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4-H seeks nominations for state Hall of Fame

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North Carolina 4-H is pleased to announce the call for nominations for the North Carolina 4-H Hall of Fame.

The North Carolina 4-H Hall of Fame honors individuals who have made a significant impact on the North Carolina 4-H Program. Honorees will be selected

from nominations made each year. Nominations may come from County Extension Centers, 4-H Groups, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Staff, and individuals. Nomination forms are due to the State 4-H Office by March 4, 2019 and can be emailed to Dr. Mitzi Downing at mitzi_downing@ncsu.edu or printed and mailed. A

committee appointed by the State 4-H Office will select inductees. Honorees will be selected to include a wide variety of contributions to 4-H in North Carolina.

The nomination form can be downloaded from this link: https://www.ces.ncsu.edu/2019/01/nc-4-h-hall-of-fame-nominations/2019-nc_4h_hof_alumni_awards_nom/

Induction into the NC 4-H Hall of Fame will take place in conjunction with the 4-H Signature Event to be held on April 6 (event details will be made public soon). Members of the National 4-H Hall of Fame representing North Carolina and North Carolina recipients of the National 4-H Salute to Excellence Life-

time Volunteer Award (10 or more years volunteering) will be automatically inducted into the North Carolina 4-H Hall of Fame, if they are not already a member. They will be inducted as part of the Class immediately following the awarding of these honors.

Please take a few minutes to nominate a 4-H champion.

Questions about the nomination process can be sent directly to Dr. Mitzi Downing at mitzi_downing@ncsu.edu.

Mailing address for nomination forms (if not submitted electronically): NC 4-H Hall of Fame Selection Committee, c/o Dr. Mitzi Downing, Campus Box 7655, NC State University, Raleigh, NC 27695-7655

State group honors fair

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff Writer

For 72 years, the Chowan County Regional Fair has been entertaining and thrilling thousands of fairgoers near and far.

So it should come as no surprise that the North Carolina Association of Agricultural Fairs recently awarded top honors to the good folks who organized the annual fair.

"We are definitely grateful for the awards," said Becky Wilder, Fair Board's vice president. "Countless hours from our many volunteers go into the success we have had year after year. Winning gives us that extra push to go that extra mile the next year. We look forward to putting on another award winning fair in 2019."

Friday, the fair association was recognized for excellence in these categories: Media, Agriculture, Youth Award, Community All-Star and Innovation awards. The fair also captured the Image award, which is only awarded to those fairs that are the



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Congratulations goes to the Chowan Regional Fair Board folks who swept the top awards from the North Carolina Association of Agricultural Fairs.

cream of the crop.

The Chowan County Regional Fair was first held in 1947 as the American Legion Fair. Since that time it has grown into one of the most respected fairs in the state, winning many awards, culminating with the prestigious Image Award for best medium sized fair in North Carolina in 2007. The Fair is sponsored by The Edward G. Bond American Legion Post 40 and is run by The Chowan County Regional Fair Association.

The prestigious Image Award is presented to fairs that have a balance of out-

standing agricultural and youth exhibits and displays, livestock exhibits and/or livestock shows, contests, entertainment, commercial displays, a variety of foods, and a good midway, according to the fair association. The fairs winning the award are striving to epitomize the characteristics of what a good agricultural fair is all about.

The Media Award is given annually to fairs that have the best overall advertising and public relations campaigns. Entries are judged on creativity, attractiveness, originality, and overall effec-

tiveness.

The Agriculture Award is given annually to fairs that best showcase agriculture and the agricultural heritage of the area served. The fairs have outstanding quality and quantity of agricultural-related competitive exhibits and displays. Also, the fairs have agricultural-related commercial exhibits and involve agricultural agencies, agricultural commodity groups and organizations.

The Youth Award is given annually to fairs that best showcases youth and youth activities of the area served. Community All Star

Award is awarded to fairs that go out and impact their community

Innovation Award pays tribute to fairs that exhibit new innovated ideas at their fair.

Wilder also won her own award of sorts when she was elected to the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Association of Agricultural Fairs. Wilder pledged to do her best not only to serve the state board, but continue to work hard to represent the ideals that make the Chowan Regional Fair a big success year after year.

Club mentors boys

Brotherhood Club aids youth in single-parent homes

BY GERARD COONEY
For the Chowan Herald

Stella Brothers, vice president of the Fannie A. Parker Woman's Club, is one of the pearls in Edenton's volunteer community. Because of her extensive work history in education, justice and career development, she saw the need to



BROTHERS

provide male mentorship to young boys in single-parent families.

"I wanted a volunteer group to work with boys who don't have a good male role model in their lives. With help from the Fannie A. Parker women, we created The Brotherhood Club several months ago," Brothers said. "I received a lot of support from folks such as Gary Outlaw Jr., and guidance from The National Association of Colored Women's and Youth Clubs, which has state and district affiliations as well as federal."

Brothers said she was enthusiastic about the reception she received when the plan was introduced to the community. "We started with our churches, asking for interested parents of boys from the age of 9 to 18 to contact us, and the word spread from neighbor to neighbor, and through friends' networks. We kicked off two informal meetings in August and September with boys and their mentors getting to know each other.

"Our mentors give the boys an opportunity to

Edenton to address drinking water issues

Plan underway to fix plant this year

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff Writer

Edenton officials offered some good news and bad news recently about the town's drinking water.

The good news is that Town's application for approval of the USDA Rural Development Loan was scheduled to be considered by the North Carolina Local

MORE INFO

Edenton town council was scheduled to vote on the authorization of a \$1.6 million USDA Rural Development Loan on Tuesday night, after the Chowan Herald's press deadline. More information will appear on the newspaper's Facebook page and in an upcoming edition.

Government Commission on Tuesday, Jan. 8. With that

approval, the Town Council will then be permitted to consider adopting Resolution authorizing the \$2.6 million loan.

This action was scheduled considered by the Town Council at the Council's meeting scheduled for that same day, Jan. 8. As this meeting happened after the Chowan Herald's press deadline, the outcome of whether to authorize the loan will be approved will appear in next week's edition.

The USDA loan, coupled with the \$1.1 million USDA grant the Town was awarded, will pay for the \$3.7 million upgrades and renovations to the Town's two water treatment plants. The construction project was put out for bids this past September and three bids were received in October and the low bidder was Enviro-Tech, Inc., of Currituck County.

Town Council will consider awarding the construction contract to Enviro-Tech

at Tuesday's meeting. The contractor will upgrade and renovate the Beaver Hill Water Treatment Plant first. It is expected to take six months to for the work to be completed.

The plan is to have the new plant in service by the end of June 2019 and the plant will produce water that is in compliance with the maximum levels of TTHMs.

Bad news is that N.C. De-

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See MENTORS, 5B

Pets of the Week



Tall, handsome, and still just a pup, Bear is ready for his new home. Bear, a male German Shepherd mix, is just 8 months and is so eager to have a fun loving home to call his own.



Little terrier-mix Homer is a lovable, busy young guy. He loves being with people and seems to get along with other dogs. He enjoys activity as well as a lap to be cozy in.



Beautiful Molly, the silver gray tabby kitten, is so lonely now that her sister has been adopted.



Sweet Gabriel is an angel of a dog. When approached he has a smile and a wagging tail.

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