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EARLY DEADLINES

Due to an early press deadline, all submissions for the Jan. 1, 2020, newspaper are due by noon Dec. 26.

Evans named regional principal of the year

White Oak School principal now eligible for state award

STAFF, SUBMITTED REPORTS

White Oak Elementary School Principal Sheila Evans has been selected as the Wells-Fargo Northeast Regional Principal of the Year.

The surprise announcement was delivered Wednesday, Dec. 18, following the final note of a Holiday concert at the school. In addition to the students, staff, and local dignitaries attending the concert, Superintendent Rob Jackson surprised Mrs. Evans with the presence of her family, pastors, and former co-workers.

"Knowing how important her

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family, her church, and her friends are to Mrs. Evans, I knew that she would want them present along with the students and teachers to celebrate this special moment with her," Jackson said.

Among those helping celebrate was Matthew Bristow-Smith, current state principal of the year. He is principal of Edgecombe Early College High School.

"As principal of a high school in Edgecombe County, my most important job it to put people in my

building who help others find the magic in themselves," he told the students and audience.

"You know who else is good at that? Your principal Mrs. Evans is very good at finding teachers and staff that help find the magic in you," he continued.

Evans is the 2019-2020 Edenton-Chowan Schools Principal of the Year, an honor that the administrators of the Edenton-Chowan Schools system have awarded to Evans four times during her career. She was previously selected by her peers to serve as the Principal of the Year in 2005, 2011 and 2013. She was selected as Chowan Middle School's Teacher of the

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NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON/CHOWAN HERALD

White Oak Principal Sheila Evans speaks Wednesday, Dec. 18, after being named regional principal of the year at an event at the school.

Walgreens pays state \$1,500 fine

Edenton store fined for failing price-scanner inspection

BY SUBMITTED REPORT

RALEIGH — The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Standards Division collected \$1,500 in fines from Walgreen's at the corner of North Broad Street and Virginia Road in Edenton, because of excessive price-scanner errors.

A total of 10 stores in 10 counties, including nearby Hertford and Pasquotank counties, paid fines.

"The price on the shelf and the price at the register should match," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Stores have a responsibility to make sure their pricing is accurate, and most stores pass inspection. Ones with errors face

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FEET FIRST INTO FRIENDSHIP



Participants do a square dance promenade during a recent line-dancing class at the Chowan County Senior Center.

Joy found through line dancing

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
 Editor

In the basement under the old E.A. Swain school's gym, sits the newly renovated Chowan County Senior Center.

In the fitness room, about 20 or so residents age 55 or older gather every Monday and Friday morning to line dance.

They also laugh and share stories about their latest activities.

The group of about 25 people have bonded over this dance that first became popular as a way to dance to the country music. But the Senior Center dancers have been seen line dancing during Boogie on Broad or, as in

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Instructor Judy Muir (left) dances with Gerald Hall during a recent line-dancing class at the Chowan County Senior Center.

All seats will be contested

Challengers file before deadline for 2020 general election

BY STAFF REPORTS

All four of the region's legislative seats will be contested in next year's general election, thanks to last-day filers on Friday.

Tess Judge, a Democrat from Dare County, filed to run against state Sen. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, in the 1st Senate District in the November 2020 election.

Emily Bunch Nicholson, a Democrat from Chowan, filed to run against state Rep. Ed Goodwin, R-Chowan, in the 1st House District in next year's general election.

The region's other two legislative seats — in the 5th and 6th House districts — were already contested. Keith Rivers of Pasquotank is challenging Howard Hunter, D-Hertford, in District 5. The winner will take on Republican Donald Kirkland of Ahoskie.

Rob Rollason of Dare is challenging state Rep. Bobby Hanig, R-Currituck, in District 6. The winner of the 6th District primary will face Democrat Tommy Fulcher of Dare in the November election.

In Perquimans County, Democratic incumbents Joseph Hoffer and Charles Woodard and Republican Kyle Jones are running for the three open seats on the Board of Commissioners. Democratic Register of Deeds Jacqueline Frierson is also running unopposed for re-election.

There is a race for Perquimans school board. Incumbents Leary Winslow, Russell Lassiter and Arlene Yates are being challenged for their seats by Joseph Silva.

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Fund helps local Boy & Girls Club

'Boodie Fund' honors former Edenton mayor, Roland Vaughan

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
 Editor

When Roland Vaughan made the decision to not seek another term as mayor of Edenton, his family wanted to do something meaningful as a way to honor him.

His children, Harris Vaughan and Liza Vaughan-Williams, worked with Elizabeth Mitchell, executive director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Albemarle, to set up a special fund that is now accepting donations from the public.

Known affectionately as the "Boodie Fund," the family nickname for Vaughan, the siblings raised over \$35,000 through private and corporate donations. The fund was announced Dec. 10, at a reception held in Vaughan's honor after he presided over

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Over 300 children served at annual Day with Santa

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
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The sounds of laughter could be heard at the old D.F. Walker gym on Friday.

Santa and his helpers dropped off toys for families in need as part of the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department's annual Day with Santa.

On Friday, over 100 families

— a total of about 300 kids — were treated to games and food as their parents or caregivers received a bag of goodies to take home to help fill the space under this year's Christmas tree.

According to organizer Gwen Brown, the event focuses on children ages 1 to 10, but they made sure every child received pres-

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Children participate in the Candy Walk Friday during A Day with Santa in the old D.F. Walker gym.



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