



Nana's adopt White Oak class — 7A

Board to revisit text amendment

Biz owners dispute complaints

By **RITCHIE E. STARNES**
Editor

Cruise Arrowhead Beach and you'll find a hodgepodge of residential properties that hints of economic diversity in a densely populated rural landscape where neigh-

bors work as hard as they play.

What originally began mostly as a part-time community where residents could live along the Chowan River and partake in its recreational offerings has evolved into a rural fulltime subdivision of 700 lots with as many working-class families as retirees.

"The community has changed dramatically. It

was primarily weekenders who came down to go fishing," said Jim Brock, resident and Arrowhead Property Owners Association (APOA).

Caught in the crossfire of this evolution is a couple that operates a seasonal sideline that has drawn the ire of some neighbors and the APOA. For more than two years APOA board members and surround-

ing neighbors have flip-flopped their stance about whether Danny and Angela Dupraw's home-based deer processing business violates APOA bylaws and undermines the quality of life in Arrowhead Beach.

Before the Dupraws chose to move into Arrowhead Beach, they claim to have first inquired with the APOA about whether or not they could operate

their deer-processing business during hunting season.

"We weren't going to buy this home if we couldn't have the business," said Angela Dupraw. "We told them that we're not interested in the property if we can't have this business."

The Dupraws, who earn their primary living by installing tile, said they count on the income from

their moonlighting venture.

"We need this to survive in the winter months," said Danny Dupraw. "The tile business falls off during the winter, especially with the way the economy is now. It's either feast or famine."

On Feb. 13, 2010 the APOA voted unanimously

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Schools set to GEAR UP

Systems receive \$1.7M in grants

By **PETER WILLIAMS**
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Two local school districts will split \$1.7 million over the next seven years under a program designed to get students on track for higher education.

Perquimans and Edenton-Chowan were among the 11 districts from across the state chosen for the latest round of the GEAR UP program. Edenton-Chowan will receive \$919,000 and Perquimans will get \$850,000.

All 11 of the school districts selected serve predominantly low-income communities. The grants will provide help to 22,000 students and their families.

Students as young as seventh-grade will get help, and the program will track their results for the next seven years.

In addition, the 17-campus University of North Carolina system, which includes Elizabeth City State University, will be part of the program.

Statewide, the U.S. Department of Education is investing \$28.6 million for the GEAR UP program in North Carolina.

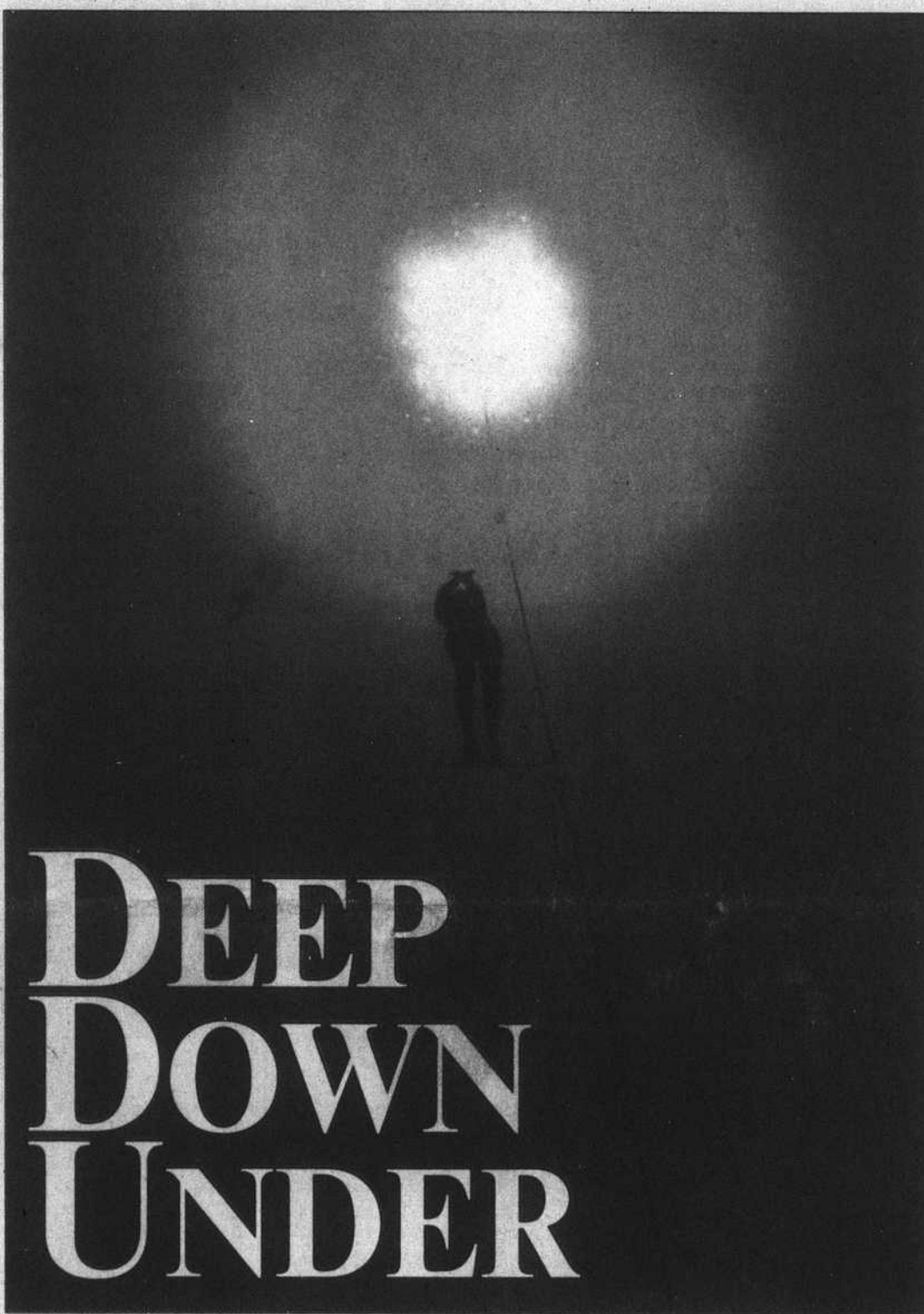
James Bunch, assistant superintendent of the Perquimans County Schools, believes the program will have a positive impact on local students.

"Studies have shown that when kids are allowed to visit a college environment, and students and parents are given information about education financing at an early age, the transition to college is much easier for the students and the parents," Bunch said.

Perquimans will hire a GEAR UP coordinator and one liaison to work with the business community.

GEAR UP North Carolina will provide eligible students and their families services including academic tutoring, career exploration, college advising, college visits, financial literacy workshops,

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Dr. Kerry Hollowell, a star high school athlete at Edenton in the 1990s, finished fourth in the Deja Blue III freediving competition in the Bahamas, recently. She dove 55 meters below the surface without taking a breath.

Edenton alum Hollowell making mark in freediving

Finishes fourth in international meet

By **PAUL WHITE**
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If you're waiting for Dr. Kerry Hollowell to fail at something she sets her mind to, don't hold your breath.

Especially if that some-

thing involves Hollowell holding her breath.

The one-time top high school female athlete at Edenton specializes in this as part of her latest passion — freediving, the art of remaining under-



Hollowell

water at great distances or considerable time on a single breath.

At the recent Deja Blue III international freediving competition in the Bahamas, Hollowell dove to 55 meters between breaths, a feat that placed her fourth in the world among this year's competitors.

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\$2M marked for economic development

Golden LEAF grant targets Tier 1 counties

By **RITCHIE E. STARNES**
Editor

With \$2 million hanging in the balance for economic development through education and community initiatives, about 60 stakeholders attended an informational meeting in hopes of securing a piece of the action.

Held last Thursday at the College of The Albemarle's Edenton campus, stakeholders quickly learned that the Golden LEAF Foundation would give grant priority to Tier 1 counties, or the state's most economically distressed, amid efforts to create economic prosperity and stability. Through grants in education and community initiatives, Golden LEAF focuses on agriculture, job creation and retention, and workforce preparedness.

"The goal here is to move the economic needle in Chowan County," said Golden LEAF's Calvin Allen.

Dan Gerlach, Foundation president, Allen and counterpart Pat Cabe took turns encouraging stakeholders to unify for common goals, instead of piece-milling projects that would less likely succeed and waste this financial opportunity.

"We want to impact the most people — get the most bang for the buck," Cabe said. "You don't want to leave any money on the table."

They suggested that it would be best to identify three to four potential grants, opposed to several with less funding.

Cy Rich, who is spearheading the recently formed nonprofit Edenton Chowan Partnership in place of the Edenton Chowan Development Corporation, was among those present at the meeting.

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About 60 stakeholders attended the first in a series of meetings as part of Golden LEAF Foundation's Community Assistance Initiative, last Thursday.

Sea rising faster on East Coast than rest of globe

Outer Banks within 600-mile 'hot spot'

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WASHINGTON — From Cape Hatteras to just north of Boston, sea levels are rising much faster than they are around the globe, putting one of the world's most

costly coasts in danger of flooding, government researchers report.

U.S. Geological Survey scientists call the 600-mile swath a "hot spot" for climbing sea levels caused by global warming. Along the region, the Atlantic Ocean is rising at an annual rate three times to four times faster than the global average since 1990, according to the study published Sunday

in the journal Nature Climate Change.

It's not just a faster rate, but at a faster pace, like a car on a highway "jamming on the accelerator," said the study's lead author, Asbury Sallenger Jr., an oceanographer at the agency. He looked at sea levels starting in 1950, and noticed a change beginning in 1990.

Since then, sea levels have gone up globally about 2 inches. But in

Norfolk, Va., where officials are scrambling to fight more frequent flooding, sea level has jumped a total of 4.8 inches, the research showed. For Philadelphia, levels went up 3.7 inches, and in New York City, it was 2.8 inches.

Climate change pushes up sea levels by melting ice sheets in Greenland and west Antarctica,

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