Archdale develops strategic economic plan

BY DANIEL KENNEDY

ARCHDALE — Residents at the regular October meeting of Archdale City Council were given an opportunity to get a glimpse at what the future of its city could look like.

In January, the city began to prepare an economic development strategic plan with the assistance of the North Carolina Main Street and Rural Planning Center. Jason Miller, the city’s planning director, gave a brief explanation of what the project has entailed.

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The Randolph County Commission was present at a Founders’ Award at the Piedmont Triad Regional Council during the Oct. 17 board of delegates meeting and 50th anniversary celebration.

According to a news release, the Founder’s Award is a new recognition of the PTRC presented to regional leaders of “superior merit.”

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Hopewell Elementary students were able to take the flat of seeds they planted back to the classroom for observation. Here, Addy Kanoy proudly displays her freshly-planted flat.

Photos by Debbie Hightower

After discovering the parts of a plant, students were amazed to learn that you can eat all the parts of some. Hopewell first-graders bravely sampled seeds, roots, stems, leaves and flower parts of various plants. Here, Emma Glaspey samples a spinach leaf.

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There were some yum faces and some yuk faces as students tasted the stem (celery), leaf (spinach) and flower (broccoli) parts of a plant.

When it was time to taste sunflower seeds, Corbin Crouse remarked, "I love them."

Said Trinity High agriculture teacher Caroline Sheffield, "This would not be possible without A-T Tax dollars. They funded us and it just sort of blew up. My students are able to host and teach 400 first-grade students each year."

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