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Regulator Marine expands, now has 213 employees

Boatmaker hosts open house for \$7M expansion project

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

More than a decade after the plans were first drawn up, Regulator Marine is celebrating completion of its \$7 million expansion project.

The boat maker recently held an open house to showcase its plant improvements, which include two new structures and

renovations to its current facility on its 25-acre site on Peanut Drive in Edenton. About 200 people attended the event.

Addressing attendees in the company's new two-story assembly building, Regulator President Joan Maxwell said some odds and ends are still being completed, but otherwise, the plant is operational.

Regulator originally had plans to start construction of the improvements in 2008, said Maxwell, the company's co-

-founder. In fact, the company already had the plans drawn up.

"We were ready to start construction in 2008, and then along came this thing called a recession," she said. "So at that point, our focus was not on building, but on survival. Thanks be to God, Regulator not only just survived, the Lord sent more than enough orders."

By 2016, the company began to feel confident enough to again

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Regulator Marine Co-founder and President Joan Maxwell talks during the open house as employees work on boats behind her Sept. 18.

SOUND BAPTISM



PHOTO COURTESY SHANNON SHOLAR RAY

Edenton Baptist Church Pastor David Brooks baptizes Savannah Byrum on Sunday in the Albemarle Sound. While the waters and the experience revitalize the soul, an added bonus was the Sound's water temperature was quite divine. Nine were baptized: Savannah Byrum, Vincent Byrum, Alex Smith, Grayson Smith, Jimbo Parrish, Emma Parrish, Bailey Rinehart, Reagan Privott and Carson Ray.

Edenton celebrates the US Constitution

Tea Party NSDAR hosts annual ceremony

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Constitution Day offered a patriotic feeling of well-being Saturday at the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse.

Sponsored by the Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, the annual event started with the posting of the Colors by JROTC cadets from John A. Holmes High School — their uniforms smartly

pressed, Colonial attire at attention alongside modern fare.

Anne Rowe, regent for the Edenton Tea Party chapter of NSDAR, welcomed a crowd of between 50-60 people gathered to celebrate the nation's founding.

Martha Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance and Deacon Frank Jones, a Navy veteran, led the opening prayer, an homage to a prayer offered at the Constitutional Convention those many years ago.

Alex Cohoon played the

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PHOTO COURTESY SANDRA LANCASTER SPERRY

Terrence Boyle, Chief United States District Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, gave the keynote speech during the Constitution Day program Saturday at the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse. The event is organized by the Edenton Tea Party Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Pastor celebrates 60 years of ministry

Thomas Biggs serves Cape Colony Church of Christ

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Pastor Thomas Biggs celebrated 60 years of service to God on Sunday at the pulpit where he has spent nearly half of his life.

Think about that for a

moment — six decades — that means Biggs, 89, has been preaching the Word since Dwight Eisenhower was president. He has served at Cape Colony Church of Christ for 43 years — since the President Jimmy Carter administration. That's a lot fish

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Public favors keeping high school in town

County commission, board of education held forums

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

Members of the public spoke in favor of keeping a Chowan County high school in Edenton on Tuesday during a forum in John A. Holmes High School auditorium. Feelings were mixed as to whether to start from scratch — building an entirely new school — or using the "bones" of the current school build in the 1950s.

A total of 31 people — mostly retired educators, business owners and Holmes' alumni — spoke before a joint meeting of the Chowan County Commissioners and Edenton-Chowan School Board of Education and a crowd of 300 people at the John A. Holmes High

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School auditorium.

The group has been meeting for several months to discuss the feasibility of building a new high school or renovating the current one, John A. Holmes High School. This is the first public meeting the committee has held regarding the school.

Another public forum on the location of a new high school will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, September 19, at the Northern Chowan Recreation Center Gym on Virginia Road.

Commission chair

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Regional Fair to be held Oct. 1-5

STAFF REPORT

The 73rd Chowan County Regional Fair is coming to the American Legion Post 40 grounds Oct. 1-5.

Tickets are \$8 for those 36 inches tall or higher. A daily wristband for rides are \$20 at the Midway Ticket Box. The midway closes at 11 p.m. each night except Saturday, when it closes at midnight.

The fair kicks off Tuesday, Oct. 1, with car load night pricing. For a total of \$60, all passengers in a car (six people maximum) who are buckled into individual seat belts will receive gate admission and unlimited rides. You will be given a ticket with the number of buckled passengers in your

car as you drive up to turn into the ticket booth to purchase a "Car Load" ticket. Any passengers over the 6 count limit will have to pay regular gate admission price.

Fun with Produce, sponsored by the Junior Fair Board, will feature the opportunity to see pumpkin volcanoes and other interesting things. It will be held from 4-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Laura Davis will perform at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday on the main stage.

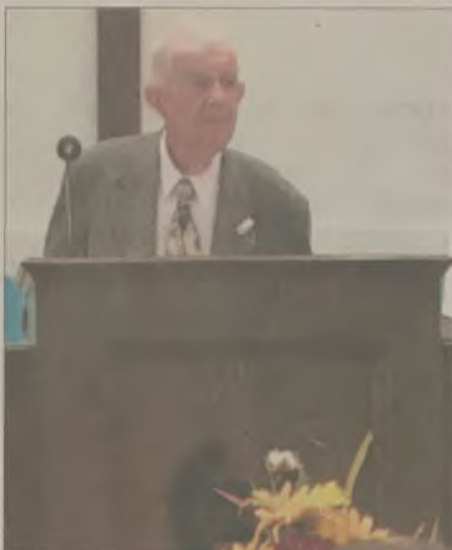
Wednesday will be Student night, with elementary, middle and high school students admitted for half price.

The Hog Showmanship Show will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the show

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Cape Colony Church of Christ Pastor Thomas Biggs was honored Sunday for his 60 years of service to God and community.



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