

# DEQ reaches milestone with Brownfields program

From Staff Report

RALEIGH — The Department of Environmental Quality celebrated a Brownfields Program milestone last month. The agency entered into its 500th agreement, with Rocky Mount officials to redevelop the historic Douglas Block into a Downtown Event Center.

"It is an honor to partner with the City of Rocky Mount to create a hub in the heart of the city to bring people together," said DEQ Secretary Michael Regan. "DEQ's Brownfields Program works to put abandoned properties back into

use across North Carolina, creating homes for thriving businesses and community areas that create jobs, boosts the economy, while protecting the environment and improving quality of life."

The Rocky Mount Downtown Event Center project is an event/recreation/performance center located on nearly eight acres adjacent to the historic Douglas Block — an area that that began its historic preservation and revitalization through a different 2010 brownfields agreement. Formerly an auto service station and ice company,

the site cleanup included addressing impacts from underground and above-ground petroleum storage tanks. Through the brownfields agreement, the City of Rocky Mount conducted environmental assessments, and removed multiple underground fuel storage tanks and contaminated soil from the property under guidance from the Brownfields Program.

"The Brownfields Program has grown each year as more and more developers see the value of recycling abandoned properties into thriving commercial, residential or industrial

spaces," said Michael Scott, director of the Division of Waste Management which houses the Brownfields Program. "Program staff work hand-in-hand with prospective developers to identify the solutions needed to facilitate the re-development of these key locations in communities across the state."

The program, which celebrated its 20th anniversary this year, works with prospective developers to redevelop an abandoned or idled property where the threat of environmental contamination has hindered its redevelopment

(brownfields site). The agreements create special conditions to mitigate contamination and limits the liability of a prospective developer, so a site can be safely redeveloped and put back into productive use. Prospective developers must not have caused or contributed to contamination of the property they wish to redevelop.

Prior to the Brownfields Property Reuse Act of 1997, lenders and financiers of potential redevelopment projects tended to avoid these types of redevelopment projects because of cost uncertainties and li-

ability for environmental contamination cleanup. Since enactment, the law has grown the appeal of these properties for prospective developers.

"Since the first agreement in 1998, the program has helped repurpose nearly 10,000 acres of neglected land. That translates to more than \$16 billion of private investment into North Carolina's economy," said Brownfields Program Manager Bruce Nicholson.

For more information, visit the North Carolina Brownfields Program's website at: [www.ncbrownfields.org](http://www.ncbrownfields.org).

## PROGRAM

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education, careers and everyday things they may encounter as they develop into self-sustaining adults. The program was launched in March.

Targeted areas during the Career Café are college and career exploration, resume writing, interview skills, soft skills, jobs data, teamwork, communication skills, healthy lifestyle choices, car buying, job searches, employer expectations, entrepreneurial opportunities, financial literacy and civic concerns.

Davison said the program is an opportunity to learn and develop in a relaxed and fun, but structured environment.

It was the first time that NADO has given the Aliceann Wohlbruck Innovation Award. Wohlbruck died in March and was NADO's first executive director and served for 24 years.

"The Aliceann Wohlbruck Innovation Awards

program recognizes the important and wide-ranging work of regional development organizations in communities across the country" said Doug Elliott, executive director of the East Central Iowa Council of Governments. "These awards demonstrate the value of regional development organizations and highlight their critical role in promoting economic development for the nation's rural and small metropolitan communities."

It is not the first time the Albemarle Commission has won an award through NADO. In 2013 it won for a bike path plan. It also won an award after Hurricane Irene for disaster recovery efforts.

NADO is a Washington, DC-based membership association of regional development organizations that promotes programs and policies that strengthen local governments, communities, and economies through regional cooperation, program delivery, and comprehensive strategies.

## HELPING CLEAN WATER CAMPAIGN



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Episcopal Church Women of Holy Trinity Church donated \$300 to Hertford Grammar School to support their Every Drop Counts project. This project is part of an effort of Water to Thrive to build water wells in Ethiopia. Pictured are Principal John Lassiter and Barbara Ward, treasurer of the churchwomen of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

## EMS TALK



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Perquimans County EMS staff went to Perquimans County Middle School recently to meet with seventh graders there and talk about basic first aid and CPR for children and infants. Topics included choking, wound care, fractures, burns, and insect stings.

## VETERANS

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and Hertford American Legion Post 362 along with the Perquimans County High School Band and members of Hertford Boy Scout Troop 150 and Cub Pack 150

Carroll Bundy, past post commander, and current pastor of New Hope

Methodist Church will be the speaker for this year's annual observance. Bundy is a native and life-long resident of the county. He also is a retired NC Army National Guardsman and currently a member of the retired reserve component of the U.S. Army Reserve.

As an Army sergeant and infantry squad leader with Alpha Company 1st of the 120th Infantry/Mechanized, he served as part of North Carolina's 30th Combat Brigade during his 2004 deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Bundy's awards and badges include the Army

Commendation Medal, two Army Achievement Medals, four Army Reserve Components Achievement Medals, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal and Mobilization, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, three Noncommissioned Officer's Professional Development Ribbons, the Army Service Ribbon, Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon and the Combat Infantryman Badge.

On the civilian side, Carroll Bundy is a 1982 Graduate of Perquimans County High School. He retired after 25 years with Albemarle Boats in Edenton.

Bundy is married to Carla Thornton Bundy and they have four grown children.

They live on what was a part of the small farm where he was raised. His wife is the owner/operator of New Hope Stables.

## JACKSON

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dated that Jackson could not be in the same place as Eley, which in effect meant Jackson could not attend town council meetings until the issue is resolved. On Oct. 24 District Court Judge Chris Bean amended that order to allow Jackson to attend meetings, but kept the provision that Jackson cannot harass or threaten Eley.

In May a Perquimans County grand jury found reason to charge Jackson with perjury. The issue stems from statements Jackson allegedly made during a trial in February that ended with

his conviction on a charge of misdemeanor resisting, delaying and obstructing a police officer.

Jackson said he was not on probation at the time, Feb. 1, and he was according to the Grand Jury. He also had a pistol in the vehicle, which is a probation violation.

A District Court judge found Jackson guilty of obstructing an officer, and he was sentenced to 10 days in jail. The jail time was suspended because Jackson is appealing the case to Superior Court.

Jackson is also faced civil issues over a property dispute for house on Brace Avenue.

## VOTING

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Retiree David Riddick gave \$200. People donating \$100 included Richard Schulze, a retired Congressman and retiree Annette Parr.

White's biggest single donor in this last filing period was Phelps, the lawyer who was running against Bob Steinburg for an N.C. Senate seat. Phelps donated \$500. Tilley was the second largest donor at \$400. Scott Truesdale donated \$300 and Terry Welcher made a \$300 in-kind donation. Janice

Cole an attorney, retired judge, county commission chairman and U.S. Attorney gave \$100 along with Francis Mulholland, a retired FBI agent.

White spent most of his money on signs and billboards.

Bray spent most of his money on signs, t-shirts and a campaign mailer.

Across the northeast region, early voting total varied widely. Chowan had a 32 percent turnout and Perquimans was at 31 percent. But in Currituck the rate was 16.5 percent and in Hyde it was 15.5 percent.

## State honors Rascoe with Long Leaf Pine award

From Staff Reports

Elizabeth City resident Nancy Dawson Rascoe recently was presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in a ceremony in Raleigh that was attended by more than 100 friends and family members.

The presentation took place at the State Capitol in the Old House Chamber on Sept. 7.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, which is awarded by the governor, is the highest civilian award for service to the state of North Carolina. According to state officials, it is presented to individuals who have a proven record of extraordinary service to the state and their North Carolina communities.

Rascoe taught school in North Carolina beginning in 1954, and from 1993 through 2018 operated a summer program teaching young people proper etiquette, manners, respect for others and themselves, and the social customs that will help them become successful professionals and business leaders in society.

Her summer etiquette program for young people, comprised of weekly five-

day overnight camping sessions at her former home in Perquimans County, was referred to as Miss Nancy's Manners Camp, and was also known as "A Summer House Party for Young Ladies and Gentlemen."

Each session of her manners camp ended with a graduation ceremony in which every student individually recited memorized quotations reflecting on the importance of manners and etiquette in all aspects of life.

A number of other area residents have been awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, including William Sterritt and Dr. Linda Hayden of Pasquotank County; Bill Privott of Currituck County; and Kristi Nixon, Bob Quinn and Eddy Goodwin of Chowan County.

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"We only put this out last week, and already we've got five groups that are on the waiting list for adopting a senior."

All 350 people who receive a home delivered meal will get something for the holidays. People can donate things like lotion, tissues, hand soap, toilet paper, paper towels or candy to their local senior center or to the Albemarle Commission at 215 S. Church St. The deadline is Dec. 3.

The Adopt a Senior program is for the 35 to 40 clients who don't have family or friends to share the holiday with, Lamb said. She doesn't have the totals yet, but last year most of those seniors who needed help

were in Perquimans and Pasquotank counties.

Lamb said they are still trying to determine who is in need based on input from staff and the volunteers that actually deliver the meals. Once identified, information will be gathered about if the senior is male or female, what size they wear, their favorite color, and other things.

The AAA program covers a 10-county area, but some counties have resources and don't need donations. Lamb said in Dare County, the senior program has a "12 days of Christmas" program.

"This is our third year and we've kind of expanded on what's been done in the past."

For more information, contact Lamb at 426-5753 ext. 232 or e-mail [alamb@accog.org](mailto:alamb@accog.org)

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