the chance for locals and visitors to see and experience interaction with reenactors, hear Native Americans tell the story of their origins, watch and listen as they learned more about such skills as spinning, weaving and medicine during the 1700-1800s. — 4B



Jones thanks Edenton

Frank Jones came home on Friday night. Not in the traditional sense, but thanks to the modern technology known as FaceTime, he was able to see and be seen at a fundraiser held in his honor in the fellowship hall at Edenton Baptist Church. — 6A



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Walk for Hunger feeds funds for good cause

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Anyone interested in joining the fight against food insecurity in our community is welcome to participate in the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry's annual Walk for Hunger this Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14, from 2-4 p.m. There is no set cost to participate but donations in any amount will be gratefully accepted.

Food Pantry Director Roger Coleman said that Chowan County residents of all ages may participate. That includes everybody from those in wheelchairs to those who want to have



their dogs walk alongside them. Families and friends are encouraged to join in as well.

"The two mile walk through Edenton will meander through the historic district beginning and ending at Colonial Park," Coleman said. "We anticipate 250 walkers from area church-

es, businesses and civic groups."

MaryScott Haigler will serve as chairperson of the event; board member Amanda Howell is chairing the fundraising committee. Registration will begin around 1:30 p.m. at Colonial Park.

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Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry Director Roger Coleman joins Walk for Hunger MaryScott Haigler, event chair, and Amanda Howell, chair of the fundraising committee, in showing trophies that two lucky teams participating in the event will receive. The trophies are for the Most Spirited Team and the Biggest Fundraising Team.



MILES LAYTON/CHOWAN HERALD

Aces' football star Zakeem Brooks among other athletes as well as attorneys, bankers, sheriff's deputies and business leaders enjoyed time sharing with one another during Boys to Men Breakfast on Friday at White Oak Elementary.

Boys, men bond over breakfast

From Staff Reports

TYNER — Juel Stanley was quiet, perhaps a bit shy, as White Oak Principal Sheila Evans introduced him to Miles Layton, editor of the Chowan Herald, on Friday at the Boys to Men Breakfast.

The second annual event sought to introduce these boys to these role models, men who could be dads or a county commissioner. And it was a packed house as there are a lot of good men in Chowan County who were willing to take their time to talk to these boys, maybe read them a book, show support and encourage them.

See Adrian Wood's column "Tales of an Educated Debutante" about the breakfast on page A5.

Stanley had a smile in his eyes, but spoke in a quiet voice as he answered questions needed for Layton to learn more about the little boy. Overcoming shyness is a virtue that indicates the boy has a strong soul.

"Do you play sports?" Layton

asked.

"Yes," said Stanley who is a student in Allison Layton's kindergarten class.

"What are you dressing up as for Halloween?"

Stanley answered, "Spiderman." Stanley had the good fortune to sit by Aces' football stars Zakeem Brooks and Nakevin Hill, both role models who were talking to their own students. Because the Aces were poised to play Camden that evening, they were wearing team jerseys complemented by some very classy bow ties.

Brooks assured the Chowan Herald that the Aces would do pretty well against Camden. Worth noting, Brooks earned a ring by virtue of being a member of Aces' 4x200-meter relay team last season.

Nearby, businessman and church leader Scotty Harrell assured the boys he was with that they are special and loved. Community and political leaders like Larry McLaughlin and John Mitch-

ener attended the breakfast as did legal eagle Thomas Wood and Detective John McArthur of the Chowan County Sheriff's Department.

During Edenton Police Chief Henry King's speech, he advised students that the secret to success is "to always do the right thing." When not in uniform, King too would be on the sidelines Friday in Camden serving as a role model for the community by serving as a volunteer assistant coach.

Principal Evans talked about ways the men could get more involved with the students at White Oak, perhaps by serving as Watch Dads of Great Students — Watch DOGS — a great program that allows guys to go into the classrooms to play with Legos, teach math or play with blocks. Some classes at White Oak have an exceptional array of building materials needed to build giant castles.

Stanley Elliott rode into Tyner

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Wesson, Goodwin to vie in House 1

BY JON HAWLEY
For the Chowan Herald

The two candidates in House District 1 agree that rural North Carolina needs more state investment. Their debate is over where to find the money and how it should be spent.

Ed Goodwin, a Republican former state ferry director from Chowan, and Ron Wesson, a Democratic county commissioner from Bertie, are both vying for the House seat now held by state Rep. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, who's running for the open state Senate seat in District 1.

If elected in next month's general election, either Goodwin or Wesson will represent a recently redrawn district that includes Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Perquimans, Tyrrell

See HOUSE, 8A



WESSON



GOODWIN

Commission forum planned for Oct. 18

BY MILES LAYTON
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The Chowan Herald will be hosting a forum for candidates seeking a seat on the county commission.

Though the November general election is just a few weeks away, make time to attend the forum that starts at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 at the 1767 Courthouse.

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Former restaurateur lived life as true original

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Gail Hare Singh was a woman who found joy in the journey that defined her life.

Singh, a Chowan County native, died on Sunday morning at her home, surrounded by family. She and her business partner and friend, Shannon Anderson, were the co-founders of the Nothin' Fancy Cafe and Market in Edenton.

During her time at the restaurant, Singh relished her role as a mentor to many of her employees. She hired some staff that perhaps could not have worked at other eateries because of their lack of experience and language is-

sues, and taught them everything she knew.

"She was an entrepreneur who had a kind of eternal optimism," said Anderson, who ran the restaurant with Singh for 14 years between 2002 and 2016. "Gail always wanted to give others a chance to succeed and she took tremendous joy in doing that."

Voted "Most Original" by her high school classmates, Singh went on to become known for her love of adventure, her resilience and confidence and for her efforts to create a life that suited her. When she decided she wanted to go to college, knowing her parents could not afford to pay her way, Singh enrolled at Warren-

Wilson College in the small community of Swannanoa, in western North Carolina, which offered an opportunity to participate in a work-study program.

It was during her college years, Singh's middle daughter Sandra Singh Boles said, that Gail Singh saw a sign for the Peace Corps, established by President John Kennedy in March, 1961.

Singh served in the Peace Corps in India between 1965-1967. After her time in the Peace Corps ended, she married. The marriage did not last, and Singh returned to Chowan County to raise her daughters. But some things



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In this 2016 photo, Gail Singh welcomes those at the buffet table for the Fill the Pantry fundraiser held at the Nothin' Fancy Cafe and Market. Singh, who died Sunday morning, established and ran the eatery for 14 years with business partner Shannon Anderson.

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