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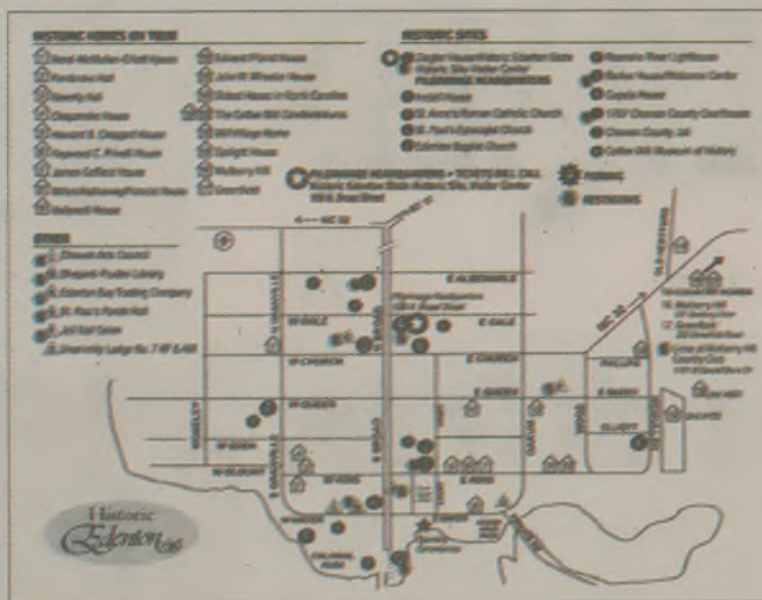
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on Broad, a musical celebration that may offer an opportunity to do the shag while listening to the Tams perform some good beach music. The family-friendly dance party will be held from 7-10 p.m. Friday night. Destination Downtown Edenton Director Jennifer Harris said the event has grown immensely over the years.

"Boogie is a community event that takes a true community effort to pull off! The Town of Edenton and almost all of its departments are involved in making the event a success," she said. "We are so appreciative of the sponsors that make this event free to the public each year."

More than 40 dedicated volunteers give their time to Boogie on Broad, which features The Tams this year, Harris said. The group was elected into the Beach Music Hall of Fame, the Georgia Hall of Fame and the Atlanta Music Hall of Fame.

Saturday morning, stop by Edenton harbor for the Edenton Yacht Club's fourth annual blessing of the fleet. The blessings will start at 10 a.m. All watercraft welcome — power, sail and paddle. Boats are asked to meet at the mouth of Pembroke Creek at 9:45 a.m. They will travel to the Southwest corner



of the Edenton town dock.

Later that evening, two events promise fabulous displays of formal wear and fun.

The John A. Holmes High School prom, themed "Your Year To Shine!", will be held at the Northern Chowan Recreational Center. Also happening at the same time, the Presidential Ball will be held at the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse green. While the later event focuses on a teen's right of passage, the Presidential Ball will celebrate the 200th anniversary of President James Monroe's visit to Edenton.

Food fundraisers

The Unanimity Lodge No. 7 A.F. & A.M. will host a Southern gourmet lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 12-13, at the lodge, on the corner of East Water and South Oakum streets. Dine in or carry out is available. Delivery is available for orders of five or more meals. For \$10, you get chicken salad on croissant, fresh fruit, dessert and beverage. For information, call 252-312-6348.

The Boys and Girls Club will benefit from a breakfast fundraiser from 7-9 a.m. Saturday at Edenton Baptist Church, 200 S. Granville St.

The menu is breakfast casserole, blueberry muffins, fruit, coffee and juice. The cost is \$10. For information, call or text Elizabeth Mitchell at 252-216-5966.

Exhibits

If learning about history in a museum-like setting is more your style, the Edenton State Historic Sites offers two exhibits at its welcome center.

The James Monroe's 1819 Presidential Tour exhibit commemorates the bicentennial of President Monroe's southern tour, highlighting his visits from Virginia south to North Carolina (Edenton's 1767 Chowan County Courthouse), South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama, and west to Tennessee, Kentucky, and Indiana. This exhibit is sponsored by the Friends of the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

Created by Historic Oak View County Park staff in 2006, "The Rhythm of the Factory: Life and Labor in North Carolina's Textile Mill Communities," captures the unique aspects of life in textile mill communities. Learn how the mills influenced various facets of the workers' lives, discover the bonds that developed between neighbors, and explore the legacy that the textile mill communities have imprinted on North Carolina's rich history.

The exhibits are in the Historic

Edenton Visitor's Center at 108 N. Broad St., Edenton, open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Other area activities

The White Oak Band, playing beach and oldies songs, will perform from 7-11 p.m. Saturday at Hall Ruritan, 99 Tinkham Road, Eure. The cost is a \$30 donation per couple. Checks should be made payable to the American Cancer Society. A tea cup auction will be held at 10 p.m. A raffle for a Myrtle Beach vacation week will be held. Any donations will be appreciated. For information, contact Faye Casper, with the Crusaders Against Center, at 252-465-8913.

Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation will host a car and truck show 10 a.m. Saturday to raise money for Relay for Life. The event will be held at the cooperative's office, 125 Cooperative Way, on the corner of U.S. 17 and Creek Drive, in Winfall. Participants can pre-register for the event for \$20, or can register the day of the event for \$25. Call or text 252-339-1595 to receive a registration form. Registration forms are also available at the cooperative's office. Trophies provided by Back40 Metalworks will be presented for each class. All proceeds will be donated to Relay for Life, a community-based fundraising event for the American Cancer Society.

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qualifications to enlist in the military. He also spoke to the Civil Air Patrol chapter in Elizabeth City.

Lane was homeschooled throughout his childhood and grew up in a military household. He says he always wanted to attend West Point.

"Being around my dad, he was in the military. I just thought it would be cool to carry on the tradition," he said. "My dad's daddy was

World War II and his dad was in World War I."

Lane said that while most students have trouble adjusting to the military part of attending West Point, he was prepared for it because of his time in the Civil Air Patrol.

Because he was homeschooled, the biggest change for him, he said, was getting used to college life — the "being around so many people and living with roommates and then going to different teachers first semester."

"My first semester, I had

22 credit hours, so I had half-a-dozen teachers," he said. "Previously, my whole life I've only have one teacher and you know, we lived in the same house."

To those looking to apply to West Point or do something challenging with their life, Lane said it's important to believe in yourself and follow through with your plans.

"I think about a lot of friends who said, 'Well, I don't think I could ever get in. I don't think I'd ever be able to do that,'" he said. "I would say I thought that

I never had a chance. ... I remember going back and taking the SAT five different times, working to get better scores. If you want it bad enough, you can get it."

Lane said West Point has taught him how to work on his weaknesses. Unlike many colleges, West Point cadets don't focus on their majors until later in their studies.

"Really the first two years of your time at West Point, you're taking primarily core classes," he said. "The academy forces you to identify things that you're not good

at, because they make you do everything.

"At a regular college, if you recognize you're not good at something, you can kind of avoid taking those courses," he continued. "At West Point, you don't get to pick your courses. You don't get to pick your instructors. You don't get to pick your class times. So you really just have to embrace it."

Living in Chowan County is similar to life at West Point in that people in Chowan are willing to help others, Lane said. He says there's a "team atmosphere" both places.

"The whole idea is if we're going to do something, you square yourself away you fix all of your stuff, and then you go around and try and find anyone else you might need to help and try to get them ready to go. I definitely learned that growing up here," he said.

Lane said that being at West Point has been the most difficult three years of his life so far — as well as the most rewarding.

"I feel like I owe it a lot because it has given me a lot," he said. "I wouldn't trade it for anything."

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and athletes-in-training competed in the annual Chowan County Special Olympics. The threat of rain couldn't dampen the spirits of community and fellowship during the athletic competition.

Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Rob Jackson served as head cheerleader, visiting as many athletes and

event stations as possible.

He noted that this year was only second year that the Special Olympics have been back in Chowan County.

"Some years ago, the local games shut down and our athletes had to travel to other county to compete. It was always our dream to bring it back here," he said. "Last year was our first year, and we intend for it to always to be in Chowan County."

The opening ceremony

included the recognition of athletes ranging from Pre-K "athletes in training" to high-schoolers in Edenton-Chowan Schools. Some residents of Edenton House, an assisted living facility, also participated in the games. Events included long jump, softball toss, obstacle courses, football toss, corn hole, and various races.

The ceremony's procession was led by Edenton Police Chief Henry King, Chowan County Sheriff

Dwayne Goodwin and other members of the Sheriff's Office, who carried the US and North Carolina flags. Detective John McArthur, with the Sheriff's Office, carried the torch which recently was donated to the Chowan County Special Olympics.

The volunteers ranged from teachers, coaches, school administrators, and Chowan Middle and John A. Holmes students. As people competed, you could see smiles on their

faces. Those smiles were infectious, spreading to the volunteers and others as the day wore on.

The day of the Chowan County Special Olympics is one of Jackson's most favorite days of the year.

"The courage of our special athletes, the smiles that are pervasive all day, watching all the teachers, and the coaches and volun-

teers — this is just a special, special day," he said. "It couldn't be more aptly named Special Olympics, because it is a special day for all of us and we just enjoy celebrating it."

For more photos of Special Olympics, visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/thechowanherald/> or visit dailyadvance.com.

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for the recognition. The students must have participated in at least one varsity sport or activity, including cheerleading, during the 2018-19 school year, have not been ejected from any contest, and must have demonstrated outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship during their high school careers.

Nominated by John A. Holmes Athletic Director Wes Mattera, the two top student-athletes from John A. Holmes are Jhasi Gilliam and Wes Privott.

"Jhasi and Wes a prime examples of what a broad spectrum high school career should look like," he said. "Both chose not to specialize, both play three sports, both are NCHSAA Scholar Athletes, both have done community service, and both are active in their respective churches. Congrats to both Jhasi and Wes, their parents, their coaches, and their churches."

NC Farm Bureau spon-

sors the award and luncheon.

"We are thankful for the North Carolina Farm Bureau's continued partnership with us as we highlight students who exhibit outstanding sportsmanship and character," NCHSAA Commissioner Que Tucker said. "We are honored to pause and recognize this group of 31 student athletes that have consistently demonstrated the values and traits that we hope all student athletes learn through our programs. This group of award winners are to be commended for their commitment to excellence in sportsmanship and citizenship."

Privott, a senior, has played football, basketball, and baseball for four years at John A. Holmes.

"The best part about being at John A. Holmes is having supportive people around at all times whether in athletics or in academics," he said. "People here always want to see students improve in both."

As to Privott's role model, he draws inspiration

from Aces' football coach Paul Hoggard.

"I would say coach Paul Hoggard has made a big impact on my life. He has always taught us that being a better person comes before being a good athlete," Privott said. "Coach makes sure our grades and behavior come before sports which helps us become better people in the world."

Privott explained the essence of sportsmanship.

"I would say good sportsmanship is made of leadership, loyalty, and integrity before anything," he said. "Integrity and leadership especially can take someone a long way in life on the

field or off. They show respect for others and yourself which is noticed by many people."

Gilliam, a junior, plays volleyball, basketball and softball.

"The best part about attending John A. Holmes is the help they give to get you to the next level in your education and sports," she said. "All my coaches have made a big difference because they work to help become a better player and student."

Gilliam defined sportsmanship "as showing respect for others and yourself because you represent the name on the front of your jersey."

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