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## Officials plan event to thank veterans

The American Legion, Edward G. Bond Post 40 of Edenton, will sponsor a Korean War Commemoration on Sunday, Aug. 27, from 1 p.m. until sunset.

"This occasion is to honor Korean War veterans of the area, their family members and families who lost loved ones serving to save a nation from enslavement and preserving peace, freedom and prosperity," said E.C. Toppin, spokesman. "The Korean War, sometimes referred to as the 'forgotten war,' is forgotten no longer."

According to Toppin, a tentative agenda for the program has been set. Events are scheduled as follows:

• 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Social gathering and picnic of hamburgers, hot

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## Supporting local economy



Rebecca and Frank Vertz, husband and wife group tour leaders from Chesapeake, Va., head to the checkout at Broad Street's Christian Bookseller. The Vertz, who were part of a group of 45 group tour leaders from the Virginia Beach, Norfolk area who visited Edenton last week for a familiarization tour that encompassed Rocky Hock and the Edenton historic district. (Staff photo by Dave Crawley) (See related story and photos on page 3-A)

## Highway Patrol briefs citizens

BY DERRICK ARMSTEAD  
Staff Writer

EDENTON—North Carolinians are routinely bombarded with media campaigns directing their attention to the number of traffic-related fatalities, which occur during the holiday travel period. Unfortunately, the death toll remains a concern.

In an attempt to combat this problem and many other motor vehicle concerns, the N.C. Highway Patrol (NCHP) has begun a statewide initiative to conduct annual "Community Relations Forums" in all 100 Tarheel counties.

In attendance for Chowan County's yearly event were NCHP members—1st Sgt. C.D. Gould, Sgt. Mike Miller, and Sgt. Steve Byrum.

"In regard to the holiday travel period it's an education thing," said Gould. "We are trying to make the public aware. All the media coverage is part of the education

process. To go along with that we step up our presence and try to put every available (person) on during these periods."

Gould added, "Of course one fatality is too many, but there are less than in the past, and I attribute that to education."

Gould provided information about the agency's mission as well, saying "the N.C. Highway Patrol attempts to ensure safe, efficient transportation on our streets and highways and respond to natural disasters through high-quality and legal standards...."

As part of a district that includes four uniformed officers per county (in Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank, and Camden), the on-going battle to retain strong personnel was addressed by Gould during Monday's meeting.

"Especially in law enforcement we have to work harder to recruit," said Gould. "We have a lot to offer

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## Town reclaims mosquito truck, says it'll continue spraying

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Editor

Concerned by reports of several deaths linked to the Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) virus, as well as the discovery of the virus's presence in a chicken in neighboring Perquimans County, the Town of Edenton will be vigilant about spraying for mosquitoes over the next few months, Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said.

"We are, of course, monitoring the situation very closely," she said. "We are particularly concerned after the discovery of the virus in a chicken in nearby Perquimans County. That hits very close to home for us."

In fact, Knighton is taking the threat seriously enough that she

has called officials in Currituck County to request the return of a spare mosquito-spraying truck she had loaned them after it was believed that a woman had died in Dare County after contracting the virus. The woman was later found to have died of other causes.

"We just felt that with the virus so near us, we needed to get our truck back in case we might need it. That truck is an older one, and serves as a back up for us. We have also offered to assist our own county in any way we can, if they should decide conditions warrant spraying."

She said that right now, the situation here seems stable. Knighton credits good advance preparation by town employers William Davidson and Mickey William, with keeping the mosquito popu-

## 'Tip and toss' method offers protection

Jill Jordan, an education specialist with the Albemarle Regional Health Department, says there is a lot local residents can do to help protect their families from mosquitoes.

"Several of the most threatening species breed in containers found around the house," Jordan said. "You also need to ensure that there are no old tires around your property. Drain all flowerpots, pet dishes, bird baths or any other containers

located outside that hold water. Another thing you can do is to make sure the roof gutters and ditches on your property are clean and free flowing."

Local residents are also urged to avoid being outside longer than necessary, particularly at dusk, when the risk of being bitten is greater. They should also wear long sleeved shirts and long pants when they are outside, for maximum protection.

lation down.

"At the beginning of the season, there's a brick of larvae put in areas that have been identified as 'hot spots,' and that seems to really help," Knight said. She said that the town has also been keeping a close eye on nuisance code enforcement, and praised part-time employee Lynn Perry for his efforts in that direction. Perry, a retired fire chief, has been responsible for identifying trouble spots such as homes where weeds have become overgrown, and taking action to correct the situation. Standing water, particularly around old tires, is another situation that has gotten serious attention.

"He has been working really hard to help with getting rid of

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## Tire Clean-Up Program

A Tire Clean-Up Program will be held Aug. 18 through Sept. 15, and Chowan County residents are urged to participate as a way to help control the local mosquito population, and as a way to clean up neighborhoods.

Tires will be accepted at the following locations, at no charge to you:

• Perquimans-Chowan-Gates Landfill, Perry's Bridge Rd., Belvidere, NC, Monday

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## Barbers say they'll continue tradition

BY DAVID CRAWLEY  
Publisher

EDENTON - "I never have figured out which J is my J," laughed Jimmy Byrum as he contemplated the end of a long tradition. "This barber shop has been here as long as most folks can remember."

On Aug. 31 the building that houses J and J Barber Shop at the corner of Freemason and Broad Streets in Edenton will close for good, according to Byrum and his partner J. C. Lewis. The lease on the building is expiring.

The small white cement building snuggled next to the front porch of a brick home on Broad Street was built in 1948 by Master Barber J. R. "Patie" Perry who lived in the house. The shop was later operated by Stanley "Froggy" White who had married the late Mr. Perry's daughter, Beulah. White operated the shop for several years alone until he was joined in 1980 by current Master Barber, J.C. Lewis. Lewis says he has been cutting hair in that same location

21 of his 43 years as a Barber. Byrum, who has been in the profession for 35 years, joined Lewis



Longtime Edenton barbers, J.C. Lewis, left, and Jimmy P. Byrum, right, do what they have done collectively for more than three-quarters of a century. Lewis, who has been cutting hair for 43 years, gives a trim to Bill Barber of Holly Neck and Byrum, who started in the business 35 years ago, gives a haircut to William Williams of Windsor, NC. (Staff photo by David Crawley)

at the Broad Street location more than a decade ago.

Byrum, the obvious "master

jokester" of two had worked with another popular local Barber, Raymond Mansfield, in the down-

town business district of

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## Motorists swamp tire dealers with requests

BY JEREMY DESPOSITO  
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EDENTON - Even though most don't sell Firestone tires, local tire retailers were still swamped with customers Thursday and Friday eager to replace their recalled tires with other brands.

In Colony Tire's Kill Devil Hills store, for example, customers brought in several hundred of the recalled tires Thursday.

"We've had hundreds (of customers) already," said Carroll Perry, marketing manager for Colony Tire in Edenton. "It's too early to count. Some stores haven't seen (many recalls) and others have seen a lot, mostly where SUVs (sports utility vehicles) are prominent."

According to press reports, approximately 70 percent of the 6.5

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## Shaw is reappointed

EDENTON - The Board of Directors of North Carolina's Northeast Partnership has re-elected Charles H. Shaw, Jr., of Edenton as chairman for the 2000-2001 fiscal year. Also re-appointed as officers were Jack Runion of Halifax

County, vice-chairman, Bob Spivey of Windsor, secretary, and O.S. "Buck" Suiter Jr. of Ahoskie, treasurer.

"I am pleased for the vote of confidence by my fellow board members to lead the Partnership for another year, Shaw said. "I serve

with a fine group of men and women who truly care about the future of Northeastern North Carolina. With their dedication and commitment, I am confident we can continue to work toward the growth and prosperity this region deserves."

The Northeast Partnership is dedicated to increasing the standard of living for citizens in its 16-county region through industrial and business development and

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