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Gas pipeline to be focus of open house in town

The Eastern NC Natural Gas Company (ENCNG) has scheduled a second opportunity for area residents and businesses to learn more about ENCNG's plan to build a natural gas transmission and delivery system in six northeastern North Carolina counties.

The meeting in Edenton will provide an opportunity for residents and businesses in Chowan, Gates, Perquimans, Pasquotank and Camden counties to learn more about the project's prospective benefits to them and their communities. Residents and businesses in Hertford County are also encouraged to attend, since the plan calls for a short section of pipeline to be installed in that county.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 25, at the Edenton Recreation Department, 702 North Broad Street in Edenton. It will be held from 5-7 p.m. and will follow an open-house format, similar to

an informational meeting held July 25 in Elizabeth City.

ENCNG is a partnership of the Albemarle-Pamlico Economic Development Corp. (APEC) and Carolina Power & Light (CP&L). The company has been working on preliminary project development issues since early 1999 and last summer received approval from the NC Utilities Commission for state bond proceeds to be used in building the initial portion of the natural gas network. Route selection, engineering, surveying and environmental permitting activities associated with the project are already underway.

ENCNG plans to build an 850-mile natural gas pipeline system in five phases to serve 14 eastern NC counties that currently do not have access to natural gas. Construction of the first phase of the project - approximately 156 miles of transmission pipeline and 74

miles of distribution mains to serve the six northeastern counties - is scheduled to begin in late 2001.

To minimize the project's environmental impact, more than 80 percent of the pipeline system is planned for location within or adjacent to existing state highway rights of way. In some areas, the company will purchase additional temporary and permanent easements of up to 60 feet from property owners to accommodate the transmission and distribution pipelines.

At the public information meeting, representatives from ENCNG will be available to answer questions about proposed routes, right-of-way acquisition, construction practices, economic development benefits, environmental permitting and protection, schedules and other aspects of the project. Maps,

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Wreck causes major damage

This late model Ford Explorer sustained major damage when it ended up on its roof and in a ditch off Sound Side Road in Edenton. The Saturday, Oct. 14, afternoon accident happened approximately one half-mile from the entrance to the North-East Regional Airport. Early reports indicate that the accident occurred after the vehicle's driver lost control of the automobile. Two individuals were injured according to EMS Director, Doug Belch. (Staff photo by David Crawley)

Items are returned to budget

BY JEREMY DESPOSITO
Cox NC Publications

EDENTON - The Board of Education has approved a draft budget proposal for contract packages for a new campus for D.F. Walker Elementary School, awarding bids totaling about \$7.16 million to seven contractors.

A list of alternate items for the school had been put on hold. But surprisingly low bids allowed three of the items to be reinserted into the project.

The alternate projects had been put on hold as a safety measure to get through the advertising and bidding process without complications, Superintendent Allen Smith said.

"A month ago, the school board was concerned because if the project was over-budgeted, advertising would slow us down a month or two," Smith said at a Board of Commissioners meeting prior to the school board meeting. "The (bid) results were better than anticipated. We were aggressive to be sure to meet the bid package."

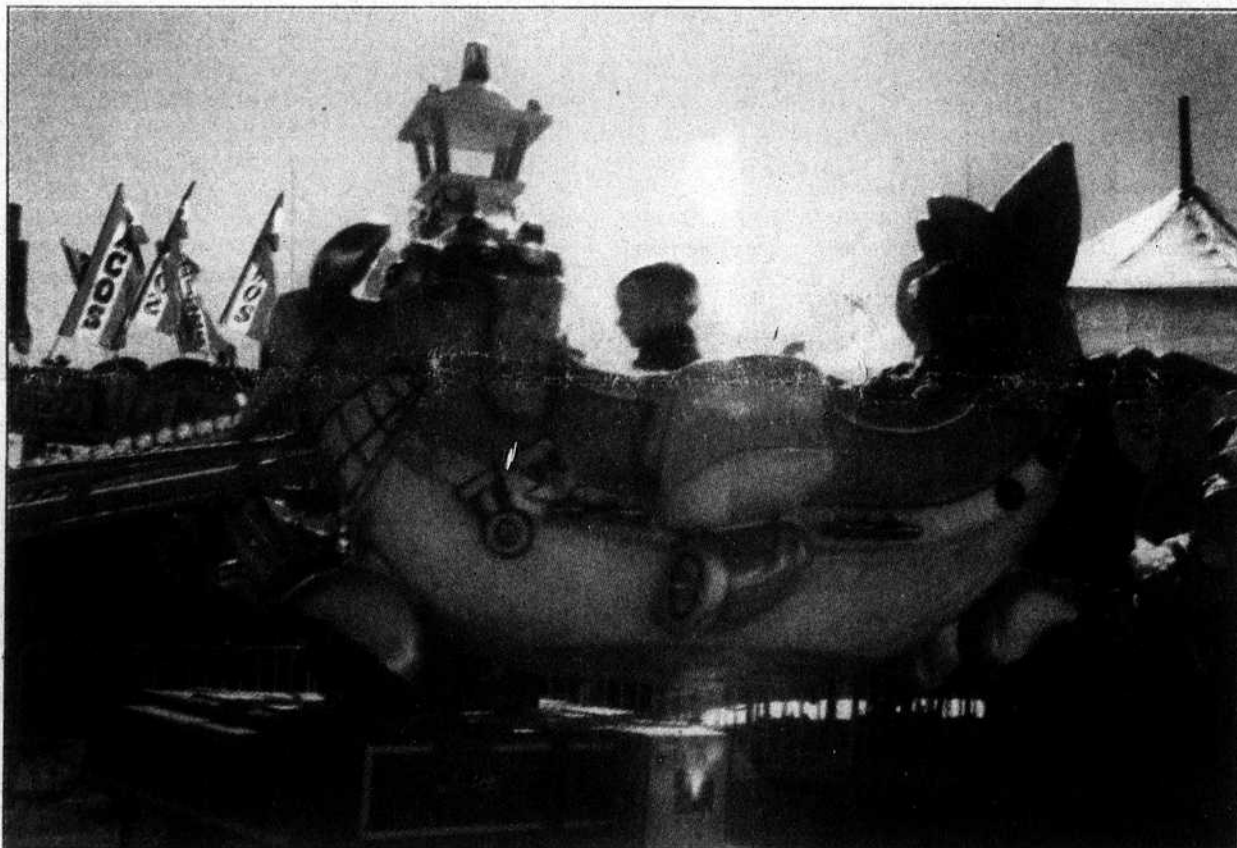
The three items reinserted in the project included an open area at the end of each wing with a roof extension, electric and water extensions. Identical to White Oak Elementary, the open areas allow for possible expansion of classroom space while serving as outdoor instructional areas.

A heating-and-air system and curb and guttering for the parking lot were also added back into the project.

The bids were very competitive, Smith said, estimating that the \$7.16 million bid out in contract packages allowed the total project cost to come in about \$200,000 or \$300,000 lower than the \$9.98 million that was initially estimated to be the total cost of the project.

Submitted by M.B. Kahn Construction Co. Inc., individual bids were awarded to seven contractors for different parts of the project. Five of those seven contractors worked on the White Oak Elementary School project three

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Having a ball

Area kids have a ball on the rides at the Chowan County Fair during a special Kids Day that welcomed youngsters from Chowan and other surrounding counties to spend time enjoying all the games and rides that the fair had to offer. There was also an elephant show that was a big hit with the children. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch) (Related photos on Page 3-A)

'Sound Country' is on Saturday

Fall ushers in football, soccer, sailing, canoeing and kayaking along Edenton Bay and the Third Annual Sound Country Celebration. This year's event will encompass a full day of activities that celebrate our natural and cultural resources and will take place on Saturday, Oct. 21.

The East Coast Flatwater Championship Canoe and Kayak Races will begin along the downtown Edenton waterfront with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. at Colo-

nia Park. The different racing categories will start at 10 a.m. and finish at the Trestle House Inn around noon, so participants can enjoy the entertainment and great food that will be served there before receiving their awards for outstanding performance.

Then, experience the unique traditions and the diverse multiculturalism of northeastern North Carolina as you attend a Heritage Day Celebration hosted by the Albemarle Learning Center just

off Hwy. 32. Traditional craftspeople from the region will be demonstrating heritage farming using antique implements and animal power along with blacksmithing, weaving and spinning, woodcarving, pine needle crafts, quilting and decoy making. Many educational hands-on activities will be provided for children of all ages throughout the day. Great food and entertainment will

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Public input sought on IDEA project

Plans are open to review this week

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Plan and Project are presently being amended. The project describes the special education programs that the Edenton-Chowan Schools pro-

pose for federal funding for the 2000-2001 school year.

Interested persons are encouraged to review amendments to the plan and project and make comments concerning the implementation of special education under this federal program.

All comments will be considered prior to submission of the amended plan and project to the North Caro-

lina Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh, NC.

The IDEA, Part B Project is open to the public for review and comments during the week of Oct. 9-18 in the office of Mariellen Cook, Exceptional Children Program Director, in the Board of Education Office located on the third floor of the Chowan County Office Building in downtown Edenton.

Author to share his joy in Kuralt's work

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

One of author Ralph Grizzle's great joys in life is sharing his love for the work of Charles Kuralt. Grizzle will be the featured speaker at a program hosted by the Friends of the Shepard-Pruden Library at John A. Holmes High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. A book-signing will be held at 6:30 p.m. There is no charge to attend.

Grizzle said that writing his book, "Remembering Charles Kuralt," allowed him to pay tribute to the late CBS newsmen and host of the popular "CBS Sunday Morning" program. He said he has particularly enjoyed meeting and talking with people to whom Kuralt meant so much.

"He really touched a lot of lives," said Grizzle. "Everyone I interviewed for this book talked about what a warm, genuine person he was - that he was just like the person you saw on television."

When asked what it was about Kuralt's work that will cause his work to be remembered, Grizzle said, "Maybe a lot of it was his style of story-telling. It was just the way he presented stories, the way he focused on the people whose stories he sharing. And if you look back over the body of his work, it seems to me that he was particularly interested in people who had a passion for something."

Grizzle said he spent about two years writing the book, and decided to self-publish it along with his wife, Marjorie, who designed "the cover and everything," after two North Carolina publishing houses rejected the idea. Since it became available for purchase on the Internet in July, the book has sold 3,000 copies - and the orders are still coming in from all over the world.

Grizzle said he was looking forward to making what will be his

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Highlights from Sound Country events

8:30 a.m. - Registration starts for East Coast Flatwater Championship Canoe and Kayak Races - downtown Edenton

9 a.m. - Gates open for Albemarle Learning Center Heritage Celebration just off Hwy. 32; celebration ends 6 p.m.

9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Arts and Antiques Show at National Guard Armory on Soundside Road near airport featuring heirloom quality crafts, artwork and displays from master gardeners

9:30 - 2:30 p.m. Antique Farming Demonstrations at Albemarle Learning Center

10 a.m. - Races start on Edenton waterfront

11 a.m. - Food available at Heritage Celebration

Noon - Races end at Trestle House Inn in Edenton; celebration continues until 6 p.m. with music entertainment, an Oyster Roast and Pig Picking. Bring your own blankets or lawn chairs.

3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Musical entertainment at Heritage Day

A 5TH QUARTER FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING THE FOOTBALL GAME
Donations accepted for Tommy Reinhold (6 year old cancer patient)

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