



## Beach Proposal Gets Town's OK

Edenton Recreational Director Robbie Laughton presented a proposal for a new recreation facility to town council Tuesday night. Utilizing state and federal grant money, the proposal is to develop swimming facilities on 700 feet of Albemarle Sound shoreline near the airport.

The town owns approximately 61 acres between Crisanti Lake and Bayliner Corp. where the recreation facility would be placed.

Laughton said that the facility could be developed over a three year period in three phases. Phase one would bring a gravel access road from base road to the shore, a distance of about 2,700 feet. The road would terminate in a parking lot for 50 cars.

Phase two would incorporate clearing operations and the construction of jetties for the swimming area.

The final phase would see construction of a bath house, concession stand, picnic shelters, a playground and nature trails.

Laughton estimated the total cost at \$150,000. He said that a statewide grant pool of \$250,000 was available from the N.C. Dept. of Natural Resources and Community Development, Division of Coastal Management. Grants are available on a 75 percent state funding, 25 percent local funding basis.

He said that first priority for this grant fund is for beach and estuarine water access.

The recreation director suggested that the town and county might jointly fund the swimming beach proposal. He said Wednesday, "We have talked to the county manager." He said that County Manager Cliff Copeland had a positive reaction to the idea.

Council was asked to endorse the proposal so that Laughton could make an April 8 deadline in submitting a notice of intent to the state to apply for grant funds. Council gave its approval.

Commercial fisherman Rod Cross submitted a letter to

the council asking for a resolution of support for the agricultural program for Best Management Practices. His letter highlighted the importance of this program in preventing runoff of farm chemicals into estuarine waters.

Cross said that, while the program was over-subscribed in this area, there was an inadequate number of program technicians to run it properly now and especially in light of needed expansion in the program in the future.

The fisherman asked council to send a letter to Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan expressing support for the program. Council agreed.

After a public hearing, council annexed two parcels of land on the north side of the bypass near the intersection of N.C. 32 and U.S. 17 Bypass.

The first parcel includes the Williford-Barham Funeral Home owned by Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Barham. The second is adjacent to Edenton Tractor Co. and is owned by Ollin Sykes and Robert Thomas.

Herman Terry of the N.C. Forestry Service was on hand to present the town with the Tree City USA Award for 1987. Terry told council, "You truly have a beautiful town. It doesn't just happen. People make it happen."

In presenting a large Tree City USA flag and a bronze maple leaf for a previously awarded plaque, he noted that this was the ninth consecutive year that Edenton had won this award.



**NINTH AWARD**-Edenton received its ninth award of the Tree City USA designation at town council meeting Tuesday night. Holding the flag are Dee Phillips and Gil Burroughs, members of the Edenton Tree Committee. At left is Mayor John Dowd, standing at right is Herman Terry who presented the award and seated are Linda Edmundson, Town Clerk and Councilman A.B. Harless. Eight trees were planted around Edenton on Friday in commemoration of Arbor Day.

## Heart Assoc. Has Auction

Those loving an auction will have an opportunity Friday, March 25, to bid on a wide range of items that run the gamut from a vacation in the Bahamas to paintings.

The Chowan County Heart Association is holding its fifth annual auction beginning at 7 p.m. at the American Legion building. The \$5 donation at the door will be deducted from any item purchased.

The event will include door prizes and live and silent auctions.

In the live auction category, numerous accommodations at Myrtle Beach, Pawley's Island and Nags Head will be featured. The crown jewel of accommodations however, will be a week at a house in the Bahamas

which includes the use of a pleasure boat.

Other items on the block will be jewelry by Gail and by Carolista, mystery boxes and handbags by Majid. Paintings include a framed and matted watercolor by Glen Eure, "Mystic" framed and matted print donated by Bob Barker and Associates

and the King Street Gallery.

The right bid will also buy dinners at "A Restaurant by George" on the Outer Banks, "Boswell's Restaurant" in Edenton and "The Jenkins House" in Ahoskie.

Refreshments will also be served. The festivities will benefit research to find cures for heart disease.

## Campaign Closes

The "Pride of Edenton and Chowan County" campaign conducted by The Chowan Herald has drawn to a close, with many outstanding people being recognized for the contributions they have made in this community.

This year's nominees reflect a wide variety of backgrounds and occupations, some Chowan natives and some not. One thing they all share in common, however, is their love for the area and their fellow human beings. They have all contributed some unique gift which has made Edenton and Chowan County a better place for their presence.

On April 21, The Chowan Herald plans to publish a special section featuring pho-

tographs of all the nominees along with stories detailing their achievements. Ballots will be included in the newspaper and distributed to area businesses so that residents throughout all of Chowan County can vote for the people they feel have done the most to improve the quality of life here. A first, second and third place winner will be chosen based upon the votes cast. Members of The Chowan Herald staff will not be eligible to vote.

Appropriate special recognition will be accorded the three winners by The Chowan Herald staff, which would like to thank all those who took time to nominate a deserving person for this award.

## Truck Overturns

A single vehicle accident in Gates County last Thursday seriously injured a Chowan man and resulted in charges against another.

A 1988 Toyota pickup truck driven by Raymond Carlton Phillips, 19, of Route 1, Edenton, sustained damages of \$7,000 according to Barbara Warren of the Ahoskie Highway Patrol office.

She said the mishap occurred at 7:20 p.m. when the vehicle veered to the left side of the road, collided with a dirt pile in a ditch and overturned, coming to rest on its top. The truck was traveling south on

N.C. 32 near Sunbury at the time.

Passengers in the Toyota were Kenny Owen, 23 and John Tomosak, 20, both of Route 1, Edenton. Owen and Tomosak were transported to Chowan Hospital where Owen was treated and released. Tomosak was transferred to Pitt Memorial Hospital where he was listed in serious condition in the intensive care unit Wednesday morning.

Investigating Trooper B.L. Quinn charged Phillips with DWI and having a liquor bottle in the passenger area with a broken seal.

### Enigmas In Doubles

Politics and the economy continue to be enigmas as we near national convention time when candidates for President of the United States will be nominated.

Politics because it is still not clear who the nominee will be even though George Bush is way out ahead among the Republican contenders.

The economy because no one can tell what it is going to do between now and the national election in November. Right now, Jimmy Carter's era is beginning to look better and better.

Consider these current developments:

After-tax family income for 1977 through 1988 will show a drop for all Americans except those in the upper 20 percent bracket. This we learn from a new bipartisan study by the Congressional Budget Office. For the top 1 percent, family income jumped \$117,000 during those 12 years as against a drop of more than \$1,000 for the middle-income family.

From the 1950s through the 1970s, according to the CBO study, the U.S. Economy added new manufacturing jobs at the rate of three million a year, reaching a peak of 26.5 million in 1979. Since 1980 the manufacturing sector has lost a net of 1.6 million jobs, leaving the total at 24.9 million in 1988.

Of course, new jobs have been added in the service industry, but replacing the higher-paying industrial jobs had the effect of pulling down family incomes for those below the upper 20 percent income level.

Consider: During Jimmy Carter's last year in office, 10 banks failed in the United States; during Ronald Reagan's next-to-last year in office, bank failures totaled 184. And it isn't over yet. Just now the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is reported about to take over the largest bank in Texas.

Consider: During the year just closed, the United States' trade deficit topped \$160 billion, up 14 per cent from the previous year; and Washington's fiscal deficit added another \$150 billion to

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## Superior Court Held

In last week's Chowan Superior Court, 25 cases were either not heard or dealt with quickly, leaving the court to concentrate on 12 cases from Monday through Thursday.

The court was presided over by the Honorable Richard B. Allsbrook of Rocky Mount. Prosecuting attorney was Assistant District Attorney Frank R. Parrish.

Expediting the calendar were 14 cases that were continued, five cases remanded to District Court judgments, three guilty pleas to speeding violations, one change of venue, one guilty plea with sentencing deferred and the case of one person who failed to appear.

Loren Fann, charged with speeding 77 in a 55 mph zone, was found guilty in a jury trial of driving in excess of 55 mph while exceeding the speed limit by more than 15 mph. He received a \$25 fine and cost of court. Fann noted an appeal to the N.C. Court of Appeals and the court set an appearance bond of \$200 and an appeal bond of \$200.

The state took a voluntary dismissal in the case of Larry Donell Lawrence, charged with two counts of assault on a female.

Tom Vernon Holley pled guilty to driving while his license was revoked and another charge of speeding 50 in a 35 mph zone was dismissed. He was sentenced to one year, suspended and placed on unsupervised probation for two years. He was also given a 30 day sentence in the Chowan County Jail to be served on 15 consecutive weekends.

The cases of Terry Lamb and Donna Lamb were consolidated for trial. Each was charged with manufacturing marijuana. In a jury trial, at the conclusion of the state's evidence, the defense made a motion for dismissal which was granted by the court.

A jury found Gladys Eldridge guilty of manufacturing marijuana. She was sentenced to two years, suspended and placed on supervised probation for four years. She was ordered to serve a 30 day sentence in the N.C. Dept. of Corrections, to pay a fine of \$250 and court costs of \$105 and to remain off the premises of her daughter, Robin L. Thaxton, unless she receives prior approval from the probation officer.

James Carroll Fleming pled guilty to felony possession.

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**DEPARTMENT AWARD** - Susan Larsen, state safety coordinator for the National Fire Safety Council, presents a national award to Edenton Fire Chief Lynn Perry. The award recognizes the Edenton department for fire education and prevention.

## Fire Safety Taught

Children in Edenton-Chowan schools are learning about fire safety thanks to a program begun last year by the Edenton Fire Department in cooperation with the Center Hill-Crossroads Fire Department and the schools.

The fire education program consists of workbooks for each child in grades K-5, badges, posters and supplementary material. All of the material originates from the National Fire Safety Council.

The materials are funded by donations from business leaders, the Edenton Rotary Club and the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club. Materials cost about \$1 per child with 1,510 children participating, including Immanuel Christian School. While no specific amounts were requested, contributions ranged from \$25 to \$100.

The workbooks familiarize children with fire departments, the nature of fire, fire prevention and what actions to take in the event of fire.

One second-grader at White Oak School learned his lessons well, according to Fire Chief Lynn Perry. The child's mother was burning trash outdoors when her dress

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**POLITICAL VISIT**-Mrs. Arlene Hardison, wife of state senator Harold Hardison, visited Edenton Monday on the campaign trail for her husband who is a Democratic candidate for Lt. Gov. Ronnie Smith, field coordinator for the campaign, talks to assembled guests as, from left, C.A. Phillips, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Hardison listen. Phillips is Chowan County campaign chairman for Hardison.