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State Senate passes Prison Reform Act

House must OK bill before it heads to Cooper for signature

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

RALEIGH — NC Senate unanimously passed the Prison Reform Act last week to improve safety and working conditions within the state's corrections system.

The bipartisan bill, sponsored

by Senators Bob Steinburg (R-Chowan), Norman Sanderson (R-Pamlico) and Floyd McKissick (D-Durham) was the result of recommendations from the Senate Select Committee on Prison Safety, which was chaired by Steinburg.

The committee was formed as part of the state's continued response to the slayings of five correctional employees at prisons in Bertie and Pasquotank counties

in 2017. In the aftermath of the attacks, Steinburg pledged to tackle the prison system's "secret society" that he said has resisted reform and transparency.

The committee has met regularly since February to discuss ways to make prisons in North Carolina safer.

"The committee met regularly



STEINBURG

for months and had significant, meaningful discussions about the best way to improve safety in our prisons," Steinburg said. "There are thousands of hardworking correctional officers throughout North Carolina that risk their lives every day simply by going to work and we owe it to them to ensure that work environment is

as safe as possible. This is an important next step moving in that direction."

Steinburg is optimistic about the bill's chances in the House.

"Given that I have yet to hear of any major pushback from my former House colleagues, I am cautiously optimistic about the bill's passage in the House," he said. "Hard questions are to be

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Churches donate to Boys & Girls Club

Funds to help nonprofit pay for summer activities

BY VERONICA DOWNING
Correspondent

The Boys and Girls Club of Edenton/Chowan County recently received generous donations from three local churches: Open Door on Haughton Road, Ballard's Bridge Church, pastored by Rev. Ron Parr, donated \$3,100; Edenton Baptist Church, pastored by David Brooks, donated \$481.29 and Open Door Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School on South Granville Street, donated \$1,020.

The donations will assist with the organi-

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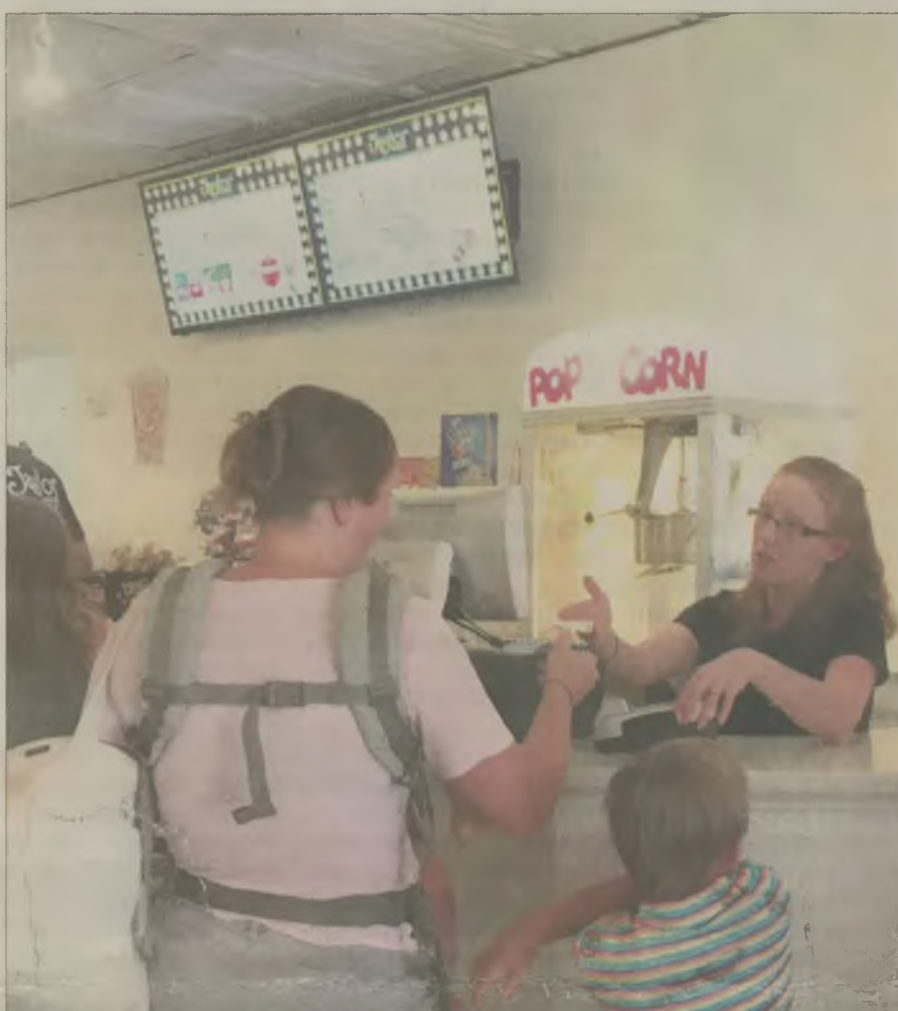
Boys & Girls Club members attend Greensboro camp

zation's upcoming Summer Camp Program.

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STILL GOING STRONG



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Belinda Respass, who co-owns Taylor Theater with husband Ryan, sells tickets to a family about to see the movie "Spider-Man: Far from Home". About a year ago, the theater reopened after having been closed for a year.

Taylor Theater celebrates one year since re-opening

BY MILES LAYTON
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About a year ago or so, Taylor Theater reopened July 5 with a showing "Ant-Man and The Wasp," the latest superhero movie based on the Marvel Comics characters.

Last week, the local theater celebrated its

one-year anniversary with another Marvel crowd-pleaser, "Spider-Man: Far from Home." Lion King opens this summer and another Star Wars movie is set for December where hopefully Emperor Palpatine restores order to the galaxy by banishing that emo kid, Kylo Ren.

"It's been a good year,"

said Belinda Respass, who co-owns the theater with her husband Ryan. "I've been pleased with business. It's been steady and we've had multiple sell-outs over the year. Every month or so, we've had a sold out show. From what I remember in the old days, those

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3 file to run for council

Filing period ends July 19; election will be held Nov. 5

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Filing for mayor and Edenton Town Council opened Friday.

Longtime Edenton councilman Jimmy Stallings filed for mayor, while Roger Coleman signed the line for the at-large council seat and Sambo Dixon filed for re-election to the 2nd Ward seat.

Filing period ends July 19, and Election day is November 5.

Though these were the latest filings that could be reported before Tuesday's press time, more filings will be reported as they occur on the Chowan Herald's Facebook page and in subsequent print editions.

Longtime mayor Roland Vaughan announced his plans not to seek another

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Incumbent Dixon will seek seat

Since 1997, lawyer has represented 2nd Ward

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Native son and longtime Edenton Town Councilor Sambo Dixon filed Monday to run for re-election for the 2nd Ward seat that he has represented since 1997.

"I believe in Edenton," Dixon said. "That is why I am excited to announce that I am running for re-election to the Edenton Town Council for the Second Ward. I want to continue to work with others to help create a town that honors its past while also seeking to build a sustainable future. I will work hard to promote projects like the North Oakum Street and the Moseley Street redevelopment zones and the restoration of culturally important iconic structures like Kadesh Church and the

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3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT RACE

Due to an early press deadline, results from the second Republican primary election in the 3rd Congressional District were not available for this edition. Please check our Facebook page, @thechowanherald, or dailyadvance.com for results in the race between Greg Murphy and Joan Perry.

America's journey to independence celebrated

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Mayor Roland Vaughan reads the Declaration of Independence during the Edenton Tea Party NSDAR's Fourth of July ceremony Thursday in Edenton.



20th annual NSDAR ceremony honors Hewes, local dignitaries

STAFF REPORTS

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." — so read Edenton Mayor Roland Vaughan from the Declaration of Independence during Thursday's Fourth of July celebration, sponsored by the Edenton Tea Party Chapter National Society for the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Much like how those works

JULY 4 COVERAGE

* To see a video of the event, go to the Chowan Herald's Facebook page or check our YouTube channel.

* For coverage of the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club's Fourth of July celebration, including the fireworks, see page B1.

from the Founding Fathers will echo an eternity, Deborah Perry sang the National Anthem to open the 20th annual ceremony at Courthouse Green. Perry also sang "God Bless America" to close the service.

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