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Cancer Relay raises \$86,000 for the cause

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Relay for Life was off to a good start Friday with the "Survivor's Lap", led by banner-carriers Marvin Evans (a 5-yr. survivor) and Ben Lucy (a 7-mo. survivor). (An unconfirmed report has it that Marvin, in the course of the relay, completed 50 laps!)

Mayor Roland Vaughan said, "This is the most successful fund-raiser in the area, thanks to you and your generosity...and we'll eventually...eradicate this disease (cancer)... Congratulations to all of you who are here as survivors tonight, and I hope everybody has a

wonderful time."

Tents offered "fishing" games, face-painting, and other activities. Food of all kinds was plentiful, not to mention T-shirts, bows, and other items that were for sale.

The cause was serious, but the atmosphere was fun — a celebration of life.

By all accounts, this year's Relay for Life was a success. Although there were fewer teams (34) this year than last, more money was raised (\$86,000 compared to about \$70,000 last year).

The team that raised the most money was Layden's Day Care, and Sherie Cartwright (with

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Squads praised for dedication

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Those who give so uncomplainingly of their time to serve as Rescue Squad members are motivated by a number of factors - many of them by the desire to put their faith into action through service to their fellow man.

The importance of that kind of faith in a person's life can never be underestimated, said Howard "Buddy" Shaw, guest speaker at the 1999 Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad Appreciation Banquet. Shaw, a member of the Goldsboro, NC Rescue Squad, serves as eastern regional supervisor for the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Shaw said his own philosophy of life was a pretty simple one, but that it had meant a great deal in his life.

"If you're headed in the wrong direction," he said, "God does allow U-Turns."

Faith backed by a willingness to sacrifice personal time to serve others is the foundation on which many rescue squad members' service is built, Shaw said.

"A lot of you have sacrificed time with your families to serve," he said. "And, in turn, your families have sacrificed a lot for you to be able to serve in an organization such as this."

"Our children have sacrificed a whole lot," he

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WALKER STUDENTS FIRST IN MATH COMPETITION

D.F. Walker Elementary School students Mary Scott Bunch and Courtney Potts received first place honors in the NCCTM (North Carolina Council Teachers of Math) Mathematics Fair held at the Hillandale Staff Development Center in Durham, NC on May 7. In the statewide competition, Bunch and Potts competed with 18 other teams from the eastern, central, and western regions in the K-2 math division. The students' first place project compared the number of teeth lost among Kindergarten and first grade classes. Bunch, the daughter of Maurice and Dorothy Bunch, is a first grade student in Paula Rinehart's class. Potts, the daughter of Marty and Elizabeth Potts, is a Kindergarten student in Susan Biggs' class.



Peter Wood looks on as Mayor Vaughan signs proclamation

Safety measures are emphasized this week

May 22-28 is Safe Boating Week in Edenton. Mayor Roland Vaughan has presented the proclamation to Barbara Wood, Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Affairs and Peter Wood, Flotilla Staff Officer for Public Education from the Edenton Flotilla of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. The Mayor expressed gratitude to all Flotilla members for their efforts to make and keep Edenton waters safe.

This year's theme for National Safe Boating Week, "Wear Your Life Jacket. Boat Smart from the Start!" emphasizes the fact that boating safety begins before the boat leaves the dock.

"More Americans than ever before are heading to waterways for recreation and relaxation as opportunities for on-the-water activities increase. With this growth comes additional responsibility. It is essential that both novice and experienced boaters practice safe boating habits..." said Vaughan.

Recent statistics indicate that about 88% of people who drown in boating accidents

were not wearing life jackets. Since life in Edenton is intricately linked to the water, it is very important that Edentonians practice water safety, and since life jackets are more attractive, more comfortable, and more affordable than ever, there are few excuses for not wearing one. It is required by law that wearable life jackets be carried for each person on board a boat.

The Boating Safety Campaign, announced earlier this year, is an on-going program, and the Edenton Flotilla 16-3 encourages local boaters to obtain a free boat safety check wherever their boats are kept.

To schedule an appointment, or for details, call Jim Strickland, Flotilla Staff Officer for Vessel Examination (482-4616).

A five-week Boating Skills and Seamanship, Part II, course will be offered tuition-free, and starting June 10. Safe boating techniques, marine radio communications, recognition of threatening weather patterns, and understanding the boat's engine will be covered. For details, call Peter Wood at 482-5010.

Joint investigations help net drug dealers

A.W. Privott and family members are sentenced

BY LAURIE HUFFORD
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Arthur William Privott, a/k/a "Big Bud", 51, of 352 Coffield Road, Edenton, was sentenced in federal court in Elizabeth City recently for his drug trafficking activities.

Chief US District Judge Terrence W. Boyle sentenced Privott to 360 months imprisonment, 5 years of supervised release, and a fine of \$7,000. In addition, Privott will forfeit to the US his interest in the real and personal properties (including land, building, and cash) located at 352 Coffield Road, Edenton. On Sept. 14,

1998, both Privott and his wife pled guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute cocaine and cocaine base and criminal forfeiture.

Before Arthur, other Privott family members, of the same Edenton residence, were sentenced:

On February 17, 1999, Judge Boyle sentenced Janis Moore Privott (Arthur's wife), 49, to 262 months in prison and 5 years of supervised release. Like her husband, she will forfeit her interest in the real and personal properties located in Edenton.

Jennifer Ann Privott, 26, a daughter, was sentenced by Judge Boyle on January 13, 1999, to 30 months in prison, a fine of \$5,000, and a supervised release term of 3 years. She had pled guilty on September 14, 1998, to distribution of cocaine base and criminal forfei-

ture, and will forfeit her interest in the real and personal properties located at 352 Coffield Road.

Katina Marqui Privott, 20, another daughter, was sentenced by Judge Boyle on January 11, 1999. She got 5 years of probation, and will forfeit her interest in the real and personal properties located in Edenton. She too, had pled guilty on September 14, 1998 to distribution of cocaine base and criminal forfeiture.

On May 26, 1998, a federal grand jury sitting in Wilmington, NC indicted the Privott family. According to the 18-count indictment, from about June 1994 until September 13, 1997, the family had regularly distributed large amounts of cocaine base from their mobile home in Edenton.

Investigators on the case included the FBI, the NC State Bureau of Investigation, the

Chowan County Sheriff's Department, and the US Attorney's Office.

This is not the first time local law enforcement officials have worked together to apprehend a major drug dealer.

On August 20, 1997, Paul Gregory, Jr., age 54, of 202 E. Gale Street, Edenton, was sentenced in US District Court in Greenville, to 20 years in federal prison. In early March, Gregory had been indicted by a Raleigh grand jury on six counts: four counts of distributing cocaine and crack, possessing a firearm during the commission of a drug-trafficking crime and possessing a firearm after being convicted of a felony. The sixth count, unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted criminal, was dismissed when Gregory pled guilty to the other charges.

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Memorial Day event is planned

A Memorial Day Service will be held at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial in Edenton next Monday morning starting at 8 a.m.

Master of ceremonies will be George Stokes of the Edward G. Bond Post 40 American Legion in Edenton.

"Taps" will be played by Tom Dyson and the "Star-Spangled Banner" sung by Lynn Bundy.

The laying of wreaths will be carried out by organizations and individuals wishing to pay tribute to the service and memory of friends and loved ones.

The invocation will be offered by Post 40 Chaplain

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Theatre group transforms school

BY LAURIE HUFFORD
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The Emmrich Theatre Production Company of Minneapolis, MN, arrived in Edenton late Sunday, and is busy transforming the auditorium at White Oak Elementary School into the White Oak Theater.

Black drapes are going up around the auditorium, lights and sound systems are being put together, and the set is being built (primarily from modular parts). For the sake of breaking up monotony (and for efficiency), rehearsals and technical chores are alternated.

In this finished theater, "Under His Wings", by Mike Herron, and the world premier of "King David" by Gloria and Jeffrey Emmrich, will be presented. Both are full-blown, Broadway-style musicals. (Tickets will be available at

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Theatre members (first row, l-r) Jena Schmitke, Karie Wuerffel, Mary Callahan; (second row) Jesse Temte, Mike Phillips, Tim Doese; (back row) Bobby Gregorio, Gloria Emmrich.

Proceeds used to fund 4th of July Fireworks and To Host Members of the 1999 Special Olympics Team



The Chowan Edenton Optimist Club Holds Its
**Second Annual Golf Tournament on
Thursday, June 3 at Chowan Country Club**



DEADLINE IS MAY 27.
Contact any Optimist Member
or call Billy Barrow at 482-4019