



CHOWAN COUNTY RESIDENTS VISIT CAMP CALE — B1

Board tweaks solar facility ordinance

Commission sets new parameters for industry

BY MILES LAYTON
 Staff writer

High in the nighttime sky a full moon shined down as the Chowan County Commission discussed the future of solar facilities Monday.

During a 4 1/2-hour meeting, commissioners grappled with provisions

for amending the county's solar ordinance. Much of the ordinance was revamped through the efforts of Commissioner Bob Kirby, revised and/or approved by the county's Planning Commission before the county commission unanimously adopted the changes.

Terms such as setbacks, opacity, foliage cover and more defined the parameters of debate that de-

termined whether the solar's sun will shine another day in Chowan County. Core of the discussion hinged on what the impact solar farms would have not only on landowners, but for future generations who will call Chowan County home.

Commissioner Greg Bonner spoke of the importance of maintaining the balance between attracting business in-

vestment while protecting citizens from any harm associated with the development of solar farms.

Setbacks and distance between projects were adjusted to reflect the county's values for protecting scenic vistas along highways and preserving historical structures as well as cultural touchstones.

If the ordinance was too loose, maybe it would be

best to buy bottled water 20 years from now because the water table may be affected as Commission Ron Cummings suggested when he said the solar waste has more of a major impact than nuclear waste. Toward that end, water testing was added to the ordinance.

On that note, Commissioner Don Faircloth offered the astute observation that solar shouldn't be

singled out because there are businesses within Chowan County that levy an environmental impact on the land.

Poet Joyce Kilmer, who wrote "Trees," would appreciate the ordinance's numerous provisions regarding the depth of ground cover and types of foliage needed to hide the solar farms and keep the

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Honoring Marcus Jackson

Mother hopes free event raises violence awareness

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Though Nicole Jackson's son, Marcus, is gone, she still thinks of him in present tense.

"My son is an awesome person. He continues to live and because of him, I'm doing this," she said during an interview at the Chowan Herald office Thursday.

Marcus, age 23, a father to a 2-year-old son and John A. Holmes graduate, died on March 19. He was shot and killed in Durham.

The former Aces football player would have turned 24 on Monday, July 15. As a way to honor her son, Jackson is hosting a celebration and violence

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Nicole Jackson wears orange for gun violence awareness and a pin featuring a photograph of her son, Marcus Jackson, who was killed on March 19.

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1972



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Some of the cool kids from 1972 took a moment to strike a pose for posterity for Aces' pride. John A. Holmes High School's Class of 1972's reunion will be held Sept. 6-7 in Edenton.

Holmes alumni prep for 47th reunion

Committee: Deadline to turn in event registration is July 31

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John A. Holmes Class of 1972 — mark your calendars for the big reunion ahead.

Think about the passage of time for a moment — you've raised families, crafted careers and retired, seen things change from stoves to microwaves, and feel comfortable rolling your eyes when millennials get bent out of shape about a frowny face emoji posted to social media as they stare endlessly into their iPhones.

"Our last reunion was 22 years ago in 1997 — our 25th Anniversary, so this gathering is way overdue, in my view. Organizing this one has been a labor of love and great anticipation! I am so excited to reconnect with everyone and am counting down the days," said Phyllis Anthony Coleman, co-chair



GIL BURROUGHS



MARY ROBERTS



PRINCIPAL KENNETH STALLS

JAHHS Class Of 1972 for the 47th Anniversary Reunion Committee.

The Class Reunion will be held on Sept. 6 and Sept. 7 in Edenton. All alumni and friends from the 1972 graduating class, as well as JAHHS teachers and support staff from that period are invited to participate. There will be a casual meet and greet on Friday, Sept. 6, and a "Throwback 70s Party" with dinner on Saturday, Sept. 7. The Reunion Planning Committee announced July 31 as the deadline for returning registration and payments. All guests must register and

pay the \$75 fee. For information, see the end of the story.

Now it's time to let the mind's eye can conjure up the deep voice of Soul Train's Don Cornelius to say, "Aces, let's take a nostalgic look back to the good ole days."

Nothing better than being ice cold — as in

cool, baby!

"I'm not sure if my memory serves me correctly or not, there was many a brief swim taken in the cool moonlight at 'icy cold' just past what is now the gate to Hayes," Blount Shepard said.

When Shepard was asked who was the best looking cheerleader back then, he answered Phyllis (Anthony) Coleman.

Flattered, Coleman thanked Shepard but she didn't miss a beat

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3 join council races

Friday is last day to file for town's Nov. election

BY MILES LAYTON
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Latest filings include candidates for mayor and two Edenton Town Council seats.

Local businesswoman Jacqueline Hardy-Lassiter filed Friday for mayor. An Edenton native, Lassiter is owner of Victorian's Boutique for Him and Her on South Broad Street. She has lived throughout the country and is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, an ordained minister and former teacher.

Earlier this week, lawyer William Hackney High Jr. filed for the 1st Ward seat.

Tray Taylor, who works at Regulator Marine, filed for the 2nd Ward seat that is currently occupied by Sambo Dixon, who filed

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Taylor will seek 2nd Ward seat

Regulator employee running against Dixon

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Travian "Tray" Taylor said he seeks to improve the community through his activism if elected to represent the 2nd Ward seat on Edenton Town Council.

"I'm running for council to inspire the young adults in this town, and to create and safe prosperous community by educating people, and to develop programs that will uplift this Town," he said.

Employed by Regulator Marine, Taylor, 36, is an active volunteer with the Boys & Girls Club and Edenton-Chowan Parks and Recreation Department, among others.

"My goal is to impact the lives of others and to make

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Council asked about vacant buildings

Update also given about water treatment plants

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Though Edenton Town Council had one of the shortest meetings in perhaps many years, more than a few things got done so as to give town hall types time to catch a beautiful sunset over Edenton

Bay. Before getting to the meat of the 20-minute meeting, Joseph Leotta's questions deserve to be closest to the top of this article so the reader has a brief update on matters such as the sale of the Conger building, Hotel Hinton and improvements underway regarding the Beaver Hill and Freeman water treatment

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plants.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Leotta of West Gale Street asked about the status of the Conger building on Water Street.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton reported that the John Glover's funds to purchase the property were wired to Town Attorney Hood Ellis' Trust Account and the deed has been signed, however, Glover is reviewing an environmental issue but hopefully the transaction will be finalized any day now.

On that note as to

buildings that are poised toward revitalization, Leotta asked about Hotel Hinton. Located by the 1767 Courthouse, the property has been vacant for many years.

Mayor Roland Vaughan said SAGA Development Company is seeking financing needed to develop the project, so it is a

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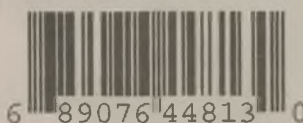
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JULY 20 @ 7PM
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 BARK IN THE PARK
 KIDS RUN THE BASE

JULY 22 @ 7PM
 VS WILSON
 BARK IN THE PARK
 CHOWAN COUNTY NIGHT
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JULY 24 @ 7PM
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