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Annual chamber fundraiser offers food and music

18th annual Shrimp by the Bay set for Friday

BY MILES LAYTON
 Staff writer

"Shrimp by the Bay" celebrating the life Paul Waff will take place Friday at Wharf Landing Pier.

Bring your lawn chairs for food and fun that kicks off at about 6:30 p.m. and ends around 10 p.m. Music will be performed by Adam Nixon

and Chuck Hodges — Clustergoat.

Tickets are \$40 a piece — none will be sold at the door.

Stop by the Chamber Office, 101 W. Water St., Edenton, to get your tickets or call 252-482-3400 to purchase and reserve yours today.

"This is our 18th Annual Shrimp by the Bay and is the premier fundraising event for the

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Tyrell County Manager David Clegg talks with area leaders about not only the virtues of the Harbor Town Project, but of the scenery that water travel offers in Tyrell County.



FILE PHOTO

The 18th annual Shrimp by the Bay will be held Friday at Wharf Landing.

Ferry plans underway

Local officials get update on Harbor Town Project

BY MILES LAYTON
 Staff writer

COLUMBIA — A pontoon boat excursion up the Scuppernong River provided a small taste to policymakers who are actively working to create and promote the Harbor Town Project.

Guided by River Roaming Tours Captain Ray Davenport, the tour followed a meeting Monday between town and county officials who discussed the planning needed for a high-speed ferry system to link waterfront towns between Plymouth and Manteo.

NC Representative Ed Goodwin, R-Chowan, provided an update as to what



River Roaming Tours Captain Ray Davenport talked about local history as he provided town and county leaders a small taste of what a boat ride would be if a ferry were traveling the Scuppernong River.

Raleigh is doing to make this ferry system as popular as the boat ride between Hatteras and Ocracoke.

A video featuring Nick Didow, a key organizer of the project, appears on the Chowan Herald's Facebook page. For an

extended version of the story, see the Daily Advance's website.

A local folklorist, Davenport entertained his guests as he told tales about river traffic from long ago. He knew the history of almost every building by Columbia's waterfront. Knowledgeable about most every turn, depth and channel marker, Davenport spoke about how various bridges spanned the river before showing the remains of a passenger ship that sunk in 1910, the Estelle Randall. The river tour flowed up near the edge of the Albemarle Sound before returning dockside to the historic town that features restaurants, Pocosin Arts Center

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HEARD & SEEN

BY ROBERT WHITE

Editor's note: J. Edwin Bufflap, longtime editor/owner of the Chowan Herald, wrote a very popular column for decades that was called "Heard & Seen."



BUFFFLAP

Bufflap's column offered local observations and quick anecdotes about the comings and goings of our community. In that spirit, Bufflap's stepson, Robert White of Scuppernong, sent us this letter as a tribute to Bufflap.

I write this article in honor of Mr. J.E. Bufflap, the former owner and editor of this wonderful newspaper, the Chowan Herald.

He would have been very proud of what you people have done to expand and improve upon this paper. When I was a toddler and teenager growing up, he was my stepfather.

We lived at 207 E. Church St. I'm proud to say he was my step-father and the most quietly the most honorable man I ever knew. He dearly loved this "Old Town on Queen Anne's Creek" (now Edenton) and all the people within it's environs.

His best friend was Mr. Kehayes of Pembroke Circle (proud father of our Dr. Alexander Kehayes). They would meet at the Kehayes' home frequently to play cards and enjoy each others company. Although Bufflap was introverted and did not converse, he conveyed with me a sense of favor.

Myself, brothers Jimmy and Bruce were privileged to be cared for and supported by this wonderful man. He was raised in Pennsylvania, but as real an Edentonian as one could be!

In the tradition of "Buff," I write his column about other things and thoughts.

I wish to thank all of our northern brothers

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Toxic algae reported in river

State agency finds toxins near Arrowhead Beach

BY MILES LAYTON
 Staff writer

Early indicators suggest the annual algae bloom was reported in spots between Arrowhead Beach and Edenton Bay.

However, the Chowan Herald's weekly kayak trip that started near the Chowan River Bridge, up the Bertie shoreline, then across the Albermarle Sound to St. John's

Island and past Edenton Bay shorelines, revealed no algae by sight or smell on Sunday. Maybe last week's thunder storms washed the green stuff away.

Nothing lasts forever, because by Tuesday's press time, what appears to be algae or perhaps duck weed was reported in Edenton Bay near Blount Street. Because temperatures have topped the mid-to upper-80s, the water has

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PHOTO COURTESY FAISON WINBORNE

Algae was sighted Tuesday morning by Edenton Bay. Last week, algae was reported in a sampling taken July 23 by the Shawnee Trail Canal by Arrowhead Beach, according to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality.

Ministry aids homeowners

Volunteers provide repairs, other services

BY VERONICA DOWNING
 Correspondent

Going northbound on Mexico Road, one can find a U-Haul truck sitting outside the home of one Edentonian family, with a host of younger volunteers chipping in to get the

house up to code.

For the past few decades, the Carolina Re-building Ministry out of Plymouth has been offering their services to families in need. The mission which started in Washington County, extends its services to Bertie and Chowan counties, but they are planning to expand to other North Carolina cities.

"We serve homeowners who can't afford to do the repairs themselves, to help keep them safe, dry and healthy," Susan Creed, organizer for the Carolina Re-Building Ministry, said in an interview July 25.

The Rev. Dr. Jill Smith, of Christ United Methodist Church, in Salisbury, and

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SUBMITTED PHOTO Volunteers from Christ United Methodist Church in Salisbury work on a house on Mexico Road recently as part of Carolina Re-building Ministry, based in Plymouth.

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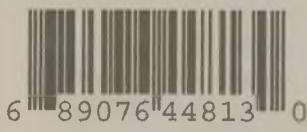
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