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Young Careerist  
of the Year**



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Students to  
Give Concert**



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For Support**



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## Junk Accumulation Causes Beach Residents To Complain

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

A group of angry Chowan Beach residents attended the county commissioners' meeting Monday to complain about accumulation of junk in some of the subdivision's yards.

A spokesman for the group, Ralph Warfield Sr., passed out photographs to illustrate the problem confronting concerned property owners. He said many homes are used sporadically by owners living elsewhere. Some of these dwellings have been broken into by kids, Warfield said.

"Removing vacant trailers would help a lot," he told the commissioners.

County Manager Cliff Copeland said he asked the Health Department to investigate and determine if that agency has any avenues of action to be undertaken.

Another resident complained of speeders traveling through the area tossing trash and posing a danger to the 18 or so children living in Chowan Beach.

"On advice this week from the Sheriff's Office, we'll get the tag number and color of cars," he said. "The sheriff said they will take it from there."

"You county commissioners should ride out there and see for yourself," another of

the six residents present suggested. "You don't refuse our taxes. Taxes keep going up, but nothing is done."

The man said there should be some laws in the county to require people to do something about cleaning up their property. One resident kept cows, chickens "and tires all over the place. It's just a dump," he said. "You make the laws (zoning); we'll back you up."

Commissioner Chairman George Jones told the group, "We'll get the county manager and sheriff and see what we can do. We won't drop it." Copeland added, "We'll get back to you at the next meeting."

In other board business:

Copeland said he circulated a memo two weeks ago to all county departments asking for comments on the implementation of a smoke free work environment. He said the response was overwhelming in favor of establishing such a policy.

The commissioners adopted an ordinance prohibiting smoking in the county office building and the Chowan County Courthouse.

"I can assure you we will use common sense in enforcing the ordinance," Copeland said when questioned about fines being imposed on visi-

tors to the buildings.

• Mike Williams, Chowan

County Extension director, introduced Carolyn Davis,

area specialized agent with EFNEF. He said Ms. Davis

works in eight counties to im-

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## JOBS Program Receives Glowing Report

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

Rona Norman and Lisa Mansfield, beneficiaries of

the "Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) Training Program," presented testi-

monials Monday to county commissioners about how the program has assisted them.

Ms. Norman said she started attending Elizabeth City State University in 1987 but had to drop out because of a lack of transportation. The supportiveness of JOBS in arranging her transportation and care for her children allowed her to return to school, Ms. Norman said.

"Because of this program," she said, "I am now an honor student at ECSU studying Criminal Justice."

Ms. Mansfield said she had two small children, no diploma, and no job skills when she went to JOBS for assistance. On February 23, 1993, she received her GED.

"Without the support of JOBS workers," she said, "I don't think I could have done it."

JOBS social workers Melissa Perry and Elaine Lewis, who accompanied the women to the county commissioners meeting, beamed as their "students" expressed their appreciation.

The Department of Social Services' program began in January 1992. Its main focus

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**JOBS TRAINING PROGRAM BENEFITS LOCAL RESIDENTS** -- Elaine Lewis (left) and Melissa Perry (right), social workers with the Chowan County Department of Social Services, congratulate Lisa Mansfield (second from left) and Rona Norman (second from right) for the fine job they did in speaking to the Chowan County Commissioners Monday regarding the support the Job Opportunities and Basic Skills (JOBS) Training Program has given them in pursuing further education. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Perry work with the JOBS Program. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

## Organizers Gear Up For Successful Air Show

By REBECCA BUNCH

Although the "Wings Over Edenton" celebration won't take place until July, organizers say they're well on the way to planning a successful air show.

Preliminary reports were offered during a committee meeting last Wednesday evening. Chairman Peter Wood said, "While we're still at an early stage, things are looking very positive. We have some really good material lined up."

"Wings Over Edenton" will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the military air base established here in 1943. It is hoped that many veterans stationed at the base during their Marine Corps and Navy service during World War II will return for the event.

Wood explained that while the air show is designed to be the "crown jewel" of the celebration, photographic displays and other activities will also be provided for visitors. "We are still in the process of gathering photographs and other memorabilia related to the

base," he said. "We'd like to hear from anyone who has some materials they'd be willing to share with us."

Wood said he was pleased that the Edenton - Chowan Chamber of Commerce would be assisting with early in-

quiries about accommodations. "We want to act as good hosts...to leave people wanting to come back, or come here and see Edenton for the first time," he said.

The Edenton Visitor Center will assist guests once they

arrive by providing tours of the area. "We think that's pretty important," he said. "So we're promoting Historic Edenton as well as the air show."

Organizers are hoping for

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Organizers of "Wings Over America," a summer air show celebrating the 50th anniversary of the local base occupied by Marine Corps and Navy personnel during World War II, are negotiating to bring many types of aircraft to Edenton for the event, including the SNJ (referred to as an AT6 by the Navy). According to Peter Wood, chairman of the air show, "Just about any pilot who served in the military during the 1950's and 1960's spent some time in one of these." The group is also seeking photographs and other memorabilia related to the base and hopes to eventually establish a permanent museum area at the local airport.



**GOOD ADVICE** -- Judge Janice McKenzie-Cole, District Court Judge 1st Judicial District of North Carolina, tells graduates of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program Friday at D.F. Walker School to "love yourself." Judge Cole, who delivered the keynote address, stressed sense of pride comes when one does not conform to peer pressure but remains an individual. (Staff photo by Marguerite McCall.)

## Cole Addresses D.A.R.E. Graduates

By MARGUERITE MCCALL

Judge Janice McKenzie-Cole, District Court judge 1st Judicial District of North Carolina, addressed 112 D.F. Walker Elementary School fifth graders graduating Friday from the D.A.R.E. Program.

In its fourth year at Walker and White Oak schools, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) teaches students the consequences of using drugs.

The 17-week program is sponsored by local law enforcement and Edenton-Chowan Schools.

Chowan Sheriff's Deputy Harry Ward and Edenton Police Officer Ronnie Stallings serve as instructors.

Walker Principal Ralph

Cole charged the graduates with the "responsibility of sharing this information with all whom you meet."

Standing in for Stallings, who could not be present, Edenton Police Chief Harvey Williams introduced Judge Cole, saying she had worked day shifts as a New York police officer while attending college and law school at night.

"I wish every judge and attorney could spend two years on the street," Williams said. "It might make a difference."

He said Judge Cole and her husband, Attorney J.C. Cole, moved to Hertford from New York City in 1983.

"On November 6, 1990,"

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## Chamber Redefines Its Goals

By REBECCA BUNCH

The Edenton - Chowan Chamber of Commerce is in the process of streamlining its operation and shifting its goals toward an emphasis on industrial expansion and development during the coming year.

According to Executive Director Richard Bunch, the change in direction was mapped out during a winter planning session for chamber members. He says he wholeheartedly supports the concentration of chamber manpower in this new direction.

"Our board is also unanimously behind this new program," he said. "I feel we'll be doing the community a great justice by doing what we've scoped out to accomplish this year. Specifically, we're going to refocus the scope of the chamber's activities in an effort to bring in more jobs locally. I think that's a very important goal for us to accomplish, and we'll all be working hard to get the job done."

Bunch noted that the success of the effort will depend largely on teamwork and

making full use of the community's resources. "One thing we're really excited about," he said, "is forming a business support group from among the retirees here. They're a strong source of knowledge for us, and have a lot to offer. There's no reason why we can't tap into this."

He said the Blue Dot Visitation Program would also continue and even be expanded this year. "This is a highly successful program that we started last year that allows our staff members to

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## Special Insert On Pilgrimage Is Included

Readers of this week's edition are encouraged to take note of a special section inserted in this week's paper that profiles the upcoming Biennial Pilgrimage sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club.

In addition to color photographs of many tour sites, the section also includes interesting articles including profiles of the first Pilgrimage and significant historic buildings on the tour.