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New owners renovating former Edenton supermarket site

Town: Today's Bank investing \$2.8M for roof, renovations

BY VERNON FUESTON
Staff Writer

EDENTON — The shopping center that once housed Edenton's Food Lion supermarket until its move across town is in foreclosure, and the new owners are taking steps to

make its commercial space available for rent.

The new owner, Today's Bank of Fayetteville, Arkansas, is investing \$2.8 million to fix the shopping center's roof and make other renovations, said Tyler Newman, public information officer for the town of Edenton. A.R. Chesson of Elizabeth City is performing the work.

Newman said the town hopes the property will be

put back into commercial use, perhaps with another supermarket that might give residents a second choice for their grocery shopping.

"We hope these renovations will attract potential tenants and merchants to the center," Newman said. "North Edenton is definitely open for business."

Today's Bank officials could not be reached for comment.



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CHOWAN HERALD

An unidentified worker disposes of debris from the renovation work underway at the former Food Lion shopping center in north Edenton. The center's new owners plan to invest \$2.8 million in repairs at the site, an Edenton town spokesman said.

Paddle, Peddle, and Plod



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About 40 kayakers paddle away from the Hayes Plantation Bridge at Edenton's Queen Anne Park Saturday morning during the Paddle, Peddle, and Plod triathlon competition put on by the Chowan-Edenton Optimists Club. Jacob Bond won first place overall and Tiffany O'Neal placed second.

40 kayak, bike and run at triathlon

E-Chowan Optimists event raised money for cancer fund

BY VERNON FUESTON
Chowan Herald

EDENTON — An air horn's blast sent more than 40 kayakers paddling furiously as they pulled away from the Hayes Plantation Bridge at Edenton's Queen Anne Park Saturday morning.

Kayaking was the first leg

of three events in the Paddle, Peddle, and Plod triathlon competition put on by the Chowan-Edenton Optimists Club.

Weather conditions and choppy water forced the kayak portion of the triathlon off the waters of Edenton Bay, sending the boats instead on a 1.94-mile course up Queen Anne Creek and back.

Once the racers finished the water portion of the race, it was time to bicycle from

the park out to the Macedonia neighborhood, 7.5 miles away, and then back for a total of 15 miles.

With the bicycle leg of the race out of the way, the triathlon became a foot race as the competitors then crossed the wooden bridge of Queen Anne Creek, following a course that took them past Hayes Plantation, a distance of 3.1 miles.

Rachael Johnson was responsible for laying out the

course. She said the foot race portion of the competition was a favorite.

"It's a beautiful course, nice and flat," Johnson said, adding that the historic Hayes Plantation House brought history and beauty to the run.

Jacob Bond won first-place honors overall, while Tiffany O'Neal placed second. Bond won first place in the men's division, while O'Neal took the women's honors.

Hertford Mayor Brown will not seek reelection

Hodges to seek mayor's post, Mimitsch not seeking new term

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

HERTFORD — Hertford Mayor Earnell Brown announced last week that she will not seek reelection in the town election this November.

Brown said she is not seeking reelection to a second four-year term "because of personal reasons." She declined to comment further.

Brown has served as the town's mayor since 2019.

Also on Wednesday, Hertford Councilman Ashley Hodges, town council's mayor pro tem, said he plans to be a candidate for mayor this fall.

Hodges said Brown had informed him of her decision not to seek reelection.



BROWN HODGES

"Although I will miss working closely with her in an official capacity, I understand her reasoning for wanting to take a step back," Hodges said. "She loves Hertford too much to go anywhere on us, and I expect she'll continue her work for our community, and particularly for young people, for many years to come."

Hodges said he had learned a lot from working with Brown.

"Mayor Brown and I

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7 say they plan to run in Edenton

High lone candidate for mayor, 6 to seek 3 council seats

From staff reports

EDENTON — Filing for the November non-partisan election to fill the mayor's job and three open seats on Edenton's Town Council doesn't start until noon on Friday, but candidates are already lining up to run.

Six candidates have already announced that they plan to file for one of the three council seats and a seventh candidate has said he plans to run for mayor, seeking to replace Jimmy E. Stallings, who's announced he's not seeking re-election.

Two of the council seats — in the First



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Councilor Hackney High Jr. has already said he plans to run for mayor instead of for re-election to his seat. At-large Councilor Roger Coleman also has said he doesn't plan to seek re-election.

Councilor Samuel B. Dixon is the lone incumbent who said he plans to seek re-election. As yet, no challengers have said

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Byrum named Teacher of Year at CMS

Byrum has taught math for more than two decades

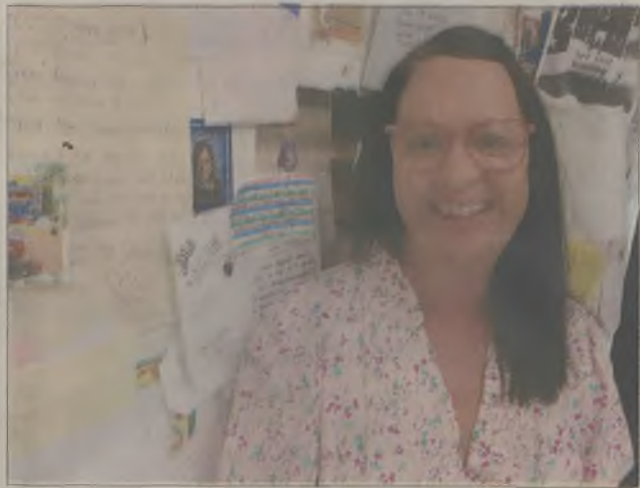
BY VERNON FUESTON
Chowan Herald

"Math doesn't change," Shannon Byrum says about the subject she has taught for 27 years. "Two plus two equals four — today, just as

it will tomorrow."

Byrum is Chowan Middle School's Teacher of the Year, and she is passionate about the subject she teaches: 8th-grade math, or what some call "pre-algebra."

For a lot of us, math was never a favorite subject. It is abstract, it is demanding, and it requires lots of practice. But Byrum is a believer in the value of science, technology, engineering and math in preparing students for a world that is growing ever more complex.



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Shannon Byrum was recently named the Edenton-Chowan Schools' 2023 Teacher of the Year for Chowan Middle School. Byrum has been teaching for 27 years.

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