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Construction equipment is becoming a familiar sight on the downtown Edenton waterfront as Waff Construction works to complete a breakwater and install boat slips. Soon, a large barge will be brought in to protect the ongoing construction. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

Boaters are urged to exercise caution as waterfront construction continues

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Those who have had occasion to drive along the downtown Edenton waterfront recently have no doubt noticed the heavy equipment and crews hard at work there. And while the general public needs to exercise caution if they walk near the site, Paul Waff of Waff Construction says that boaters especially need to be alert.

"We want everyone to be aware that we're going to be putting a 250-foot barge out front as a breakwater to help protect the construction site," he said. "We ask the boating public to please be aware that the pilings out there are barely

sticking up, and that while we have marked the site with signs and lights, pilings at various times are submerged, so they need to be very careful. This could be dangerous, if they're not."

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said she and the Town Council are very appreciative of the care and concern Waff has shown in being part of the project. "Paul came up with the idea of using part of the old Chowan River Bridge to build the breakwater," she said. "Now there will be an opportunity for waterfront expansion and boaters will have somewhere to tie up." Plans call for 10 boat slips to be a part of the construction project.

Waff said that in addition to the boating public, those who love fishing will also benefit. He said plans call for 500 feet of active pier space, and that those who have traditionally fished the area will now be able to do so actually standing over the water. He said that completion is expected in about two and a half to three months.

Knighton also credited the Waterfront Development Commission chaired by businessman David Twiddy with providing direction for the project.

"David and his committee did a wonderful job," she said. "We really appreciate all their hard work."

Twiddy said in a telephone in-

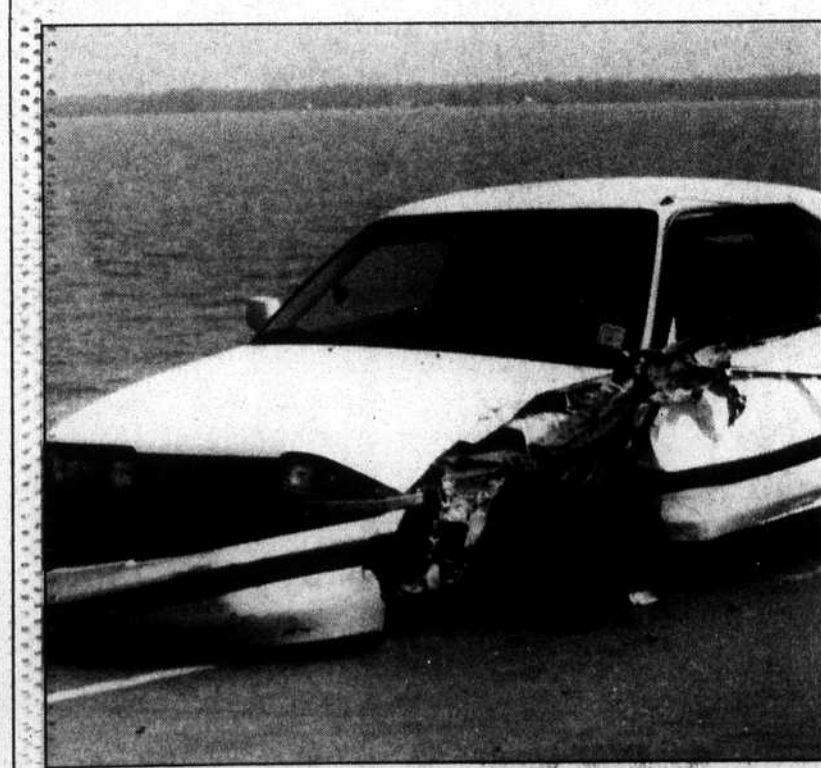
terview that he felt very good about what the commission had been able to accomplish.

"(Mayor) Roland Vaughan named the commission, and charged us with looking at the whole waterfront, and the best possible use for it. We knew that one of the things we had to do was to have a breakwater to bring boaters in," he said.

Twiddy noted that he was also very pleased that the fishermen were not forgotten as the project was designed to include "a great place for people to fish. It's for everybody."

He noted that without Paul

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Damage reported

On Friday, Sept. 1, this 1990 Mazda driven by Corey Holley was involved in a two-vehicle accident on the Albemarle Sound bridge. Holley's vehicle was sideswiped when a 1995 Oldsmobile operated by Elsie Sawyer crossed the center line.

The incident forced both automobiles into the bridge's guard rail.

A report filed by the N.C. Highway Patrol indicates that heavy rain was a contributing factor in the accident. Only minor injuries were reported. (Staff photo by Derrick Armstead)

Police say threat was only hoax

BY DERRICK ARMSTEAD
Staff Writer

Police department (EPD) and Chowan County Sheriff's department officials were sent scurrying toward downtown Edenton's Bank of America building last Wednesday, following a telephone call warning of an impending explosion.

A situation, which Chief of Police, Gregory Bonner, says was im-

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SAT scores are up for Holmes

Reading scores above state level, while math scores are slightly lower

The Edenton-Chowan school system's average SAT scores moved up 17 points in 1999-2000, continuing the overall upward trend in scores over the past five years. The overall average score for the district was 971, compared to the state's average of 988.

Dr. Allan Smith, school superintendent, said he was pleased with the scores.

"I feel good about our SAT scores this year," he said. "I think the upward trend in our scores shows that students are working hard, taking tougher courses, and also taking advantage of the support systems that are in place at (Holmes) high school. We still have work to do, but I feel that we are moving in the right direction."

Some of those support systems include SAT preparation courses

and software tutorials that are available to students interested in taking the SAT, Smith said.

Edenton-Chowan Schools' verbal scores totaled 493, just above the state's average of 492. The school district's math scores totaled 478, slightly under the state's average of 496. A total of 62 students, or 41.4 percent of those eligible, took the SAT.

Dr. Smith said that SAT scores should not be used as a gauge for overall education performance.

"The College Board states that the SAT scores are useful in making decisions about individual students and their academic preparation for college," he said. "The primary use for SAT scores is as a tool for admissions officials at colleges and universities."

"The SAT report represents results for students scheduled to graduate in 2000 and represents students' most recent scores, regardless of when they last took the test," he added. "The SAT measures a student's reasoning, verbal, and math skills against the skills needed to be successful in freshman-level college coursework."

Dedication ceremony



Alumnus from Edenton High School recently gathered in front of their alma mater on Saturday, Sept. 2, as a part of the 2000 reunion festivities. The early morning ceremony included a rendition of the school song, "Hail to Edenton High" and an address from Norman Brinkley (above) that highlighted the historical significance of the facility. The late D.F. Walker, whose name the school now carries, was principal there from 1932 to 1969. (For related photos see page 12-A) [Staff photo by Derrick Armstead]

'Bright New Wings' carries theatre into fall season

BY DAVID CRAWLEY
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ROCKY HOCK - What began to take shape a half-decade ago on the Outer Banks of North Carolina as an idea and a dream and in the beginning only happened in the summer has finally become a year-round reality for Jeff and Gloria Emmrich of Emmrich Theatre Production Company.

The dream is also one that Chowan County and its residents are proud of. In fact, the Emmrichs are household names to most Chowan County folks and their productions have become a major drawing card for tourists who beat a steady path to rural Chowan

County where they experience beautifully produced dramas like *King David*, *Simon Peter* and *Under His Wings* performed before sell-out crowds.

Reportedly this influx of tourist dollars has meant an economic boon to several area businesses and the difference between surviving and prospering to others. "It (the theatre) certainly has put Rocky Hock on the map," said one excited bus group member who recently traveled here for the third time in two years with some fifty others from the Norfolk, VA area.

Last month saw the Emmrichs move into a radically renovated Rocky Hock Ruritan Community Center. Complete with comfortable

cushioned seats, air conditioning, and a gift shop the building was renamed Rocky Hock Playhouse.

This Thursday the Emmrichs launch a brand new drama called *Bright New Wings*, that promises to touch audiences once again as the talented cast brings to life familiar Bible characters to tell a story in a very unique way that entertains, enlightens and enriches all those who take the time to experience it.

Last year the theatre played host to more than 11,000 people who came to see the growing list of shows performed by Emmrich Production Company during the summer.

In May of this year the Emmrichs

and their daughter Holly, along with son Ben and his wife Angela became full-time Chowan County residents.

This year they will set out on whole new venture in Rocky Hock that many believe will serve as not only good wholesome entertainment for the entire family, but will also help to perpetuate the growth of Edenton and Chowan County's tourist-based economy.

Bright New Wings is billed as "an extraordinary musical which features New Testament characters John, Martha, Lazarus, the sinful woman, and the leper." The twist of the story is that the entire

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"Bright New Wings" the newest live drama by Emmrich Theatre Production Company is scheduled to open this coming Thursday at the newly renovated Rocky Hock Playhouse just off Rocky Hock Church Road and Evans-Bass Road in Chowan County.