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## Edenton waterfront to be site of Fabulous Fourth of July events

From games and live stage show to fireworks, this event has it all

The Chowan-Edenton Optimists will once again sponsor a Fabulous Fourth of July Celebration at Edenton's Waterfront Park next Tuesday.

According to organizers, the usual array of activities, games, and food tents are scheduled, plus a live stage show that gets underway at 6 p.m. and ends at 9:15 p.m.

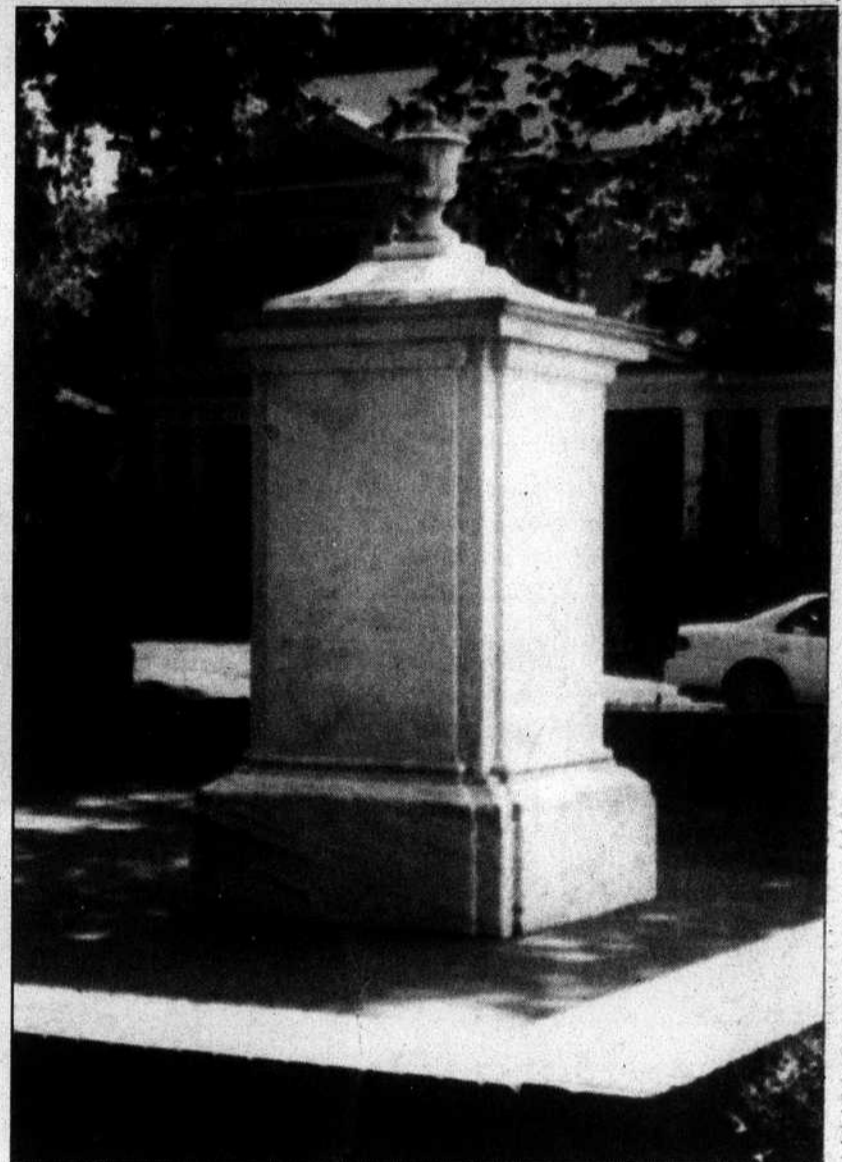
A spectacular fireworks display will end the evening's celebration as the Optimists light up the summer sky with a dazzling show of patriotism. The fireworks will begin at 9:15 p.m. and last about 20 to 30 minutes.

The live stage show will feature a variety of entertainments including rock, hip-hop, gospel, contem-



Bringing family and friends together for a day of outstanding entertainment, games and fun is what the Optimists' Fabulous Fourth is all about. There will be fun, games, music and more. (Herald file photo)

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The Joseph Hewes monument at the Courthouse Green in Edenton will be the site of a special July 4 ceremony. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

## Evans Lumber closing leaves local residents without jobs

BY DERRICK ARMSTEAD  
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In an effort to assist the estimated 90 workers displaced by the recent layoffs at Evans Lumber Company, several local organizations recently came together to host a job fair for those individuals seeking employment and training.

Included within the group coordinating the June 15 event were the Chowan County Chamber of Commerce, Employment

Security Commission (ESC), and the College of the Albemarle's Chowan Center branch.

The morning session of the program included meetings between employees and various agencies, which was followed by a four-hour job fair designed to provide an opportunity for companies and businesses to talk with former Evans Lumber employees regarding possible employment opportunities.

During the job fair, individuals participated in brief inter-

view sessions, received advice on resume preparation, and received job applications.

Employees also received information on securing unemployment compensation payments from ESC officials.

When asked for a statement on the recent developments, local plant and corporate office officials declined comment.

One of the more interesting aspects of the program was the fact there were some employees who had been with the company for an extended period of time, which according to Chowan County Clerk Nancy Morgan provides a solid example of dedication.

"There were some employees who had been with the company for over 20 years," said Morgan. "That shows the kind of workers that were there at Evans."



Kendrick Gaylord

## Grand jury to convene

BY DERRICK ARMSTEAD  
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Kendrick Gaylord, 20, one of two the two defendants in the Keiwane Powell murder case, is in a position where his July 11 probable

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## DAR to host special Independence Day observance in town

On Tuesday, July 4, at 10 a.m. a public ceremony honoring Joseph Hewes, citizen of Edenton and signer of the Declaration of Independence, will be held at his monument at the foot of the old Chowan County Courthouse green.

The program will feature a reading of the Declaration of Independence by John Becker, a short biographical sketch of Mr. Hewes read

by Edenton Police Chief Gregory Bonner, the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, a prayer, and the laying of a wreath by the National Society of the Daughters of American Revolution-Edenton Tea Party Chapter.

The NSDAR Edenton Tea Party Chapter is sponsoring this patriotic event.

Everyone is welcome.

## Herald to close

The Chowan Herald will be closed all day next Tuesday, July 4, in order to allow the staff to spend Independence Day with their families.

Therefore, early deadlines are

in place for next week's paper. Please reserve your space by 5 p.m. this Thursday if you plan to advertise. Noon Friday will be the deadline for news/photos.

Thanks for your cooperation.

## Keeping teachers requires innovative approach by school systems

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
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Second in a Series

As the Edenton-Chowan school system has joined its counterparts across the state in fighting a growing shortage of qualified teachers across all grade levels, it has had to come up with innovative ways not only to recruit, but to retain them.

To do so, Personnel Director John Guard has looked carefully at the reasons that retaining teachers can be so difficult. He has found, as have his counterparts in other locations, but that a perceived lack of support among first-time teachers is a major problem.

One of the ways the local school system has managed to deal more effectively with that situation is to have put a mentoring system into effect that pairs first-time teachers with more experienced



Third-year teachers, their mentors, and school principals in the Edenton-Chowan school system gather to recite the teacher's pledge at the Initially Certified Teachers/Mentors Celebration held at John A. Holmes High School May 30. (Submitted photo)

## Teachers, mentors celebrate their year

New teachers and their mentors gathered at John A. Holmes High School on May 30 to celebrate the completion of a successful school

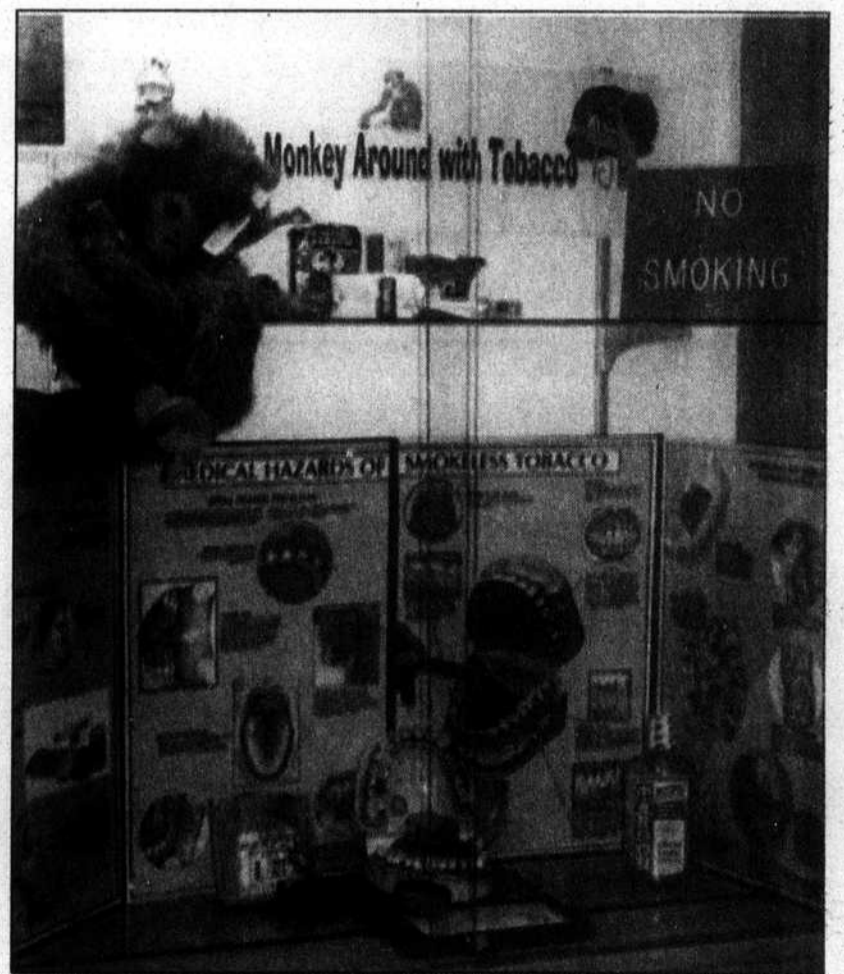
year and to recognize third-year teachers who have completed the Initially Certified Teaching program with the Edenton-Chowan

school system.

Third year teachers honored

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The Shepard-Pruden Library is the site of a display by Jean Bunch that educates the public about the dangers of smoking. Bunch brings the same enthusiasm to her work with the new CMS SWAT Program. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

## SWAT carries message

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
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As a registered nurse, Jean Bunch has seen firsthand the devastating illness that long-term smoking, and exposure to smoking, has brought into the lives of her patients. As a health educator, Bunch tries to educate those she

works with, particularly children, about the dangers of tobacco use.

Her newest project, SWAT (Students Warning Against Tobacco), involves working with a new club at Chowan Middle School to establish a fun, interactive tobacco education program. The project is

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