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Group leaves for Honduras

On Thursday, Oct. 12, an ecumenical group of 12 missionaries will fly to San Pedro Sula in northern Honduras to help build houses for victims of the flooding and devastation caused by Hurricane Mitch in 1998.

Eight members of the group are from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, while the others are from several Edenton churches.

"We'll be helping to build two-bedroom, cinder-block houses, each with a kitchen, living room and bedroom," said the Rev. Alfonso A. Narvaez, an assisting priest at St. Paul's who is coordinating the trip. The houses will have electricity, running water, and indoor toilets, amenities which many of these people have not lived with before."

Father Narvaez noted that many residents here are familiar by the devastation caused by Hurricane Floyd in eastern North Carolina last year but that the havoc caused by Hurricane Mitch was hundreds of times worse.

"There were reports of 20,000 deaths, with entire villages being wiped out by landslides and flooding," he said. "Many people are still living in makeshift shelters."

The Episcopal Church in Honduras, with financial support from the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund purchased a large tract of land just outside San Pedro Sula last year and has begun construction of a housing development that will eventually consist of 500 houses. Ninety-five houses, which cost about \$3,100 to construct, have already been completed with the help of volunteers from across the United States.

In addition to supporting the trip, members of St. Paul's have raised money to build six houses and to pay for construction of a septic system for a technical school being built in the nearby community of Santa Barbara.

Allen Hornthal, a retired dentist who is a part of the group, said that he was going to Honduras to investigate the possibility of establishing an ongoing dental clinic at the housing development.

"I'm going to see what is needed and determine if it can be done," he said. "I'll then call upon the members of the North Carolina

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The Perquimans County High School Band delights the crowd at this year's Peanut Festival, sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Band Parents Association. Perquimans also won second place honors among the bands participating in this year's parade. First place among the parade bands was captured by D.H. Conley High School from Pitt County. Second place was a tie between Currituck and Northeastern High School. (Staff photo by Derrick Armstead)

'Battle of the Bands' draws enthusiastic crowd response

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Editor

West Craven High School from Craven County, NC walked away with top honors as Band of the Day in the 2000 Peanut Festival's "Battle of the Bands". The annual competition drew 16 bands from North Carolina and Virginia who spent Saturday afternoon performing before a packed crowd at the John A. Holmes High School Athletic Complex in Edenton.

The second highest honor in the competition, the Marvin Shaw Trophy, went to D.H. Conley High School from Pitt County, which earned the highest parade score and highest show score.

Perquimans County High School received second place honors among bands participating in the Peanut Festival Parade. Currituck and Northeastern High School bands tied for third place.

Overall Band Awards went to the following:

• Class A: First Place Band, Washington High School; Second

Place Band, Southwest High School; Third Place, James B. Hunt High School.

• Class AA: First Place Band, Green Central High School; Second Place Band, Bear Grass High School; Third Place Band, Plymouth High School.

• Class AAA: First Place Band, West Craven High School; Second Place Band, Indian River High School; Third Place Band, D.H. Conley High School.

Other show awards went to:

Class A:
 • Best Drum Major, First, Washington High School; Second, J.B. Hunt High School; Third, Southwest High School;

• Best Visual Presentation, First, Washington High School; Second, Gates County High School; Third, J.B. Hunt High School;

• Best Percussion Section, First, Washington High School; Second, Southwest High School; Third, Gates County High School;

• Best Horn Section, First, Gates County High School; Second, Currituck County High School;

Third, Washington High School.

Class AA:
 • Best Drum Major, First, Green Central; Second, Plymouth; Third, Bear Grass;

• Best Visual Presentation, First, Green Central; Second, Plymouth High School; Third, Fike High School;

• Best Percussion Section, First, Green Central; Second, Bear Grass High School; Third, Plymouth High School;

• Best Horn Section, First, Green Central; Second, Bear Grass; Third, Plymouth High School.

Class AAA:
 • Best Drum Major, First, West Craven High School; Second, Perquimans County High School; Third, Western Branch High School;

• Best Visual Presentation, First, Western Branch High School; Second, D.H. Conley and West Craven (tied), Third, Indian River High School;

• Best Percussion Section: First,

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Law officers to be honored at annual banquet

The 30th annual Chowan County Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet will be held Thursday, Nov. 2, at the American Legion Post 40 which is located on W. Queen Extended in Edenton.

Social will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the banquet starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$8 each and may be obtained from Post 40, the Chowan County Sheriff's Department, Edenton Police Department, Chowan County Clerk of Court's Office, Famous Subs and various other Chowan County businesses.

Highlights of the evening will include recognition of two special law enforcement officers. The Edenton-Chowan Optimist Club will recognize an officer for their

work with youth. Post 40 will recognize an officer, selected by a committee of his or her peers, as the officer of the year. The guest speaker for the banquet will be John Aldridge from the NC Attorney General's Office.

Edward G. Bond, American Legion Post 40, sponsors this event so that the citizens of Chowan County can have the opportunity to publicly say "thank you" to the men and women who are instrumental in ensuring the quality of life we all strive for. All are encouraged to show their support by purchasing a ticket and attending the banquet.

Post 40 provides all officers of

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Fair opens



A young child makes friends with a goat at the petting zoo at last year's Chowan County Fair. The popular petting zoo will be back this year, along with a number of other attractions such as the Little Miss Pageant, the Miss Chowan County Fair Pageant, and performances by The Embers. The regional fair will be held Oct. 10-14 at the American Legion Fairgrounds in Edenton. (Chowan Herald file photo)

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Oktoberfest to be held on Saturday

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Editor

An exciting for all is promised with the coming of the Chowan Arts Council's first-ever Oktoberfest this Saturday, Oct. 14. The celebration will be held at the National Guard Armory on Soundside Road in Edenton from 6:30 p.m. until around 11 p.m.

CAC Executive Director Sue Clark said the Arts Council is "very excited" about hosting this special evening. Performing that evening will be Die Nierentische, a well-known band from Dresden, Germany.

"The only way I can think of to describe them to you is 'campy'. They're very theatrical and fun to

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Die Nierentische will perform at Oktoberfest here Oct. 14

Funds expected to spur work on Chowan County Courthouse

BY DERRICK ARMSTEAD
 Staff Writer

EDENTON—A \$385,000 holdover from the initial segment of a three-prong project coupled with a recent 650K maintenance and repair fund allocation is expected to spur completion of the Chowan County Courthouse's interior renovation project, according to County Manager Cliff Copleland.

"The planning board has received \$650,000," said Copleland in reference to the N.C. Joint Legislative Committee on Governmental Operations (JLCOG) approved funding, "which added to the (amount of money) left over from Phase I should basically enable the state and county to finish renovations...and we expect this (finished project) to be an economic engine."

Copleland praised JLCOG co-chair, State Senate President Pro Tempore Marc Basnight (D-Dare).

"Not to get too political about this but I can't say enough about Basnight and (N.C. House of Representative) Bill Culpepper (D-Chowan)," he said. "We were trying to do a two million dollar renovation, twenty-thousand dollars at a time."

As addressed by the county manager, the sum of the funding sources will be used for basic restoration of the building and modernization of the east wing, historical restoration work, electrical and plumbing repair, and interior finishes.

Constructed in 1767, the courthouse—which contains the largest fully paneled room from colonial America—enjoys a lofty status amongst its peers.

"I think it should be made aware that there are five courthouses built before the American Revolutionary War," said Courtroom Function Committee (CFC), and Courthouse Study Commission (CSC) Chairman, Ross Inglis. "Ours is the fourth oldest...and when it is renovated it will be known as one of five pre-revolutionary buildings that are still functioning as courtrooms."

The aforementioned quartet includes three facilities in Virginia and a single edifice in New York state.

Inglis added, "there are only five or six buildings in Edenton that pre-date this building...and for about 150 years or more it was used for a variety of activities in addition to serving as the county's

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Don't miss **Oktoberfest** Die Nierentische w/ Music by Showband
 The Event... **Oct. 14th • 6:30 - 11 PM @ ARMORY** from Dresden, Germany! Catered German food! Great atmosphere, dancing, loads of fun!