

## Higher exhibitor presence for Expo 2000

Organizers expect a total of 38 booths at this year's event

Business Expo 2000 will be held Wednesday, October 18 - Thursday, October 19, at the National Guard Armory, Edenton.

Richard Bunch, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce, addressed the participation level for this year's event.

"Our expo has more exhibitors than ever," said Bunch.

The three-year venture conducted by the COA, Chowan-Gates-Perquimans Job Ready Partnership and the local Chamber of Commerce provides students with an opportunity to explore various careers and to interact with area businesses. It also provides local businesses with the opportunity to showcase products and

services, develop new business opportunities, and enhance visibility in an expanded marketplace.

The Wednesday evening "President's Appreciation Party" provides a networking opportunity for area businesses and the entire community, a situation that Bunch believes will result in a large turnout.

"We expect a lot of people on Wednesday night," Bunch said.

Five local restaurants will participate in the President's Appreciation Party which runs 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Tickets can be purchased from any Chamber of Commerce employee at 116 East King Street, PO Box 245, Edenton, NC 27932, phone: (252) 482-3400.

Samplings from some of the area's finest restaurants will be available, and the Expo itself can be explored. Participating restaurants, providing great variety, include Burger

King, Creekside, Golden Corral, Lovin' Oven, and Waterman's Grill.

Thursday is "Student Day", with several students expected to visit the Expo from Perquimans, Chowan, and Gates County schools.

Students will be able to familiarize themselves with local businesses and get an idea of employment opportunities.

There is also a special "Eighth Grade Night" on Thursday, which will enable all parents and eighth-grade students an opportunity to participate in the business expo.

No speakers or seminars are currently scheduled, but at press time, 38 exhibitors were signed up: Albemarle Eye

Center, LLC; Albemarle Hospital; Albemarle Regional Health Services; BB&T; Brian Center; Burger King; Carolina Radio; Chowan Chiropractic Clinic; Chowan County; Chowan Hospital; Coastal Rehab, Inc.; Coca-Cola Bot-

tling Co., Inc.; College of the Albemarle; The Chowan Herald (Cox NC Communications); DataLink Consulting, Inc.; Creekside Restaurant &

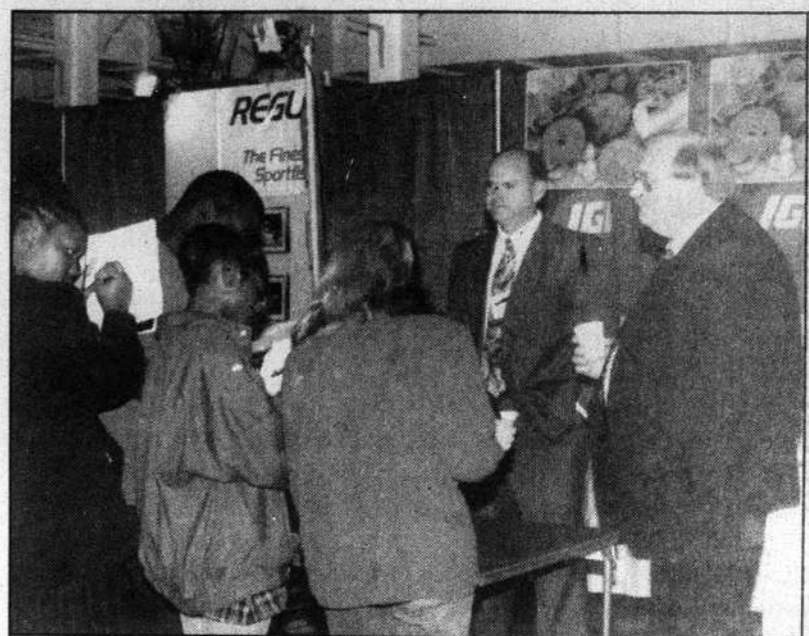
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Bar; Edenton-Motors, Inc.; the Edenton Steamers; Edenton-Chowan/Gates/Perquimans Schools; Elizabeth City State University; Employment Security Commission; and Evans Funeral Home.

Also included are Family Foods IGA; Hayes BD&A Realty & Construction; Leary Plant Farm; LeBleu of the Albemarle; The Lovin' Oven; National Guard; Newport News Shipbuilding; Nucor; Regulator Marine, Inc.; Spruill's Business Machine Service; Swimme & Son Building Contractors, Inc.; Tobacco Educator Youth Empowerment/Asthma Program; the Town of Edenton; United Piece Dye Works; and Waterman's Grill.

For information or tickets, call (252) 482-3400, or stop by the Chamber of Commerce at 116 East King Street, Edenton.



Students learn about a career in merchandising during a visit to the IGA/Family Foods booth at during the Business Expo.

## Youth acquire valuable information during event's Student Day festivities

Student Day at the Expo  
Thursday, October 19  
8 a.m. - noon

Student Day begins the JobReady component of the Expo. Throughout the morning, ninth grade students from Chowan, Perquimans and Gates Counties will be arriving to visit.

Students will be divided into groups, each of which will visit three exhibitors with a list of questions to discuss with the businesses. Exhibitors will have a total

of nine groups of students visit their booth during Student Day, or three groups from each school.

After visiting the businesses, students will attend educational seminars entitled:

1. Hiring for the 21st Century, Who?
2. Career Paths, Why?
3. After High School, What?

At the completion of the seminars, students will return to their home schools for lunch and dismissal.



Representatives from Brian Center Health and Rehabilitation answer questions during the 1999 Job Ready Business Expo. (File photo)

## Eighth grade night slated for 2000 expo

Expo Open to the Public  
Eighth Grade Night  
at The Expo  
Thursday, October 19  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The final portion of the Expo is also open to the public. In addition to being open to all visitors, special invitations will be sent from the schools to parents of all High School students and eighth graders for this evening.

Parents and their children will be encouraged to attend, visit with the Expo exhibitors and learn about their respective businesses.

The High School booster clubs will provide complimentary hot dogs and soft drinks.



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