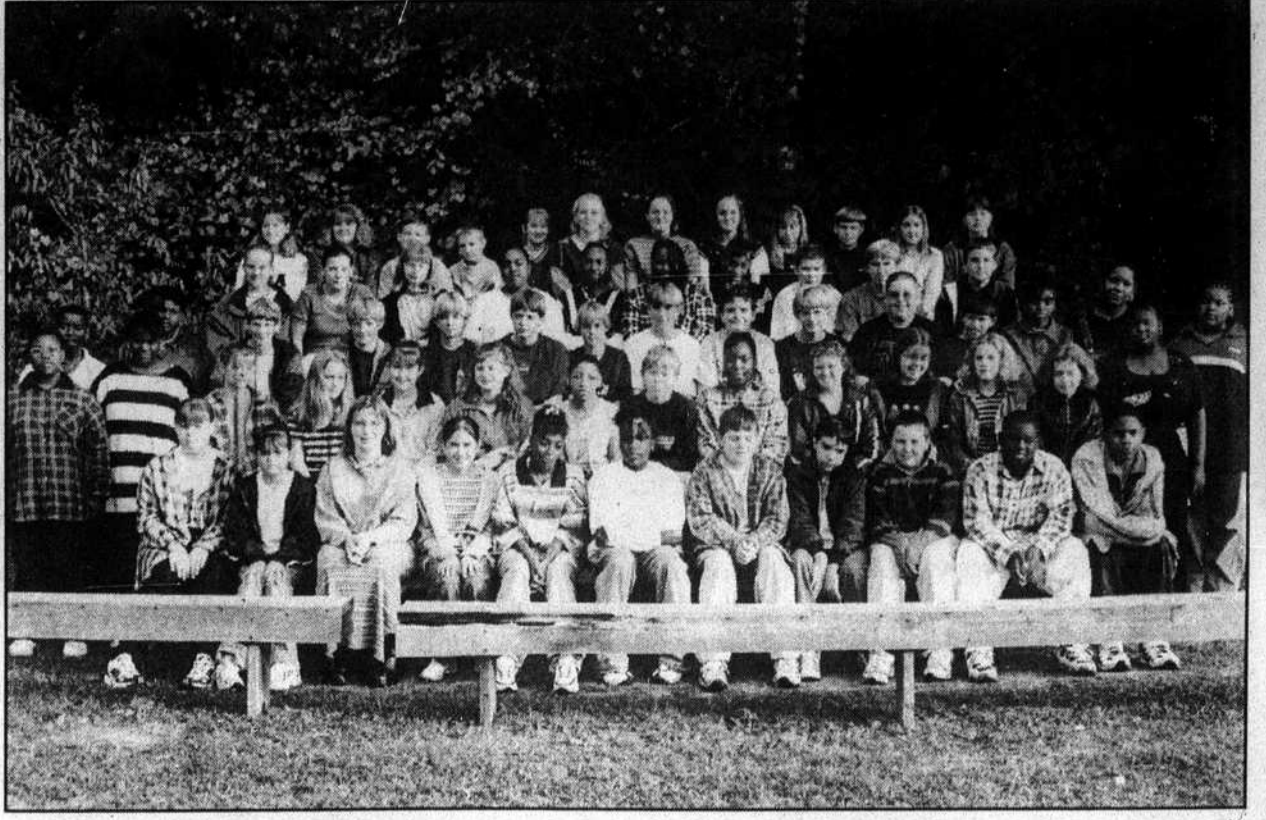




CHOWAN MIDDLE SCHOOL NINE WEEKS #1 CLUB - 8TH GRADE
 (Front row, from left) - Eric Bonner, Jamaal Williams, Avery Sharpe, Latasha Holley, Dominique Downing, Leah Overman, Carole Busby, Alex Bean, R.H. Partin, and Judson Smith. (Second row, l-r) JoJo Johnson, Paula Perry, Tiffany Jordan, Danny Vaughan, Jude Roberts, Ramon Spivey, Bethany Powers, Amanda Bunch, Terri Elliott, Chris Young, Stuart Proctor, Anecia Wills. (Third row, l-r) Lisa Bunch, Tali Francis, Teresa Brabble, Jody Nolen, Jay Horne, Ashley Nixon, Shannon Detmer, Melissa Lane, Michael Rorrer, Taye Cofield, Terrance Palmer. (Fourth row, l-r) Leah Green, Jennifer Perry, Ginny Parrish, James Elliott, Jessica Sliva, Ben Evans, Robert Austin, Amy Bivens, Allison Britton, Robin Hardison, Michelle Bass, Matt Copeland. (Fifth row, l-r) Ralchelle Hunter, Brittani Bonner, Justin Sary, Matt Elliott, Daniel Smith, Travis Devers, Will Hollowell, William Pruden, Emily Layton, Rebecca Parrish. (Top row, from left) Monica Copeland, Lisa Hassell, Tiffany Gray, Katie Lassiter, Lynett Berry, Jenna Williams, Stephanie Halsey, Jamie Skinner, Brian McPherson, Josh Spivey. - Not pictured: Latoya Coward, Sarah O'Neil, Casey Stallings, Laura Sykes, Ashley Brown, Jennifer DeJesus, Paul Copeland, Heather Ashley, Jenny Belch, Brittany Bloom, Caroline Dail, Godfrey Eason, Jennifer Heflin, Danielle Holland, Heath Hollowell, Brian Jones, Alonza Liverman, Eileen Nugen, and Alicia Privott.



CHOWAN MIDDLE SCHOOL NINE WEEKS #1 CLUB - 7TH GRADE
 (Front row, from left) Amber Copeland, Mindy Ewell, Joy Davidson, Jasna Gogalija, Lakisha Dilday, Tamara Griffin, Steven Cava, Tony Hendrix, W.T. Nixon, Dominique Jordan, Jay Cooper. (Second row, l-r) Veronica Brownridge, Angel Elliott, Lindsey Hughes, Brooke Copeland, Mandy Parrish, Allison Winslow, Portia Hardy, Bryant Smith, Kendle Sykes-Wills, Dana Bivens, Mary Beth Johnson, Kendall Birkhead, Amanda Copeland, Derickia Perry. (Third row, l-r) Patrick Bond, Shane' Bunch, Carlton Jackson, Jonathan Owens, Will Williams, Brian Swicegood, Luke Copeland, Daniel Phillips, Jacob Swet, Ronnie Owens, Jeff Miller, Blake Runyon, Joycelyn White, Cherish Jordan Cherry, Markita Littlejohn. (Fourth row, l-r) Jamie Hupher, Kristen Forehand, Amanda Britton, Crystal Bunch, Jaquetta Holley, Sherry Ferebee, Elisha Gregory, Alex Stallings, Jonathan Thompson, Chad Lewis. (Fifth row, l-r) Sara Foster, Elisha Holsapple, Sam Barrow, Jason Nixon, Robin Lane, Billie Jo Francis, Samantha Batten, Jessica Hassell, Laura Mills, Nathan Bass, Allison Fleetwood, Rebecca Walker. Not Pictured: Yasmean Blount, Lauren Chesson, Markita Drew, Catherine Whitson, Will White, Jamolin Ferebee, Jacqueline Norris, Crystal Pate and Sarah Rhinehart.

Schools receive extra state funding

The Edenton-Chowan school system will receive an additional \$130,465 from the Small Schools allotments for the 1998-99 school year. The 1998 Small Schools allotment for Chowan County totals \$793,171 as compared to \$662,706 in 1997.

The budget passed Oct. 29 by the North Carolina General Assembly included an additional \$3 million to North Carolina Small Schools Allotments adding up to approximately \$18 million shared by 25 small, rural school systems in the state.

"These funds are part of the life-blood of our school system's annual budget," said Supt. Allan Smith. According to Smith, the school schools allotment is used to provide the school district with additional teachers and teacher assistants in grades K-5 to further reduce class size and provide for more individualized instruction.

The funds also benefit the middle school program by adding additional teachers for the exceptional child program, remediation and alternative education programs. These funds will provide additional high school teachers in both the science and social studies curriculum, thus increasing the number of elective classes and reduced class size in each curriculum area. In addition, these funds support the purchase of computer hardware and software in all schools and provide personnel to troubleshoot and repair the school system's computer and technology infrastructure, as well as allowing the school system to add computer and technology assistants in each school to support the media and technology programs there.

According to Scott Penland, co-chairman of the Small Rural School Consortium since 1989, the North Carolina Senate, led by Sen. Marc Basnight, has been the leading force in helping the small rural schools. These funds supplement small rural school systems that do not have the size to generate a sufficient local tax base.

Penland said, "This funding has made a big impact on many, many children across North Carolina who attend schools in areas that lack the economic resources to adequately fund their school."

Headed, "Senator Basnight has been a champion of children in these school systems that lack adequate funding. Children have no choice in where they happen to have been born. Children in small, rural counties deserve just as much opportunity for a quality education as any other child does."

In addition to the small

schools allotment, the Edenton-Chowan school system will also receive an additional \$48,000 from the state Low Wealth School Fund totaling approximately \$304,256 in the school system's 1998-99 budget. Last year the school system received \$256,227 in Low Wealth Funds. Statewide, the Low Wealth School Fund received an additional \$10 million boost, bringing the total to \$63 million for the 1998-99 school year.

The purpose of the fund is to enhance instructional programs in counties that are designated as "low wealth." Counties are classified as "low wealth" by the General Assembly if they have a below average "ability to pay" for the operational costs of schools as determined by the local tax base and other factors. Currently, 73 of the 100 counties in North Carolina are classified as "low wealth," and about 55 percent of North Carolina's public school students attend schools in low wealth counties.

"I know our parents, students, teachers and administrators are thankful that legislators included the money in the state budget," said Supt. Allan Smith. "This money allows us to enrich educational opportunities for all the children in our schools." Smith added that the funds will be added to support the same educational initiatives the Small Schools funds currently support.

Dr. Jim Causby, chairman of the Low Wealth Schools Consortium, said the additional money is a step toward giving all of North Carolina's children a sound, basic education, regardless of where they live.

"We cannot continue to let county lines dictate the quality of education our young people receive," Causby said. "Students walking into any classroom in our state should have access to the same opportunities available to those who live in wealthier counties such as Wake and Mecklenburg."

Great Gift Idea . . . Special Holiday Memories!



It's a Snap
to find the
perfect gift for
that special someone
for the Holiday . . .
A Professional Portrait
or Gift Certificate
from Edenton's Own . . .

**TRADEMARK
IMAGES**

PORTRAITS (Studio or Location)
PASSPORT PHOTOS
SPECIAL EVENTS • PETS
GLAMOUR SHOTS • ADVERTISING
PHOTO RESTORATION
NEXT DAY FILM PROCESSING
CAMERA REPAIRS

New Hours: Mon. by appointment,
Tues. & Wed. 1-5, Thurs. & Fri. 9-2, Sat. 9-12

108 S. OAKUM STREET, EDENTON
482-2252

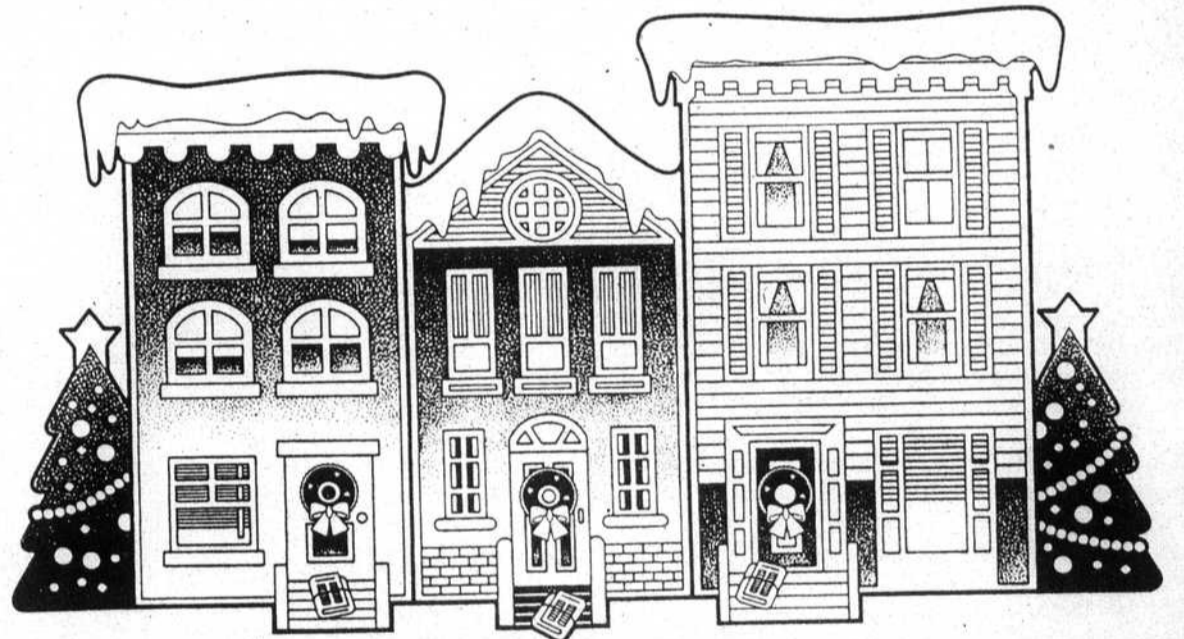
COA auction, raffle set for Dec. 2

College of The Albemarle will hold an auction and raffle to benefit the Marvenia G. White Scholarship Fund on Dec. 2 in the Student Center at COA's Elizabeth City campus.

The raffle will take place the day of the auction. Clown 'n Around has donated a complete set of McDonald's Teenie Beanie Babies (valued at approximately \$120), and a

Beanie Baby Princess Di bear (valued at approximately \$100) to be raffled. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from Nancy Farmer at COA at 335-0821, ext. 2235.

Have A Christmas Gift Delivered To Someone — 52 Times A Year! Give A Gift Subscription To THE CHOWAN HERALD!!!



**Your gift will be remembered
all year long.**

JUST FILL IN THIS CONVENIENT COUPON AND MAIL IT TO
THE CHOWAN HERALD, P.O. BOX 207, EDENTON, NC 27932
ALONG WITH YOUR PERSONAL CHECK OR MONEY ORDER OR
STOP BY OUR OFFICE IN DOWNTOWN HISTORIC EDENTON

GIFT TO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

FROM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

BILL ME WHEN THE SUBSCRIPTION RUNS OUT I WANT A CARD SENT ACKNOWLEDGING MY GIFT

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE
 ONE YEAR IN NORTH CAROLINA - \$15.95 ONE YEAR OUTSIDE NORTH CAROLINA - \$21.00