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Collision sends two to area hospitals



This two-car accident occurred shortly before 4 p.m. on Friday afternoon just outside of Edenton on Highway 32 South. Traffic had to be diverted for more than an hour while a multitude of Chowan County rescue and fire personnel responded to the incident. According to official reports filed by North Carolina Patrol investigating Trooper W. D. Shepherd, the accident occurred when a 1993 Isuzu Trooper driven by Edenton resident Vernon Rome turned into the path of a 1986 Buick operated by Joseph Dixon also of Edenton. Both cars sustained massive damage according to the report. "He was pinned in pretty good," said County EMS Director, Doug Belch. "We used the 'Jaws of Life' to remove the doors...and pushed back the dash." Belch added, "We use that piece of equipment relatively (seldom), probably two to three times a year, at most." The Highway Patrol's report further indicates that Rome, who was charged in the accident was transported to Chowan Hospital while Dixon who had been trapped in the mangled wreckage for more than 45 minutes was airlifted to Pitt Memorial in Greenville. (Staff photo by David Crawley)

COA Chowan Center will be featured on TV

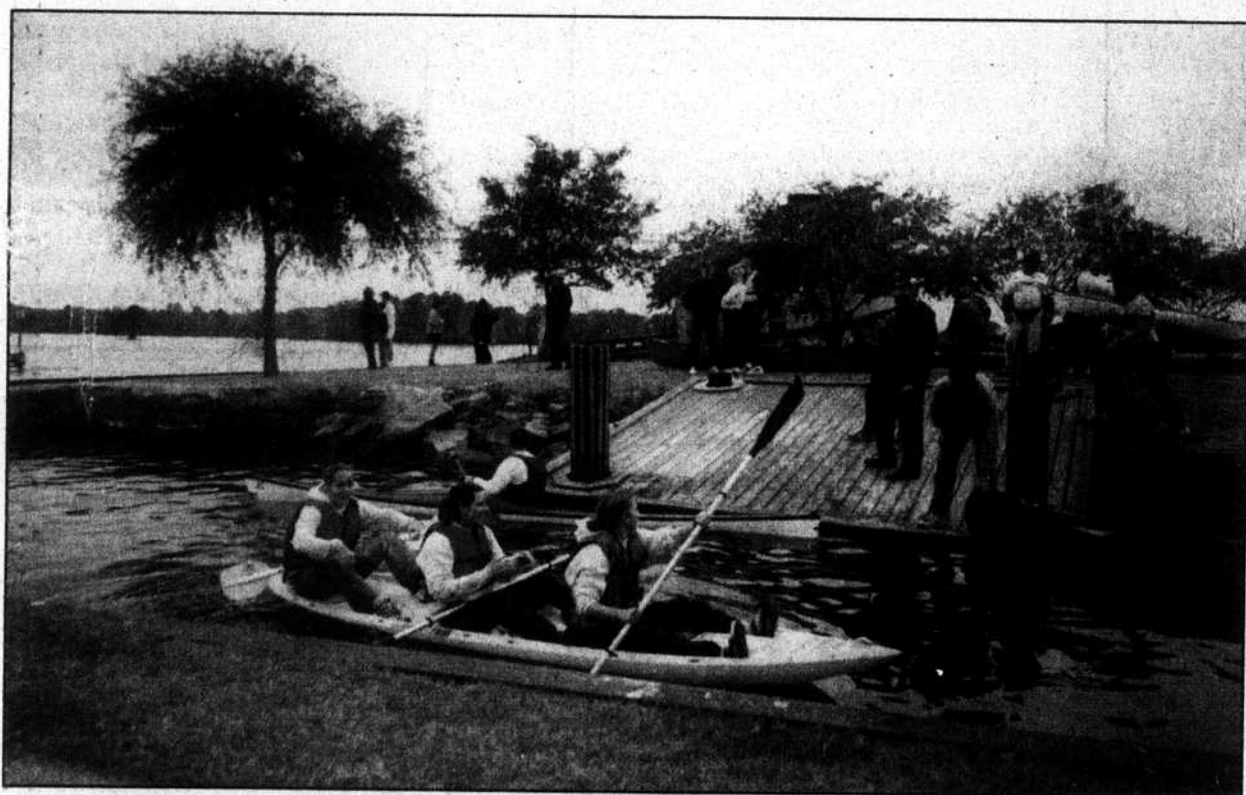
UNC TV will be visiting College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, as well as the Chowan County Center in Edenton, on Thursday, Aug. 24, to film part of a documentary called "A Growing Crisis". The documentary will take an up close look at some of the North Carolina community college facilities in need of upgrades, renovations and repairs. The visit will also bring awareness to the upcoming bond referendum on the November ballot (see related story on Page 12-A of this week's newspaper.)

College of the Albemarle will receive more than \$6.5-million in construction monies and repair and renovation funds if the bond referendum package passes this fall. During the UNC TV interview, COA's President, Dr. Sylvester McKay, will discuss the importance of this issue and give a tour of the Elizabeth City campus. This tour will provide a visual picture of COA areas in need of improvement.

During the UNC TV visit, the crew will also take an Area Leaders Tour with College of the Albemarle's Board of Trustees and Foundation Board members. The members will provide information concerning the need for financial support to assist with keeping the institution current and to prepare it for expansion and increased enrollment.

The last stop for the UNC TV crew will be at COA's Chowan County Center on Thursday afternoon where UNC TV will feature the high-tech CISCO Program and the Early Childhood Program. Each of these programs was made possible through partnerships with the Chowan County Commissioners and the Edenton-Chowan Schools.

COA is one of 16 community colleges across the state to be featured in this UNC TV documentary. The program, "A Growing Crisis," is expected to air the evening of Thursday, Oct. 12 on Channel 2.



This was the scene from the downtown Edenton waterfront as kayakers prepared to get their races underway during last year's Sound Country Celebration. The annual event, which organizers promise will be even bigger and better than in previous years, will be held here Oct. 21. (Photo courtesy of Peter Bogus)

Heritage Day, Arts and Crafts Show to be part of this year's Sound Country Celebration

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This year's third annual Sound Country Celebration will be "magnificent," according to organizer Peter Bogus. Bogus, owner of the Trestle House Inn in Edenton, said, "We're taking it to a whole new level this year. It will be bigger and encompass more events than ever before."

In addition to the emphasis on environmental awareness that has become the event's trademark, a new component this year will be what Bogus terms "a heritage celebration". Appropriately, there will be an arts and crafts show at the new National Guard Armory in Edenton displaying the work of some of the region's most gifted craftspeople. And, the Albemarle Learning Center will host its annual Heritage Day (previously known as the Old Timey Farmers Day Celebration).

Down at the Edenton waterfront, expert kayakers and canoeists will take part in the East Coast

Flatwater Championship. Registration for the race begins at the waterfront at 8:30 a.m.

"We host the largest recreational race in North Carolina," he said. And private individuals aren't the only ones who can participate. The event also includes a Business Challenge. The winner is awarded a Sound Country Cup to hold for one year. "They can then come back and defend against challengers, and possibly win again," Bogus said. Everyone who paddles in the race will receive a T-shirt and special medallion.

"Last year we had Frank and Bill Havens here," Bogus said. "People came from as far away as Sweden." The Havens captured Olympic gold medals during the 1952 Olympic Games in the sport of kayaking, the only Americans ever to do so.

But, Bogus noted, the races are not just for accomplished athletes. "This event is open to people of all skill levels, and all ages," he said.

Back at the Trestle House Inn, located on Soundside Road, the

lively music of three nationally-known bands will fill the air throughout the day. There will also be an "all you can eat" Pig Picking and Oyster Roast that is being coordinated by Delbert White, chef and co-owner of Creekside Restaurant in Edenton.

Bogus said the Sound Country Celebration would get underway at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day, ending at 6 p.m.

He said the purpose of putting on the annual event is simple: to support good environmental practices, including promoting ecotourism.

And while the celebration is popular among locals, its impact is beginning to spread. This year for the first time, there will be group tours coming to attend the Sound Country Celebration.

"This is another new thing this year, and one that is very exciting," said Bogus. "Right now, we've already got three groups coming, some of them from Virginia. This

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Storm damage is reported here

Last week's rapidly moving thunderstorm pelted the area with heavy rain—even prompting reports of a "twister"—however, much of the damage was attributed to other weather-related events, according to Chowan County EMS Director, Doug Belch.

"We received some reports that a tornado may have been touched down in the area," said Belch. "But we can't really confirm that. Straight line winds and downbursts is more along the lines of what it was."

Nevertheless, instances of property damage were scattered throughout the area.

"There were three trailers with trees that had fell on them," said Belch. "We also had a car, in the middle part of the Sandy Ridge area, that had a tree fall on it as well."

"There were a lot of power outages," said Town Manager, Anne-Marie Knighton. "Public works was out until 2 a.m. restoring power."

Emergency officials were nearly called out to assist a boater.

"Luckily, he was able to make it to shelter," said Belch, "but for a while we were watching him and after he made it out alright, so we didn't have to do anything on the boat call."



An Edenton resident, David Brock, captured these images of the storm in the downtown business district with a digital camera. (Submitted photos)