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Odyssey of the Mind



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A team of D.F. Walker Elementary School students who placed second at the Odyssey of the Mind State Finals in Raleigh last month is shown with coach Christy Stevens. The team of Adeline Bunch, Brystal Stevens, Ayden McPherson, Luke Sasscer, Molly Sasscer, Nolan McArthur and Owen Alfred has been invited to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals in May. To make the trip, the team needs to raise \$6,000 by May 19.

Walker team hopes to compete in finals

To compete in Michigan in May, team needs to raise \$6K

BY TYLER NEWMAN
Staff Writer

EDENTON — A team of students from D.F. Walker Elementary School has qualified to compete in the

Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Michigan State University next month, but will need a \$6,000 funding boost to get there.

The team of Adeline Bunch, Brystal Stevens, Ayden McPherson, Luke Sasscer, Molly Sasscer, Nolan McArthur and Owen Alfred were recently invited

to travel to East Lansing, Michigan, to pit their thinking skills against those of thousands of other students from across the U.S. and around the world.

The team received the honor following its recent success at both the regional Odyssey of the Mind competition in Swansboro

and state competition in Raleigh. The team finished in second place in the state event.

At Odyssey of the Mind competitions, teams of students choose a problem to solve. Team members then use a combination of

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Raymond, Cox HHI's Volunteers of Year

Both help plan, coordinate events like Grand Illumination

Historic Hertford, Inc.

HERTFORD — If you have ever attended an event in downtown Hertford, it's very likely Lynne Raymond and Susan Cox had a hand in planning it.

Raymond and Cox have been named Historic Hertford's Volunteers of the Year for 2022, and both were honored at an Awards Brunch at the Historic Hertford building on Wednesday, April 5.

Besides community members, attendees included Raymond's and Cox's many friends, family, and those who have worked alongside them over the years.

Raymond is chairperson for The Carolina Moon Theater. She is instrumental in the group's theater performances and coordinates rehearsals, scheduling, ticket sales, and marketing. She is also current chairperson of Historic Hertford Inc.'s Board of Directors.

Cox is the owner and See VOLUNTEERS, A6



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Hertford Town Manager Janice Cole (left) presents Historic Hertford Inc.'s Volunteer of the Year Awards for 2022 to Susan Cox, HHI's vice chairperson (center), and Lynne Raymond, HHI's chairperson.

Most of HI sewer plant's unpaid fines go back 30 years

Facility not properly disposing of treated wastewater

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

HERTFORD — A non-profit sewer district in Perquimans County has been assessed civil penalties for ongoing problems at its wastewater treatment plant for more than three decades, but most of the fines have gone unpaid, a state official said.

The wastewater system, operated by a non-profit entity known as the Minzies Creek Sanitary Sewer District, has been assessed civil penalties "dating back to 1992," a spokeswoman for the state's Division of Environmental Quality confirmed this week.

"Most of the fines remain unpaid," the spokeswoman said.

The problems at the

plant continue, according to a report issued by DEQ on March 1.

"The facility has failed to treat the wastewater to the permitted effluent limits," the report states. "The wastewater could cause depletion of oxygen in surface waters and add nitrogen to the water body which could cause algae blooms and fish kills."

In addition, "evapotranspiration ponds" — ponds that allow water to move from the earth's surface into the atmosphere — "have failed and are discharging to a swamp which flows to Minzies Creek. The creek is used for recreation purposes," the report states.

The report states "the facility can't properly dispose of their treated wastewater" and notes "the failure to treat the wastewater to the limits in

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Coleman will not seek second term on Edenton council

Councilman announcing now to let others mount bids

BY TYLER NEWMAN
Staff Writer

EDENTON — Roger Coleman, one of Edenton's two at-large town councilors, says he won't seek re-election to a second term in November.

Coleman, who was first elected in 2019, noted that when he and his wife Liz first discussed him running for office four years ago, the couple agreed that he should serve only one term.

"The opportunity to serve on this town council with the mayor and my fellow council members, plus two town managers, Anne-Marie Knighton and Corey Gooden, is one of the great honors of my life," he said.

Coleman said he's announcing his intentions now because he wants

those interested in succeeding him to have plenty of time to make their own decision about

running.

"Several people have recently spoken to me about their interest in seeking the Edenton Town Council at-large position, should I choose not to run for re-election," Coleman said. "To encourage this interest and to allow ample time for campaigning, I am announcing early my decision not to seek a second term."

Coleman is the third Edenton elected official to announce their plans for the fall election. Mayor Jimmy Stallings has said he's not seeking

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Chowan-Perquimans Habitat completing home for family

Construction began on Riddicks' home in Hertford in September

From staff reports

HERTFORD — Work is nearing completion on the Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity's 22nd home project — an all-new house at 313 Artie Street in Hert-

ford. The local Habitat chapter's construction team broke ground on the 1,260-square-foot, three-bedroom, two-bath home on Sept. 26, according to a Habitat press release. The panelized house was ordered from Landmark Home and Land Company, and was delivered by truck to the construction site.

On Nov. 11, Habitat volunteers gathered at the homesite and worked through the day to unload the exterior walls and fit them to the concrete slab foundation, the nonprofit said. Construction continued through the winter, as weather permitted, aided by local volunteers and professional crews.

"Normally, we'd have up to 80 volunteers involved," said John Sams, construction lead for Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity. "However, our volunteer pool was seriously affected by COVID since 2020 and we were forced to build our last house with fewer than 10 regular volunteers."

Thanks to the "generosity" of local residents and businesses and churches that sent groups to work on specific tasks, Habitat's volunteer workforce is returning to its "previous levels," Sams said.

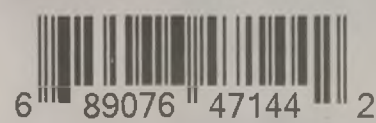
United Rentals of Elizabeth City, for example, sent a group of volunteers to help paint and

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PHOTO COURTESY CHOWAN-PERQUIMANS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity volunteer Bob Fatscher is shown at the construction site of the new home the local Habitat chapter is building for Ke'ena Riddick and her three children at 313 Artie St., Hertford. Habitat plans to complete the home and turn over the keys to Riddick this spring.



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