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County to look into regional treatment plant

Research could delay proposed Valhalla project

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

During a recent meeting, Chowan County commissioners gave their approval to participate in a study that aims to reduce the impact of local water systems on the environment.

While the study is underway, the effort allows

VALHALLA PROJECT

A series of articles on the proposed Valhalla Water Treatment Plant project will appear in future editions of the Chowan Herald.

the county to postpone work on the proposed Valhalla Water Treatment plant project that would diffuse waste from the plant's water purification process into the Chowan River.

About six weeks ago, Michael Regan, sec-

retary of the NC Department of Environmental Quality, suggested that Chowan County look into partnering with other communities and apply for funds for a regional water plant, according to County Manager Kevin Howard.

Regan said the agency was working on making such funds available.

Howard said if such a project was possible, Chowan County would try to work with Edenton and Perquimans County to set up a regional water treatment plant.

"The state would like to limit effluent lines coming out of such plants and into North Carolina's

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FILE PHOTO

Chowan County has proposed building a pipe to Harris Landing that would go into the Chowan River to discharge wastewater created during the water treatment process at the Valhalla Water Treatment plant.

Relay of Life slated

Annual fundraiser to start at 6 p.m. Friday at JAHHS

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Walk for hope, help fight cancer and support your community by taking a lap or three around the track as part of the Chowan-Perquimans Relay for Life.

The annual event will take place at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton starting at 6 p.m. Friday and continuing until midnight.

"We encourage folks to come out, have some fun, participate for this worthy cause that benefits so many. Every family is touched by cancer in one way or another," Frances Hammer, Relay for Life event chair.

Friday's opening ceremony will be followed by the traditional survivors' lap, a caregivers' lap and then the team lap. Cub Scout Pack 164 has been asked to present the colors to kick off the laps.

A kids walk is planned at 7:30 p.m. There will be kids games starting at 5:30 p.m. and face-painting starting at 6:45 p.m. and teams will sell food. A gift-basket silent auction will be held between 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Luminaria sale will be between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Twenty teams are currently signed up to participate and more would be welcome.

To sign up a team or for more information, contact Hammer at 252-312-7968.



READY TO RUN

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Cecilia Haigler is out front and ready to rumble at the start of the 7th annual Kids and Cops Glow Run 5K. Haigler trimmed her time about two minutes and ran a personal best.

Hundreds come out for Glow Run

3.1-mile race benefits sheriff's office Kids and Cops program

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Center stage Friday evening, two local long-distance stars laced up their shoes for a rematch at the 7th annual Kids and Cops Glow Run 5K on Friday night. The race, which started at Elizabeth Vann Moore Park, is organized by Chowan County 4-H and the Chowan County Sheriff's Office. Proceeds benefit the Chowan County Kids & Cops Program.

A week earlier, 14-year-old Axel Preciado (21:02) narrowly edged out 13-year-old Jackson Stegall in the Edenton-Chowan Kiwanis Club 5K to win the race by a stride.

For the rematch reminiscent of Rocky III, who had the eye of the tiger and the drive to win the 3.1-mile race through historic Hayes Plantation?

Interviewer: What's your prediction for the fight?

Mr. T/Clubber Lang: My prediction?

Interviewer: Yes, your prediction.

[Clubber looks into camera]



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Chowan County Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin drives the golf cart leading the runners through the course in Hayes Plantation.

Clubber Lang: Pain!

In the end, Stegall raised his arms over his head as he triumphed (19:45 minutes) to Preciado's (21:19).

Several Chowan Middle School runners finished behind Stegall, so it will be interesting to see who wins the Kids and Cops Glow Run next year. Though this is a talented group of athletes, pity these fools if they ever forget that Minecraft memories fade, but glory lasts

forever.

Cue up the training montage sequence — Aces' Blake Meadows made a solid comeback in this race with a third place finish (21:22). Next season, Meadows may be a contender for the top spot on the cross country team.

Overall female winner was Sarah Hunting (23:57) who dropped about 23 seconds from her third place finish at the Kiwanis 5K (24:20). Unlike many top 10 finishers, Hunting along with Joe Ginski (fourth/21:45) and Brandon Eppihimen (eighth/23:12) are old enough to drive a car, vote and buy a top shelf margarita at Waterman's Grill, which recently celebrated its 23rd anniversary.

Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin said the race had more than 100 runners. Tommy Bass provided the music. Race's sponsors included Vidant-Chowan Hospital, Chowan Animal Hospital, James and Frances Gray, Smithfield, BB&T, and Quality Equipment.

"The kids and cops glow run was a big success this year," Goodwin said. "We had over 100 runners join us to run the 5k distance on

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O'Neill dies at 75

Resident known for helping preserve town's landmarks

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Let's say thanks to Denny O'Neill for being the first to step up to the plate for the support needed to restore iconic projects that have come to define Edenton.

After a hard fought battle with cancer, O'Neill, 75, died Tuesday morning, May 7, at his home on North Broad Street.

O'Neill's legacy endures not only through his family, but the many treasures he supported including the Cupola House, Pembroke Hall and Taylor Theater. Think about that for a moment and let that sink in. Even if you've never been to top of the Cupola House (awesome view) to tour the grounds or visited Pembroke Hall during Pilgrimage, surely most folks have taken in a movie at Taylor Theater.

A memorial service was held Thursday, May 9, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with a reception to follow at the Cupola House in the beautiful Frances Drane Ingles Garden. Bob Quinn gave a stirring eulogy that appears in its entirety at the end of this story.

"Denny was a major asset to our community and the Cupola House specifically," said Quinn, a past president of the Cupola House Association.

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O'NEILL

Edenton Tea Party NSDAR honors Herald reporter

BY SANDRA SPERRY
For the Chowan Herald

The National Society Daughters ("DAR") of the American Revolution accomplishes most of its work under a committee system. One of these committees is the Public Relations and Media Committee, with a mission to inform DAR members, and especially their commu-

nities, about the historic preservation, education, and patriotic activities of the DAR. Chapter public relations and media chairs are responsible for publicizing chapter events and accomplishments; the chairs are the links between chapter and community.

At the May 8 meeting of

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Arbor Day celebrated

Edenton marks 40th year as Tree City with event

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

Edenton celebrated 40 years of being a Tree City USA with its annual Arbor Day ceremony Friday.

This year, the town's landscaping department planted three trees — two river birches and an Okame cherry — at the Edenton Police

Department. Mayor Roland Vaughan served as the master of ceremonies at his last Arbor Day ceremony as mayor.

Edenton achieved the 2018 Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget for at least \$2 per capita and an

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Members of the John A. Holmes Key Club fill in the hole that the Okami cherry tree was put in Friday at the Edenton Police Department. The organization donated the funds to the town so it can purchase the tree. It was planted during Arbor Day.

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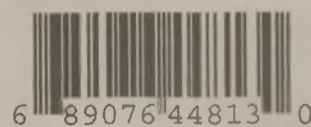
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