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Council learns status of efforts to revise town-owned property covenants — **A5**

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Chowan Middle School inducts 7th- and 8th-graders into new Beta Club — **A6**

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church EYC hosts chili cookoff, raises funds for mission trip — **B3**

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Cheryl Orr shares her easy-to-make recipe for pecan cheese wafers — **B5**

Lack of funds may delay shelter upgrades

Gates didn't include capital funds in budget

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

Due to a financial problems, Gates County only budgeted operating funds for the Tri-County Animal Shelter. Without the county's annual contribution of capital improvement funds, Phase II of the shelter's facility upgrade may be on hold.

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners

learned of the problem Monday during its regular meeting at the Public Safety Building.

The shelter, located off NC 32, serves Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties and is funded by all three counties. They share the cost of the shelter's operating budget and a separate budget for capital improvements, which funds repairs and other facility maintenance. Commissioner Larry McLaughlin first brought up the problem when discussing the Capital Improvement Plan

Committee's activities.

According to County Manager Kevin Howard, he and his counterparts in Gates and Perquimans plan to meet in the near future to discuss the funding shortfall and how to remedy the situation.

Commissioner Bob Kirby asked whether the shelter's partnership agreement would cause Chowan and Perquimans counties to pay more to cover the shortfall, with Gates County owing both counties for its share.

Ron Cummings added

that if something like that happened over the course of a number of years, Gates County would fall further behind on their payments.

Howard said he did not know at this time. His meeting with the other county managers hopefully will address the commissioners' concerns.

In other matters, board Chair Patti Kersey introduced a program review proposal, which the commissioners approved.

Under the plan, Howard

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Commissioners honor Chowan's veterans

Veterans Day activities kick off Friday, Nov. 8

By NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

The Board of Commissioners honored Chowan County's veterans during its Monday meeting with a resolution and proclamation.

The board passed a

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Edenton Tea Party NSDAR acknowledges veterans' service, sacrifice — **B4**

resolution honoring and celebrating American Legion Edward G. Bond

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Library to offer hotspots

Middle-schoolers can access internet at home

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library will offer middle school students the chance to connect to the internet at home to do their school work.

The library is part of Pettigrew Regional Library, which received a \$105,000 grant through the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to try to fill the "homework gap." The "homework gap" is when students are assigned homework that requires access to the internet, but do not have internet access at home.

Because the middle school aged students are most likely to be affected by this gap, the Pettigrew Regional Library, consisting of the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library, Washington County Library, Perquimans County Library and Tyrrell County Library, purchased 175 hotspots that are available to check-out to the middle school students in these counties. The hotspots automatically connect to the closest wi-fi tower and provide free access to the student. Each hotspot has 500 MB of data available on a daily basis. The data is filtered so that the student has access to only the safe data on the internet.

The process involves the school, the student, their parent and the library. The

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Homecoming 2019



PHOTO COURTESY KIM ULLOM

Yadi Chavez (left) and Mijonta Stanley were crowned homecoming queen and king respectively during Thursday night's football game between John A. Holmes High School and Manteo.

Stanley, Chavez crowned

STAFF REPORT

Mijonta Stanley and Yadi Chavez were crowned homecoming king and queen during halftime of Thursday's football game between John A. Holmes and Manteo.

They were crowned by last year's king and queen NaKevin Hill and Kimora Miles.

The 2019-2020 homecoming court includes:

* Freshmen: (Donell) DJ Capehart, Shamiya Leary;

* Sophomores: Nyquan Twine, Daniyah Bunch;

* Juniors: Cameron Grimstead, Camilia Miles;

* Seniors: Parker Clayton, Richardo Riddick, (Mijonta) Jonta Stanley, Hutch Winborne,



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John A. Holmes Principal Steve Wood, king of the parade, leads chants with the school's faculty and staff during the homecoming parade Friday along Broad Street.

Charleah Beasley, Yadi Chavez, Megan Gainey and Ashley Rose.

Earlier in the day, the

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DDE: 24 new businesses in historic district

Program notes \$14M in public, private investment

SUBMITTED REPORT

Destination Downtown Edenton, Inc. is an award-winning, accredited NC Main Street Program and is an affiliate of the National Main Street Center. DDE is happy to announce its 2019 cumulative NC Main Street statistics. Since 2005, DDE has been sending annual statistics to the NC Main Street office. Cumulative statistics are released each year in effort to show incremental growth occurring in NC's Main Street communities.

Downtown Edenton has experienced a net gain of 24 new businesses within the downtown historic district. This is evidenced by the increase in retail on side streets and businesses locating on the second floor above Edenton's historic storefronts.

Downtown Edenton's relatively small historic commercial district has experienced over \$14,412,153 in public and private investment.

Edenton has benefited from many historic rehabilitation tax-credit projects and helped advocate and lobby to keep the NC tax-credit program.

DDE's robust Façade Grant program has contributed financial and design assistance to many of its 35 façade improvements. DDE has partnered with the University of North Carolina - Greensboro School of Design's Main Street fellows program that has assisted with several of Downtown Edenton's facade enhancements.

The Main Street approach to downtown development was started by the National Trust for Historic preservation in 1980. While the main street principles have varied slightly over the years, Main Street uses historic buildings as a catalyst for economic development.

Downtown Edenton's Main Street program operates within the historic commercial district within the overall Edenton Historic

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Elections results online, in next week's paper

STAFF REPORT

Are you wondering where the Town election results are in this week's Chowan Herald?

We thought you might be.

We always strive to provide election results as soon as possible.

However, we were still at work Tuesday night compiling the vote totals, long after our weekly press time. They are, of course, on the Daily Advance website, www.dailyadvance.com and on our Facebook page.

Don't worry. We will still have the results in next week's paper. But

until then, check out our presence on the world wide web.

If you don't already visit our site and "like" us on Facebook, we would encourage you to do so on a regular basis. At times, there are stories that break outside of our news cycle, and we often give links and helpful reminders on Facebook.

We would like to thank the voters for doing their civic duty, and the candidates for stepping forward with their desire for public service.

Stay connected with us, and your community, Chowan County.

Perquimans officials OK zoning for housing

Development to be near Albemarle Plantation

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff Writer

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Perquimans County Commission unanimously approved a zoning request that would permit the creation of a new housing

development by Albemarle Plantation.

During Monday's meeting, commissioners listened to arguments pro and con as to whether they should approve Perquimans Development Company's plans to transform 1,500 acres of farmland into a 30-year phased development that may

eventually have 2,400 residential units, 273 of which are townhomes/condominiums. Associated commercial development may include a hotel with up to 80 rooms and two restaurants that would each seat up to 125 people.

Bobby Masters, an executive with Perquimans Development Company,

shared his insight as to the scope of the development.

"I've been involved in this business for 30 years and I probably can't name one community where all the density that was originally approved was actually built out," said Masters, general manager

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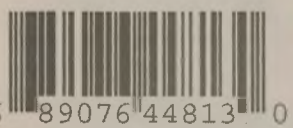
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