A2 THE CHOWAN HERALD, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019 Cotton blooming in Chowan 150 kids attend fishing derby

BY MILES LAYTON Staff writer

For many decades, the Chowan Herald has published a photo of whoever finds the first cotton bloom of the growing season

Though Edenton is known for its footloose and fancy-free ways, Chowan County's heart and soul is in agriculture. Cotton is king or at the very least, the crown prince.

Congrats goes to 16year-old Landen Parrish and his 12-year-old sister Ainsley, who found the first first bloom reported in a green field on June 21 within the family's farm on Wildcat Road.

According to Parrish's uncle Yates, who is 93 vears old and still helps out on the farm, the very proud of both our here in Chowan County."



SUBMITTED PHOTO Parrish Farms reports the first cotton bloom of the growing season. Bragging rights goes to Landen Parrish and his sister Ainsely who found the bloom on June 21 at the family's farm on Wildcat Road. Photo shows Landen and Ainsley Parrish along with her best friend, Addison Bell.

more than 110 years.

family has been farming kids," said Wayne Parrish in Chowan County for of Parrish Farms. "I hope that they will keep the "My wife Amy and I are family tradition going

ROTARY HONORS TURNER



Edenton Rotary Club presented Aces' Amy Turner with the official scholarship check so as she can pursue her academic career at East Carolina University. Since the 1920s, this prestigious scholarship has been awarded to some of Chowan County's best and brightest. From left are incoming Rotary President Tom Gandee, Rotary Vice President Stephen Benkusky, Amy and Turner's father, Chris.

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art media but also how to appreciate art.

Whichard --- "Ms. Tracy" to many of her students ---chose the name Fearless from pre-K through the fifth grade, to not be afraid

owned Ladybug Studio in Rocky Hock, where she offered art classes to kids for five years.

Whichard offers afterschool art classes during the school year and arts camps during the summer. Kids Art for her business Children will have a chance because she wanted her to participate in her sumstudents, who range in age mer camp on the theme "Things That Go" starting started teaching classes next week The camp

years. She previously commercials, television and grocery stores.

> Whichard's Fearless Kids Art Afterschool Art Program starts at the beginning of the school year in September. It's grown from 12 students during her first year to 55 students in what will be her fourth year this fall.

Whichard said she after wanting to share her ers. One of the best parts of working with children, she said, is seeing them enjoy what they are doing.

STAFF REPORT

Edenton Fish Hatchery and Aquarium hosted about 150 children June 15 for the annual Kids' Fishing Derby.

The annual event is sponsored by the Chowan Edenton Optimist Club. The nonprofit offered up free lunch of hot dogs. chips and water during the event.

As in previous years, hatchery Deputy Manager Sam Pollock and Optimist Club member Mike McArthur helped filet the hatchery prevent over-

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next year because he said citizens shouldn't be paying more for "old water" until the water treatment plant work is complete. He based his opinion on a healthy skepticism of governmental affairs most recently after Outer Banks residents were made to pay for a beach nourishment project that was promised sooner rather than later, but did not start until later.

Water infrastructure improvements are needed because the town's water system remains in violation of state law because the water contains elevated levels of tri-halomethanes, a byproduct of the chemical process to disinfect drinkwater. Triing halomethanes, or THMS, are considered carcinogenic. That said, don't be alarmed because high THM levels in the town's water don't pose an emergency, but customers ---particularly those with spe- cided to waive condition cific health concerns --need to know about them.

Speaking of water treatment plants, Town's Public Works Director Corey Gooden gave a presentation as to the ongoing progress at Beaver Hill and covenants limit use of the



(striped bass).

Freemason water treatment plants. Beaver Hill will be online in early October with Freemason early next year. Both plants will be compliance with state Department of Environmental Quality standards. Though water quality will improve, the town's 2,107 water customers will continue to get mailers in their utility bills that say trihalomethanes are present in the water supply – until the plants are online for a year. In related financial

news, council approved a \$20.5 million budget for Fiscal Year 2019-20. There will be no increase in the Town's property tax rate, which stands at 40 cents. The budget includes \$1.50 increase in fees to pay infrastructure needs, as well as a 1.5 percent electric rate increase.

In other matters, say goodbye to the Conger Building and hello to a proposed brew pub.

According to council documents, Raleigh businessman John Glover deto secure necessary permits and will proceed with purchasing the property on June 28, prior to the June 30 deadline set by Town Council. Town Attorney Hood Ellis said

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About 150 kids and their caregivers attend the Kids Fishing Derby June 15 at Edenton National Fish Hatchery. **Chowan Eden**ton Optimist Club sponsors the derby.

catfish and rock fish population of fish in their pond. It also gives children Fishing derbies help the the chance to learn a lifelong skill.

> property to a brewery and brew pub, so Town is protected in its intent. There are a few minor repairs to make to the building three or four window panes were damaged recently by pellet gun bandit and a footing on the east side of the building needs repair.

In March 2018, council voted 4-1 to adopt a resolution supporting the town's sale of the building, also known as the former Northeast Commission Building, to Glover for \$309.000.

Town Manager Anne Marie Knighton is working with Glover on a shortterm solution for the Town to use the land where the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department's sunfish sailboats and Town of Edenton stand-up paddle boards are stored, as well as temporary use of the Sail Loft building where county and town equipment is stored.

The Edenton Yacht Club owns some supplies stored in the sail loft. The town will work to include in the temporary arrangement. Edenton has a longterm plan to construct building for storage and classroom space for teaching sailing and waterrelated sports.



or skeptical of trying different media for their art.

"When you start out with a blank canvas and push through the creative process, it's pretty amazing," she said.

Whether it is crayons, colored pencils, acrylic paints or clay, Whichard encourages her students to "just pick it up and give it a try.'

"I let them decide what they want to do with the tools I supply," she said.

Whichard has offered art classes to youngsters through Fearless Kids Art at her Side Street Studio on 116 E. King St. for four

which begins Monday and own love of art with othruns through Friday, will allow kids to make art inspired by airplanes, tractors, buses, trains and cars.

In her Summer Fun Art 5-9, kids will "head outside for the ultimate inspiration," Whichard said. She likes to let students be inspired by their surroundings, whether it's the natural beauty of Edenton's cypress trees or the town's historic buildings and artifacts.

She also has scheduled a Pop Art Camp for Aug. 12-16 that will allow kids to create art from dio.com/.

"The kids are happy," Camp scheduled for Aug. she said. "We have fun creating.'

> Whichard earned a bachelor's degree in communications. She enjoys spending time with her children, Ellie, Kate and William.

> For information about Whichard's Fearless Kids Art classes, visit the Side Street Studio Facebook page and website at http:// www.sidestreet-stu-

ginia teenager is facing charges in connection with the stabbing of an Edenton ock, Wednesday, the Currituck Sheriff's Office says.

Va. teen charged in stabbing

STAFF REPORTS Creek Bridge in the 1400

Anthony Robert Lee Smith, 16, of Virginia Beach, was charged with dition were not immedifelony assault causing serious bodily injury following

block of Tulls Creek Road CURRITUCK — A Vir- about 7 p.m., the Sheriff's Office said in a press release Thursday.

According to the release, man on a bridge in Moy- a man from Edenton suffered knife wounds and was transported to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. The victim's name and con-

ately available. The sheriff's office said a disturbance at the Tulls the investigation continues.

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MURDER

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held without bond at the Chowan County Jail.

suggests Riddick's shooting wasn't a random incirate

In a press release, police Chief Henry King expressed his thanks to the State Bureau of Investigation, which led the investigation that resulted in the arrests of Copeland and Speaks.

Edenton police say the investigation of Riddick's shooting death continues. Anyone with information is urged to call the SBI at 919-662-4500 or the Edenton Police Department at 482-4444. People may also email the Edenton Police Department at http:// www.edentonpd.com.

This is the second murder this year within Edenton.

In late February, Andrew J. Cooper, 31, of Browns Summit, was arrested and charged with first-degree

murder after allegedly will gather starting at 5:30 stabbing to death Dwight Coston of Edenton.

Police say Coston was murder. Both are being stabbed around 3 p.m. Feb. 14 near North Granville and West Carteret streets. Edenton police say their He was taken to Vidant preliminary investigation Chowan Hospital in Edenton, where he died.

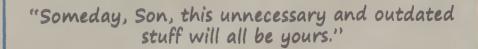
Edenton-Chowan Comdent. They did not elabo- munity Against Violence is invited to attend.

MEMBER

p.m. July 8 at the Edenton Farmer's Market, 200 N. Broad St. Partnered with the Eden-

ton Police Department, the group meets once a month within various neighborhoods so as to offer a prayer and fellowship among neighbors. Anyone

FARM

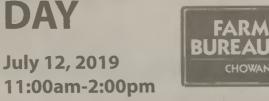


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- Free hotdogs, snacks and goodie bags
- Door Prizes
- (must be a Chowan County Farm Bureau Member to win)
- Young Farmer and Rancher Food Drive (bring nonperishable food item then you will be enter in twice for the door prize drawings)