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Varsity Soccer Team Posts Win Over Hatteras

The Edenton Aces varsity soccer team achieved what coach Scott Parrish called "a really big win" over Cape Hatteras with a 3-2 overtime victory Oct. 1. Chad Fleetwood scored a goal in the second overtime period to give the Aces the victory. He also scored the first big goal of the game. Fleetwood was assisted on both goals by Mike Santana. See details on page 11-A. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

Mansfield, Country Jam will be featured at Farmers Day event

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

This year's second annual Old Time Farmers Day Celebration will feature the lively music of banjo virtuoso Bill Mansfield. Mansfield will perform some "homemade" traditional folk music there Saturday, Oct. 18. The event, which lasts from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., will be held on the grounds of the Albemarle Recreation Center, six miles north of Edenton on Hwy. 32. His performance is expected to include, in addition to the banjo, the harmonica, guitar and juke harp. Mansfield, a popular entertainer, has performed at folk festivals and concerts across the southeastern United States. His music has also been featured as part of the North Carolina Visiting Arts Program.



"Bill will be sharing his music and homespun humor with us on Saturday afternoon," said ARC executive director Bob Harrell. "We invite you to bring a lawn chair and be prepared to

Folk musician Bill Mansfield will be among those providing entertainment during the October Old Time Farmers Day at the Albemarle Recreation Center. pat your foot and even sing perform in the afternoon, followed that evening by the Mansfield is scheduled to See FARMERS On Page 2-A



Very Special Lady Honored

Edenton Woman's Club President Robin Sams and club member Marie Pierce (standing) congratulate Miss Elizabeth Moore, who was guest of honor at a luncheon held at Wessington last week. Miss Moore, considered by many to be the town's "unofficial historian," was praised for her dedication to preserving accurate information about local sites through the guide book (also known as "the blue book") she helped create. The first guide book was published in 1951. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

Commissioners will keep DSS as is; discuss plans for Hicks Field project

BY SEAN JACKSON
Staff Writer

In response to legislation approved by the state General Assembly, the Chowan County Board of County Commissioners have approved designation of the county's Department of Social Services as a "standard" agency under the new guidelines for welfare reform in North Carolina.

The General Assembly had asked all county boards to choose between designation as "standard" or "electing" agencies by Oct. 31. The board, in lieu of calling a special meeting later this month to hash out the details of the issue, voted unanimously to adopt the "standard" title at Monday night's regular session.

Board members listened intently to a review of the options offered by Ben Rose, director for Chowan County's DSS. At the heart of the matter, Rose

said, was the success the county has had with the Work First program.

Rose said the county has been working under "standard" policies for the past 18 months and the DSS has seen a steady decline in welfare recipients, due in part to success with Work First, in that period. Under the designation of "electing" agency, Rose said the DSS would see drastic changes in Work First. If the county chose to be an "electing" agency, and took part in the pilot program for welfare reform across the state, Chowan County would assume control and liability for all of the DSS programs, including Work First. The county DSS, Rose told the board, would most likely not be able to find the resources to function properly and efficiently as an "electing" agency.

"This is the wildest ride I've taken in a while with this welfare reform," Rose admitted.

"It (the pilot program) drastically shifts the power from the state to the local government. I'm sure you will find there are pros and cons on both sides...there is an advantage to local control. But we are struggling, just with our active caseload, to get enough community service work (for the Work First program)."

And the county DSS, Rose said, would not be prepared for the fiscal responsibility "electing" agencies will assume.

"I don't think you have enough personnel to do it, really," said Commissioner Pete Dail, agreeing with Rose.

Commissioner James Taylor made a motion for the board to adopt the "standard" designation, saying the county DSS should continue its success with Work First and that the new designation would not send out the message that it would be "business as usual" at the

agency. Chowan will still have to submit a county plan to the state under the "standard" plan.

And Chowan could become an "electing" county in two years, Rose said, and by that time the state's welfare reform should be in full swing.

"In time, if the pilot system is working, we'll get to this anyway," said Rose.

In other business, county manager Cliff Copeland discussed the Hicks Field renovation project with the board. The project, which will include a new grandstand, press box, dugouts, bleachers, concession stand and outfield fence, is a joint venture between the county commissioners, Edenton Town Council and Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. The total cost of the renovation, which is scheduled to be completed—except for the grandstand—by the start of the high school baseball season in

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Defense gives Aces victory over Tigers

From Cox NC Publications
staff reports

Ryan Westbrook caught a 19-yard touchdown pass from Shaun Rankins and converted two extra points as the Edenton Aces came from behind to defeat the visiting Williamston Tigers 20-12 in a Northeastern-Albemarle Conference game Friday night.

The Aces (3-3, 1-0) squeaked

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Helms, Basnight will attend grand opening

U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms will be the keynote speaker Oct. 13 for the grand opening of the North Carolina Northeast Partnership's new office at 119 West Water Street in Edenton.

Sen. Marc Basnight, NC Senate President Pro Tem, is also expected to attend.

The opening ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will in-

clude a ribbon-cutting and remarks by Senator Helms, after which he is expected to spend some time talking with local citizens attending the event. A private "invitation only" lunch will follow.

Organizers said Monday they are expecting a large crowd. So far they have heard from about 200 people who plan to attend.

Center Hill - Crossroads Fire Dept. to hold open house on Sunday afternoon

The Center Hill - Crossroads Fire Department wishes to extend an invitation to the entire community to come out this Sunday afternoon, Oct. 12, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m., and tour its facility.

Former fire chief Leon Evans said special guests will include

a number of people who were "very influential" in getting the volunteer fire department established.

Among them, Evans said, will be Everett White, who served as the first president and later as fire chief of the department, and Elwood Inscoe, who was

their first safety instructor. Inscoe at the time was a state employee.

"Both of them played a very important part in the early success of the fire department," Evans said. "We are happy they'll be coming."



GETTING READY FOR BUSINESS EXPO

Lisa Faulkenberry (left) and Nancy Nicholls of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, talk with Chamber President Steve Brown about plans for a tri-county Business Expo at the former Edenton Cotton Mill. A Business After Hours, open to the general public, will be held the first night of the Expo (Wednesday, Oct. 15) from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and will be available in advance or at the door. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

Oct. 12 SENIOR VACCINATION SUNDAY Sponsored By Chowan Healthy Carolinians 11-4 p.m.
John A. Holmes High School • Chowan Middle School