

EDUCATION

COA alumni group to offer discount card

Robert Pippen to serve as board's president
SUBMITTED REPORT

College of The Albemarle (COA) Foundation held its second Alumni Association meeting recently. At the June 17 meeting, the interest group agreed to develop a formal association. Robert Pippen, member of the Board of

Trustees and COA alumnus, was nominated to serve as president of the Alumni Association Board.

Pippen shared that he is excited about serving on the association's board. "The Board has planted the seed, and is now ready for some



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sunshine in the form of fantastic members for the association to grow."

The interest group identified additional prospects to serve as officers and plan to elect officers at their next meeting. The Foundation did a soft launch to announce its

Alumni Association Membership and it is now available for members' use.

To become a member, individuals are encouraged to go online to www.albemarle.edu/alumni to sign up. COA alumni are encouraged to join the association. An annual membership is \$15 or a lifetime membership is \$100. Alumni Association members receive a quarterly newsletter,

discounts on ticket purchases to Foundation events, access to resources at the newly renovated Charles H. Ward Library and Knowledge Commons and a discount card for use at businesses in the seven county service area. Businesses participating include Albemarle Audiology, Albemarle Lanes, Colony Tire, Dairy Queen, Elizabethan Gardens, eyecarecenter,

Firehouse Subs, Itza Boutza Pizza, Jersey Mike's Subs, Montero's Restaurant, OBX Bowling and Van's Pizza House.

For information on COA's Alumni Chapter, or if you are interested in being featured on the Alumni Discount Card, contact the Foundation at 252-335-0821, ext. 2263, or by email, coa_alumniassociation@albemarle.edu.

CHECK IT OUT!

Learn about historical project

Lynn Gilliard, the Chowan County Register of Deeds, came to the library this week to reserve our meeting space for an event at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 6 titled "People, Not Property: Recovering the History of Slavery in Chowan County."

Lynn is responsible for the care of many historic documents and the Register of Deeds office has done a great job stabilizing and getting many of

Chowan County's documents digitized and available for genealogical and historical research. The People, Not Property project is a partnership between UNC Greensboro University Libraries, the North Carolina Division of Archives and Records, and North Carolina Registers of Deeds to create "a unique, centralized database of bills of sales indexing the names of enslaved people from across North Carolina."

This project needs trained volunteers to help with the actual process of creating what librarians call "records" (and computer people call metadata) of the existing bills of sales that are held by the Register of Deeds. This is an extraordinary opportunity to increase the availability of these records to help our community share more of its history on a global scale. If you need a flyer to take to your church, social group or friends — stop by the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library and we'll print out some for you!

The Register of Deeds office also will have the flyer available.

In Summer Reading news: It's time for the Balloon Lady. I invite everyone in the community to come to this Summer Reading Program at 10:30

a.m. July 23. This includes grown-ups. The Balloon Lady is an amazing artist and is worth every minute spent watching her.

Upcoming Library Events

* 11 a.m. July 17 — StoryTime & Pop-Up/STEAM program

* 1 and 4:30 p.m. July 18 — Beat the Heat Movies - I have no way to describe this movie — it's one of Joyce's favorite animated films of the past 10 years — please call and ask

* 10:30 a.m. July 20 — The Jetsons continue

* 10:30 a.m. July 23 — The Balloon Lady — need we say more?

* 11 a.m. July 24 — StoryTime & Pop-Up/STEAM

* 1 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. July 25 — Beat the Heat Movies

Picture Books

Maisy Goes to a Show - Lucy Cousins

The Pout-Pout Fish Cleans Up the Ocean - Deborah Diesen & Dan Hanna

Children's Fiction

Treasure Hunters: All-American Adventure - James Patterson

Madness in the Mine: An Unofficial Minecraft's Novel

The Bad Guys: The Big Bad Wolf

Geronimo Stilton Reporter: It's My Scoop

Children's Non-Fiction

Who Was Stephen Hawking, P.T. Barnum & Che Guevara

My Weird School Fast Facts: Mummies, Myths & Mysteries - Dan Gutman

Young Adult

The Rest of the Story - Sarah Dessen

Fiction

Lost and Found - Danielle Steel

Mrs. Everything - Jennifer Weiner

The Oracle - Clive Cussler

Over the Hill - Kelly Irvin

Paranoid - Lisa Jackson

The Summer Guests - Mary Alice Monroe

Summer of '69 - Elin Helderbrand

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JENNIFER FINLAY

JROTC CADETS ATTEND CAMP



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Eight cadets from the John A. Holmes High School Aces Battalion JROTC program were selected to attend the "Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge." The leadership camp was held at Camp Pendleton, Virginia, and consisted of over 260 cadets from 30 different high schools from Virginia and North Carolina. Above photo: The cadets who attended the challenge along with the instructors SFC Michael Jackson (bottom left) and Col. Don Isbell (bottom right), were (l-r) Carrie Jenkins, Tyion Rankins, Itary Lopez, Alajah Cross, Arthur Schwarm, Knickolas Mitchem, Sema'j Jackson and Noah Clayton. Left photo: Cross (left) and Clayton were recognized for outstanding leadership during the camp.



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(L-r) Robin Griffin Zinsmeister, dean, Workforce Development, Public Services and Career Readiness Campus Administrator, Edenton-Chowan Campus; Steve Wood, John A. Holmes High School principal; Casey Bass, director of Secondary Education and Career and Technical Education, Edenton-Chowan Schools; Emily Nicholson, assistant director, Northeastern Workforce Development Board; and Dr. Michael Sasscer, Edenton-Chowan Schools assistant superintendent; show the signs that will be placed around the high school's campus to encourage students to choose careers in Chowan County.

Partnership highlights Chowan County careers

COA, Edenton-Chowan Schools launch work local movement at JAHHS

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More than half of the open jobs in North Carolina over the next five years are projected to be in trade-specific occupations not requiring a four-year degree. In the effort to expose students to local job opportunities and career ladders, NCWorks, powered by the Northeastern Workforce Development Board (NWDB), partnered with the

Edenton-Chowan School System and College of The Albemarle to execute a photography campaign of "home-grown employees" who have prospered from successful careers at various businesses across Chowan County. Contrary to popular opinion, trade-specific occupations offer strong wages and the opportunity for career growth. For example, manufacturing occupations in Chowan County and surrounding areas had a yearly average

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"The Hearts of Horses," by Molly Gloss

A book worth reading

BY WILLIAM FRANCIS AHEARN

Book: "The Hearts of Horses," by Molly Gloss

Where available: Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library

Recently, I read a book "The Hearts of Horses" — a novel by Molly Gloss — a book I borrowed from the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

The book tells the reader a good deal about life in the Northwest during World War I.

The impact of ... well, here is an excerpt that demonstrates its reading pleasures.

It's a book I think many animal lovers would enjoy.

A passage from the novel:

First paragraph: "In those days, even before the war had swept up all the young men from ranches, there were girls who came through the country breaking horses. They traveled from ranch to ranch with two or three horses they had picked up in trade for work they'd done. Of course most outfits had fifty or sixty horses back then so there was plenty of work, and when the war came on, no men to get it done. Those girls could break horses as well as any man but they had their own ways of doing it, not such a bucking Wild West show. They went about it so quiet and deliberate, children would get tired of watching and go off to do something else. They were usually alone, those girls, but it isn't like in the moving pictures or the gunslinger novels. The female always in peril. If they were in peril it wasn't from outlaws or crooked sheriffs, it was from the usual things that can happen from ranch work — breaking bones, freezing your fingers off — the kinds of things that can happen whether you are a man or a woman." During a creative, award-winning career spanning more than 50 years, William Francis Ahearn has worked as a photographer, art director, graphic designer, marketing guru (he created Intel's famous "Intel Inside" logo), craftsman printer, antiquarian book dealer, and art festival artist. Married to Kate, the couple lives in Edenton.

HELLO, MR. ROBOT



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(L-r) Sela and Zaria McNair, ages 10 and 8 years old, pose with a 4-foot working robot that William Turner brought July 9 for the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library's robotics program. The girls are the daughters of Ebony and Priest McNair of Edenton. The library's Summer Reading Program has activities throughout the summer. The Tuesday program is at 10:30 a.m. upstairs.