

Center Hill-Cross Roads Fire District gets grant

STAFF REPORTS

RALEIGH — Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey announced that the Center Hill-Cross Roads Fire District was awarded a \$30,000 grant through the 2019 Volunteer Fire Department Fund from the State of North Carolina.

The check will be mailed to Fire Chief Lewis Nixon to be used by the Department to purchase needed equipment. The equipment is purchased using matching funds and must be approved by the Department of Insurance Office of State Fire Marshal.

"Fire and rescue organizations protect our communities large and small across North Carolina, but sometimes their budgets don't grow with their responsibilities," Commissioner Causey said. "Our emergency service personnel should be supported with the best equipment and supplies needed to do their jobs correctly and safely."

"I know the Center Hill-Cross Roads Fire District will use this money to serve their community even better," Causey added. "Thank you, Chief Lewis Nixon, for all of your hard work and thanks to your dedicated staff."

Chief L.W. Nixon said the grant means a great deal to the department and community.



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"It will help us upgrade our SCBA which under regulations would have soon been out of date and had to purchase all with the full total. It also assists us in upgrading our department with new personnel protective equipment in which also carries a life span to keep us all safe," he said. "I would like to thank everyone in the department involved in all this preparation and writing for the grant."

Center Hill-Cross Roads Fire District has received a total of \$13,808.32 from the Volunteer Fire Department Fund in the past 31 years since the program began. The General Assembly created the Volunteer Fire Department Fund in 1988 to help volunteer units raise money for equipment and supplies.

The grant funds must be matched dollar-for-dollar for an amount approved up to \$30,000, unless the department receives less than \$50,000 per year from municipal and county funding, in which case the applicant shall match \$1 for each \$3 of grant funds up to \$30,000. Since the program's inception, the Department of Insurance has distributed \$134,725,533.68 to volunteer fire departments across the state.

Music & Water Festival a success

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Hundreds showed up Friday and Saturday for the Music and Water Festival in downtown Edenton.

Things kicked off Friday night with a sunset paddle on the water. Approximately 36 people participated in the adventure, setting kayaks, canoes and paddle boards into the water by Elizabeth Vann Moore Park before exploring Edenton Bay.

Colonial Park came to life early Saturday, with vendors and various nonprofits setting up tables along the park in front of the Roanoke River Lighthouse.

The Edenton Steamers set up a table in the park and invited visitors to sign kids up for the free Steamers Kid Club and this summer's baseball camp. General Manager Tyler Russell said the Steamers enjoy going to public events, like the Music and Water Festival, because it gives the baseball team a chance to interact with the public.

"We love to support the community and give an opportunity to our players and staff members to interact with the public," he said.

At the lighthouse, the Chowan Arts Council offered free plein air — it's French for painting outdoors — painting on the porch for children.

Kitty Hawk Kites brought its rock-climbing wall, along with some kayaks and paddle boards to the festival. Children and adults could try out various equipment for free.

The Edenton-Chowan Rec Department also supplied some kayaks and paddle boards for people to try out. The Chowan County Sheriff's Department's new boat was out on the water, making sure people stayed safe during the festival.

Volunteer boaters offered tours of the bay and surrounding waterways.

You can't have the Music and Water Festival without the music part. This year, artists from throughout the region brought their unique sounds to the waterfront. The performers included Adam Nixon with Uphill Band, Drunken Confessions, Quinton Parker, Fueston Brothers, Old Fish Hatchery Records and Connected.

Tourism Development Authority director Nancy Nichols noted



PHOTOS BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON/CHOWAN HERALD
People try out paddle boards Saturday during the Edenton Music and Water Festival. The paddle boards were provided by Kitty Hawk Kites and the Edenton-Chowan Rec Department.



Drunken Confessions performs Saturday during Edenton Music and Water Festival.

that the weather had a hand in making the Music and Water Festival a great success.

"No matter if you were on the water paddling or cruising, listening to some great music on the park stage or on broad, using the climbing wall, eating some delicious food, purchasing at the sidewalk sale or painting a teapot, there was a nice breeze," she said in an email.

Many organizations — the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce,

local historic and hospital organizations, government agencies, Destination Downtown Edenton,

Chowan Arts Council artists and various volunteers — made the event a success, Nichols said.

OBITUARIES

Nancy Hughes Cayton

EDENTON - Nancy Faye Hughes Cayton, 74, of 107 W. Carteret Street, passed away Thursday, May 16, 2019 in her home.

Mrs. Cayton was born in Bertie County on June 1, 1944, and was the daughter of the late James Cornelius and Ruby Pierce Hughes. Retired from Edenton Cotton Mill after 37 years of employment, she was a member of Edenton Church of God. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Mayo Cayton, Sr.; and by two brothers, Mickey and Charlie Hughes.

Surviving are her two daughters, Cindy F. Cayton of Edenton and Rachel C. Fleming and husband, James, of Colerain; two sons, Carl M. Cayton, Jr. of Edenton and John P. Cayton and wife, Chena, of Simpson; three sisters, Marian Hendrickson of Raymond, WA, Betty Jean Glasgow of Stem, and Ruby Belch of Windsor; three brothers, Eddie Hughes of Washington, Carlyle Hughes of Stem, and Archie Hughes of Hertford; seven grandchildren, Steven Cayton, Daniel Manke (Lori), Jenna Harrison (Cohen), Ashley Hughes, Devin Cayton (Breonna), and Joshua and Mary Fleming; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in Edenton Church of God, and were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Donald Sawyer. Burial followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery. Friends joined the family in the church the hour prior to the services on Sunday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Edenton Church of God, in care of Donald Sawyer, 901 Johnston Street, Edenton, NC 27932.

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, is assisting the family with arrangements, and online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfhc.com.

DEATHS

EDENTON — **Freida Harris Durham**, 72, died on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Memorial service was held Friday at 4 p.m., at Rocky Hock Baptist Church. Arrangements by Miller Funeral Home.

GREENVILLE — **Melanie S. Butler**, 35, died on Sunday, May 12, 2019. Funeral Friday at 1 p.m., at Little Grove Holliness Church of Washington. Arrangements by MERCEDES' Funeral Mansion & Cremation of Williamston.

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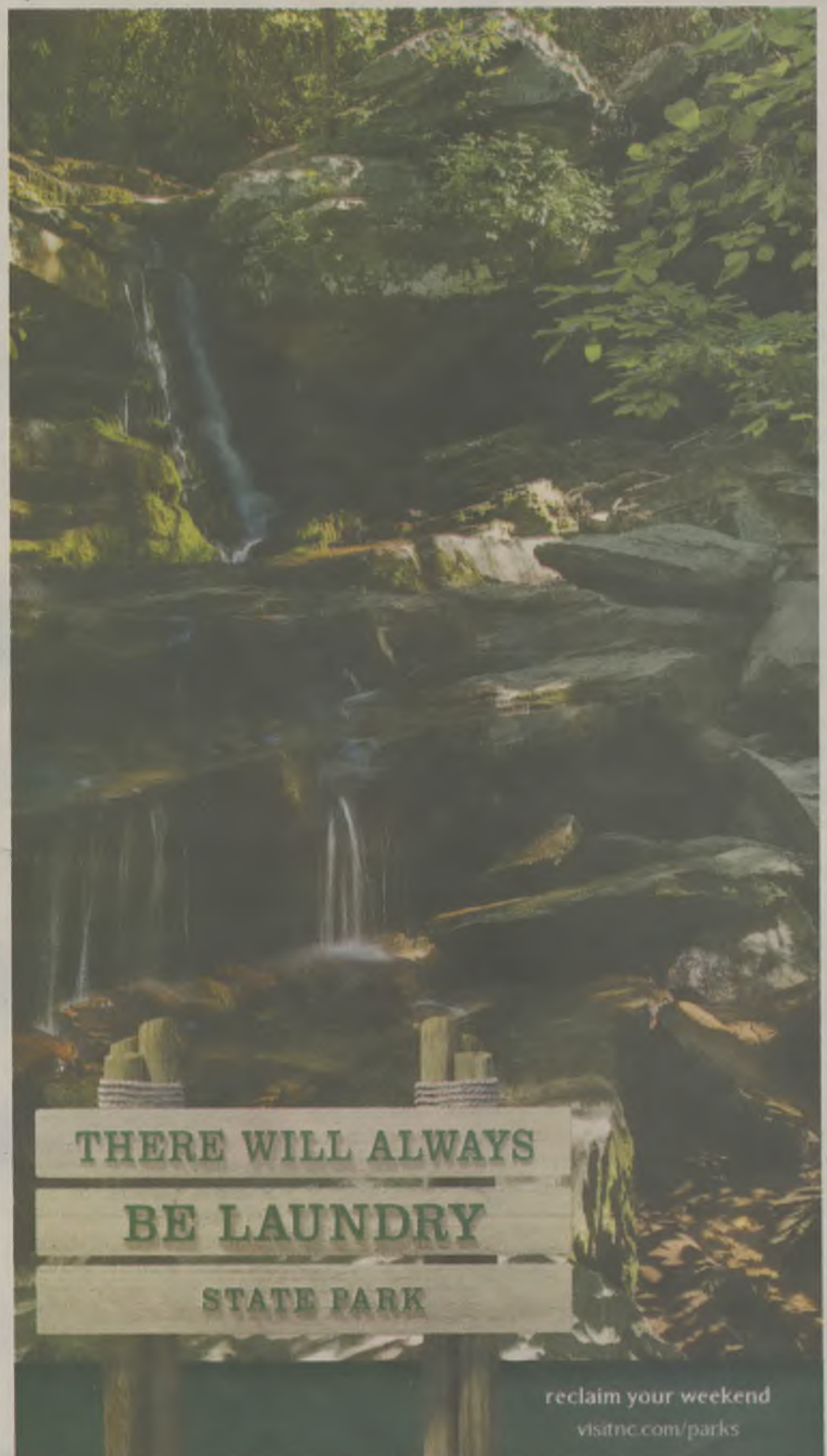


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