

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Submit calendar items to Editor Nicole Bowman-Layton at [nlayton@ncweeklies.com](mailto:nlayton@ncweeklies.com). The deadline for submissions is noon Friday.

**MAY 25-26**

### Model yacht club regatta

Edenton Harbor and the Barker House will host the Double Trouble Regatta, organized by Triangle Model Yacht Club for radio-controlled sailboats. RC Laser class boats will compete May 25 for their North American Championship. May 26 will be the AMYA Southeast Region Championship for Star 45 class boats. Racing will begin each day about 10 a.m. and continue until about 3:30 p.m. with a lunch break. For information, visit the RC Laser Class Association website, <http://rclaser.org/> or email [rcLaser@theamya.org](mailto:rcLaser@theamya.org).

**THURSDAY, MAY 30**

### Fundraising dinner

Caregivers Day Out Inc. will host a grilled pulled pork plate meal at Edenton Baptist Church. Meals cost \$9 and will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. The meal includes pulled pork, two sides and homemade cornbread. Additional baked goods will be for sale.

**MONDAY, JUNE 3**

### Appreciation dinner

Historic Edenton State Historic Site will host a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at 5 p.m. at the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse. All are

welcome to attend. Reservations can be made by calling 252-482-2637. For information about the volunteer program, contact Volunteer Coordinator Kayla Collins at [kayla.collins@ncdcr.gov](mailto:kayla.collins@ncdcr.gov) or 252-482-2637.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 4**

### Post/Auxiliary dinner

American Legion Post 40 joint Post/Auxiliary Meeting Dinner and 2019-2020 Officer Installations will kick off with a 6 p.m. social with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and installation at 7 p.m. Dinner of baked chicken will be provided by the Post as well as rolls and tea. This is a covered-dish affair so bring in your best sides, vegetables and desserts. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to the table.

### ONGOING PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT MAY

#### Student Art Show

The Chowan Art Council will host its Student Art Show through May. The CAC is at 112 W. Water St. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

#### THURSDAYS

#### Nar-Anon meeting

Nar-Anon, a 12-step program for friends and family members of those who are affected by someone else's addiction, meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. every Thursday at the Edenton

Coffee House, 302 S. Broad St.

### FIRST SATURDAYS

#### Submarine Veterans group

The U.S. Submarine Veterans Association Albemarle Sound Base meets at 10 a.m. at the Downtown Cafe and Soda Shoppe in Edenton.

### SATURDAYS

#### Overeaters Anonymous

Overeaters Anonymous meets every Saturday at 10 a.m. at Vidant Chowan Hospital, 211 Virginia Road, West Hicks Street entrance, in the Chowan Room. Call Vonnie at 252-377-7704 for details.

#### Farmers Market

The Edenton Farmers Market will be open from 8 a.m. to noon every Saturday through the winter, at its facility at 200 N. Broad St. We are also open rain or shine thanks to our building design. The vendors are both inside and outside. The products we will have for sale each Saturday are as follows: Strawberries, local brown eggs, Ashe County Cheese, Bertie County peanuts, sunflower oil, fish, hot pepper powders, handmade pens and original artwork. The Wednesday farmers market opened May 1.

### MONDAYS

#### Legion Bingo

Come enjoy playing Bingo every Monday night at American Legion Post 40 in Edenton. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Early Bird Games

begin at 7 p.m.; Regular games start at 7:30 p.m. Concessions served. No smoking.

#### Al-Anon

Al-Anon is a fellowship for relatives and friends who feel their lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. Each person should be able to leave an Al-Anon meeting secure in the knowledge that what she or he said will not be repeated. Al-Anon meets every Monday evening at 8 p.m. in Room 226 at the Edenton United Methodist Church, 225 Virginia Road North.

### TUESDAYS

#### Depressed Anonymous

Depressed Anonymous meetings are being held in Edenton from 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays in the Perquimans Room at Vidant Chowan Hospital and in Elizabeth City from 6-7 p.m. Thursdays at 300 Pearl St. For information, visit [www.Depressed.anon.com/edentonnc](http://www.Depressed.anon.com/edentonnc) or call Debra at 252-333-8855.

### TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS

#### Seniors Now

Seniors requiring respite care meet in one-on-one sessions for interesting activities designed for their capabilities. Space is available Tuesdays and Thursdays at the First Presbyterian Church (corner of West Queen and South Moseley streets) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20 (what a deal for \$5 an hour) and includes a careered lunch. For information, contact coordinator Cindy Thomas at 506-1020 — or drop by at any session.

# Board of Education recognizes groups during meeting

## STAFF REPORTS

The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education recognized students during its recent meeting, held at Chowan Middle School.

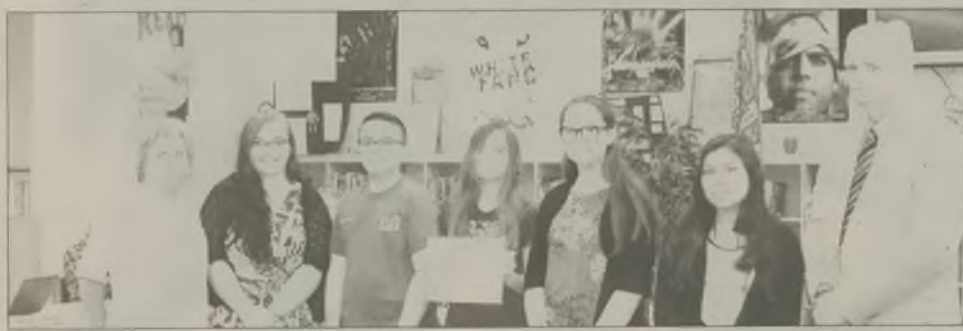
White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans and Assistant Principal Michelle Newsome were recognized for the school's efforts to receive a \$6,000 grant from United Way to help fund a new summer program for rising kindergarteners called JumpStart.

Chowan C.A.R.E.S. (Children's Alliance to Realize Educational Success) received the grant. The Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start Partnership serves as the lead agency for the Chowan C.A.R.E.S. team.

White Oak students were recognized for their participation in the NCTIES Student Showcase, where they demonstrated their ability to code robots to complete curriculum tasks.

Students from D.F. Walker Elementary were recognized for placing in the top three at the Regional Odyssey of the Mind Competition.

Chowan Middle School students were recognized for winning first place in the junior division of the individual paper category



Chowan Middle School students were recognized for their third-place finish in the regional Battle of the Books Competition during the May 14 Board of Education meeting.



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in the National History Competition. The Envirothon team placed third-place overall among middle schools in the Envirothon Regional Competition and competed at the state level. CMS students also were honored for their third-place finish in the regional Battle of the Books Competition.

John A. Holmes High School JROTC cadets were recognized for leading the Pledge of Allegiance.



Madelyn Dale and Avery White, both D.F. Walker, students, were recognized for placing first place in the NC Federation of Women's Clubs competitions for short story and poetry.



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BOE President Gene Jordan (left) presents Olivia Armstead a certificate as teacher Brandon Young watches. She was recognized for participating in the National History Competition, placing first in the regional junior paper division contest held at Chowan University.

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conference center and public library on one side of the building, while the other part was the school. The students operated the conference center's restaurant, which taught them real-world experience.

He believes such a plan would work best in rural communities, such as Chowan County, because it would allow the public and local businesses to become directly involved in the education process. By going with such a plan, the school board may be able to enlist the help of private investors when it comes time to build a new school.

"I'm encouraging communities to look at those facilities does economic development opportunities to keep children in their home communities and for them to raise their children in these communities," Ott said.

As an example, he shows pictures of Mason High School, which is in a Mason, Ohio, just north of Cincinnati. It has a community center as part of the high school. The city put its government complex on the same site.

"So really this school has

become the center of the community," he said. "The students actually operate the Lifestyle Center here. They service the Senior Citizen Center. They actually have jobs. They have partnerships with the local community. A local bank has a branch bank in this high school which is operated by the students themselves."

He noted that many schools are now using project-based learning concepts. These building have more open floor plans than the traditional classrooms, which makes them cheaper to build.

As to John A. Holmes, Ott said that the building, which was built in the 1950s, has been used beyond its life span. He did not say whether the facility should be replaced or moved from its downtown location.

He did note that the county does not have the money to properly maintain the aging JAH facility. And if nothing is done, and the county keeps the school, the upkeep costs will continue to rise.

M.B. Kahn can help the board of education throughout the construction process, by helping with a concept design to helping secure funding, Ott

said. Since it serves a rural community, Edenton-Chowan Schools have an issue securing enough funding for an infrastructure project — such as a new school — through traditional means, such as bond referendums or additional property taxes.

He suggested considering having a good plan before getting too far down the road in the process.

"Make sure you've got a sound model and you've got the public support for that," Ott said.

The school district should consider what kind of education programs it will be teaching six, eight or 20 years down the road and create a school that fits those program's needs.

Board member Gill Burroughs asked that if the school board hires M.B. Kahn, how will the company be paid.

Ott noted that 90% of the company's clients do not have any money in the coffers for new construction when the process begins. The company is paid after funding is secured for the construction project.

Board member Ricky Browder asked about how school safety is provided at multi-use schools.

"Locking the community

out of schools has been to the detriment of public education in my opinion," Ott said. He noted that the multi-use facilities usually have a wall separating the public and school areas. In some schools, they are glass, so the public can look at the students' projects and become engaged in the education process.

Many people want the high school to stay in town. Browder asked whether a new facility could be constructed in phases on the current John A. Holmes' site.

Several projects have been built in this manner, and in some cases, students' scores have gone up because they're excited about what they see with the new construction, Ott said. He did not say whether such a process is feasible at the Holmes' site but said it would need to be studied.

Ott said he wouldn't have come before the board if he didn't think the school system couldn't get funding for a new high school facility.

"I'm that confident that we can make it happen," he said. "Now I'm not asking you to employ me tonight. Don't get me wrong. Dr. Jackson really

wanted me to talk about the planning and facilities and kind of a where high schools are going in the future."

Superintendent Rob Jackson thanked Dunn and Ott for coming to the meeting. He said that he has talked with County

Manager Kevin Howard to set up more meetings of the joint committee of the school board and county commissioners that is exploring Holmes' future. Jackson still is waiting on the county to set the date and time of the next meeting.

## HONOR A SPECIAL GRADUATE

*(and Award in the Future)*

Are you looking for the perfect gift for your graduate? What better way to honor your student than with a contribution in his or her name to Edenton-Chowan Educational Foundation's Class of 2019 Fund? Honorees will receive a card from us and will be listed in a special insert in the graduation program. The ECEF supports teachers and students through grants and scholarships. For more information, contact us at (252) 482-4436 or check out our Facebook page.

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