

NEWS BRIEFS

STAFF, SUBMITTED REPORT

Two appointed to historical commission

RALEIGH — Governor Roy Cooper appointed Lisa Baker and Mary Jo Sellers to the Edenton Historical Commission last week.

Baker and Sellers, both of Edenton, were appointed as members at-large.

Baker was the first executive director of the Chowan Arts Council. She is a former chairperson for the Edenton Preservation Commission.

Sellers has been active in the Edenton community and its historical heritage in many ways, including volunteering, hosting historic tours and cultural events, and serving as secretary of the Edenton Women's Club.

Holmes to recognize CMS, Rec Dept. teams

All the football players, cheer leaders, and band members from Chowan Middle School and the Edenton-Chowan Parks and Recreation Department will be recognized Friday during the John A. Holmes varsity football team's game against Camden.

All players are asked to

wear their jerseys and cheerleaders wear their uniforms. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.

Fall Litter Sweep to be held Oct. 19-Nov. 3

The Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce is again working with the community and neighboring counties to assist with the Fall Litter Sweep set for Oct. 19-Nov. 3. All businesses, organizations, and individuals are encouraged to organize a group to help keep Chowan County clean. Visit <https://www.pasquotankcountync.org/litter-sweep> to a sign up, or you can contact the Chamber at 252-482-3400 to select roads to clean up. The Chamber will provide trash bags, gloves and safety vests.

The Chamber is working with Pasquotank, Perquimans, and Gates counties. Pasquotank County set up a link for Chowan County residents to select their roads to clean online.

Once the link visited, click on the "Cleaning up in Chowan County" link to begin the sign up process.

Contact the chamber with any questions.

CMS HOMECOMING



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Eighth-graders Ella Womack (left) and Tyquon Bush were crowned Homecoming queen and king, on Oct. 2 during halftime at the Chowan Middle School football game. Congratulations to all those named to the Bulldog Fest Court.

Trillium: Mental health is a key to well-being

SUBMITTED REPORT

GREENVILLE — Trillium Health Resources and other national organizations are raising awareness for Mental Illness Awareness Week (Oct. 6-12), World Mental Health Day (Oct. 10), and Depression Screening Day (Oct. 11) in October. Mental health is a key part of health and well-being.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), each year, millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental health condition. In 1990, Congress officially established the first full week of October as Mental Illness Awareness Week. Since then, advocates have worked together to educate the public about mental illness year-round.

World Mental Health Day is a day for global mental health education,

awareness, and advocacy against social stigma. Help show support by joining the conversation on social media (#WorldMentalHealthDay), wearing a green ribbon, or hosting an event. This year's focus is on suicide prevention.

Trillium works with local organizations and the public to schedule Mental Health First Aid trainings in our communities. The courses teach about the symptoms related to a variety of conditions and how a layperson can help.

Trillium's call center is open 24-hours a day, seven days a week at 1-877-685-2415 for anyone concerned about a potential mental health illness or in need of treatment for other behavioral health issues. The public can also visit our website at www.TrilliumHealthResources.org.

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who we are, but who we have been for generations and generations in this nation," Sen. Cory Booker (D-N.J.) reminded in his recent speech in response to the massacre in El Paso. "Bigotry was written into our founding documents. Native Americans in our Declaration of Independence were referred to as 'savages.' In our Constitution, black people are fractions of human beings."

"White supremacy has always been a problem in our American story — if not always at the surface, then lurking not so far beneath it. We have seen it from slave masters who stole and pillaged black bodies for profit to demagogues throughout generations who stoked racist and anti-immigrant hatred, often for votes, and then enshrined their bigotry into our laws," Booker continued. And then he articulated why, for me,

a formal apology from the United States government for slavery with all the facts and truth that make it unavoidable is an absolute necessity. "Without truth," he said, "there can be no reconciliation."

At bottom, I bet you an apology is what African Americans want most.

An acknowledgment of the pain and suffering, an expression of sorrow for the mistreatment and degradation, and an "I'm sorry" for the abasement of our ancestors and the disrespect (still) endured by their descendants.

No check of any amount could substitute the priceless psychological benefit of a simple and sincere apology.

Without one, our nation will never escape this endless loop of tragedy. We will never reconcile. We will never move forward.

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Jonathan Capehart is a member of The Washington Post editorial board.

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questionnaires published in today's edition (Page A2) or within the Oct. 16 edition.

A non-partisan candidate forum starts at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the John A. Holmes High School auditorium. Mike Ervin, executive director of the Edenton Historical Commission, will be the moderator. Audience will be allowed to ask questions.

Last time the newspaper broadcast a candidate forum via social media, the video reached more than 1,200 people and was viewed 751 times. Since that time, the Chowan Herald's video production skills have improved, and its social media footprint across the county and northeastern NC has grown stronger, thus the forum will offer the candidate a great opportunity to share their opinions with the community.

COLEMAN

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protect part of the original building for its historic value and to keep ties to the past. It's hard to say "I went there" to a totally new building. Beyond that, it's up to the educators and the architects to choose the design.

As part of the design, I would encourage additional vocational and technical training facilities for students not planning on attending college. Too, I would like a building adaptable for broader community use when school is not in session.

Q: Bonus question — though Coleman faces no opponent, he gave this answer:

A: There is nothing nice I can say about my opponent. He represents everything you've spent your whole life fighting against. He's despicable. He's

deplorable. He's disgusting. He tries to convince you that, as a person, you're not important — that "you can't make a difference" that "no one cares what you think."

You wouldn't take that from a husband or a wife or a friend. Why take it from my good-for-nothing opponent — Johnny Q. Apathy. (The "Q" stands for Quiet.)

To oust Johnny Q. from power, we need a plan. Here's my suggestion: Make sure your friends are registered and then remind them to vote in the upcoming town elections. Registration is like an inoculation against Johnny Q.'s degrading views. He can only infect non-voters.

Be prepared for resistance, however. Johnny Q. has ruled this town far too long to give up without a fight.

For additional information, visit the Coleman for Council page on Facebook and the campaign web site at www.colemanforcouncil.com.

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their friends and relatives about Edenton. All the web-based tools that we are currently using to attract people should continue to be encouraged and supported by the town.

Q: Since it appears that town/county supports keeping JAHHS at its present site, do you favor a new school or renovation/repair?

A: I support keeping JAHHS in town and I support renovating at least the main portion of the original structure. The main structure has been where generations of Edentonians have attended high school. Restoration offers

a unique opportunity to modernize the campus while retaining the portion of the building that has served our community for many years.

I hope that an architect will be selected that will enhance the beauty and functionality of the current campus and provide a place where the youth of Edenton and Chowan County can receive the best possible educational opportunities.

Q: Bonus question: Say something nice about your opponent:

A: Tray Taylor is a very nice man. He is a graduate of JAHHS. He has chosen to make Edenton his home. His involvement in the community is important.

STALLINGS

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employers to Edenton. I will continue to work with the Edenton Chowan Partnership and I will support the newly created Workforce Development Program through the College of the Albemarle and our local industrial leaders to create new jobs in this community. I supported the Brew Pub coming to Edenton and it is my belief that promoting more family friendly venues will help to make us more attractive.

Q: Since it appears that town/county supports keeping JAHHS at its present site, do you favor a new school or renovation/repair?

A: As far as I know, there have been no figures presented related to renovation and/or new construction and which way the citizens of Edenton would be better served. An architect and a construction engineer need to be consulted and do the leg work before anyone can make that call. I am certainly not qualified to make that decision with the limited facts before us at this time.

Q: Bonus question — Say something nice about your opponent:

A: Steve Biggs and I have served on the Council together and have been friends for a lot of years. We agreed early on to run a clean campaign and we have honored that agreement.

BOLOWRAP

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citizens safe, keep our

officers safe and keep the offenders safe," he said. "BolaWrap appears to display an alternative method which allows us

to do our job and not hurt people. It's a blessing anytime you can have a more humane response to someone who


may be in crisis, which is not only good for the department, but it's also good for our community."

EDENTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION
245th EDENTON TEA PARTY ANNIVERSARY
"WOMEN OF DISTINCTION"
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019


1767 CHOWAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Box Lunch 11:30 am Program 12:00 Noon
Admission — Free with Reservation

Elizabeth Vann Moore Lecture "Frances Drane Inglis: Local Historian, Preservationist, Civil Rights Advocate"
Presented by Attorney Samuel B. Dixon, J.D.



Frances Wood Drane Inglis was born on March 17, 1929 and died at her home May 20, 2019 surrounded by family. Attorney Samuel Dixon will present the many leadership and advocacy contributions that this distinguished and respected woman made to Edenton, to North Carolina, and to the Edenton Historical Commission.



Matheson is one of North Carolina's most respected contemporary photographers. A protégé of Frances Inglis, she was awarded the 2004 North Carolina Award for Excellence in the Arts. Her numerous publications include: *Edenton: A Portrait in Words and Pictures* and *A Sense of Place: Hillsborough, North Carolina*. A one-person exhibition of her color and black and white photographs opens on October 3, 2019 in the Chowan Arts Council Gallery.

"Elizabeth Matheson: Distinguished North Carolina Photographer"
Presented by Charlotte V. Wainwright, Retired Founding Director, Gregg Museum of Art and Design, North Carolina State University

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