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An early morning crash on Highway 17 resulted in a pickup truck driven by an Elizabeth City man, Kevin Eugene Rhoads going up under a bottled water truck driven by Daniel N. Mobley of Goldsboro, NC. According to the NC Highway Patrol, Mobley has been charged with improper parking. Rhoads was taken to Chowan Hospital and transferred to Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, where as of Monday he was listed in fair condition with a fractured left arm and left hip. An investigation into the accident continues. (Staff photo by David Crawley)

## Driver charged in highway crash

Illegal parking on off-ramp may be cause of accident, Hwy. Patrol says

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A Pasquotank County man sustained multiple injuries in a pre-dawn accident Thursday morning when the Dodge Dakota 4x4 he was driving struck the rear of a tractor trailer rig, pinning the Dakota under the rear of the trailer.

According to the North Carolina Highway Patrol Kevin Eugene Rhoads, 27, of Elizabeth City was proceeding north on Highway 17 when he struck the N. C. Bottled Water trailer rig driven by Daniel Neile Mobley, of Goldsboro, N.C.

Reports indicate the tractor trailer was parked just off a Highway 17 North ramp. According to reports the placement may have been a contributing factor in the early morning accident. Mobley was subsequently charged with improper parking. Reports indicate that Rhoads was pinned for a while in his truck. Upon arrival Rescue and Fire personnel worked quickly to free Kevin Rhoads from his vehicle.

Rhoads was first taken to Chowan Hospital and then transported to Pitt Memorial Hospital. In an update on his condition, a spokesperson from Pitt Memorial said Monday, "Kevin Rhoads is in fair condition at this time." Rhoads is reportedly suffering from multiple injuries. Rhoads sustained numerous bruises and contusions, he also sustained a fractured left arm and a fractured left hip.

At press time the North Carolina Highway Patrol is continuing its investigation of the accident.

## Edenton Male Chorus sings for VP Cheney, others

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND  
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EDENTON- President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney along with 230 members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate were not the only newsmakers in Williamsburg, Virginia the weekend of February 2nd and 3rd.

Ten members of the Edenton Community Male Chorus of Chowan County made history when they performed at the Williamsburg retreatsponsored by The Congressional Institute for members of the United States Congress. Performing at the retreat gave the gospel group the chance to meet Vice President Cheney and Speaker of the House, Dennis Hastert prior to the performance. The group was unable to meet President Bush, who left shortly before their arrival.

The chorus had been invited to perform for the event by Jerry Climer, President of the Congressional Institute and host of the weekend event.

According to Charles Downing, founder of the Edenton Community Male Chorus, the group was started approximately 33 years ago. "We were really based within one church Providence Baptist", informs Downing, who is also a Deacon at Providence Baptist. "But as time went on we wanted others from other churches and organizations to join us so we expanded." It was during this time that the name was changed from the Providence Church Gospel to Community Male Chorus.

Over the years the chorus has enjoyed performing all over the east coast. The group of approximately 15 members ranging in ages from mid-forties to mid-seventies entertain about ten times a year. "We have performed from Boston, Massachusetts to Reidsville, North Carolina", adds Downing. "I feel I am doing what God wants me to do." The groups repertoire consist

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Vice President Dick Cheney is accompanied by his wife, Lynne, as he greets those attending the Congressional Institute gathering, including members of the Edenton Community Male Chorus who performed for an audience that included Cheney, his wife, former administrator of the National Endowment of the Humanities, and U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois. (Photo by Marty LaVor)

## Schools' needs top \$10-mil.

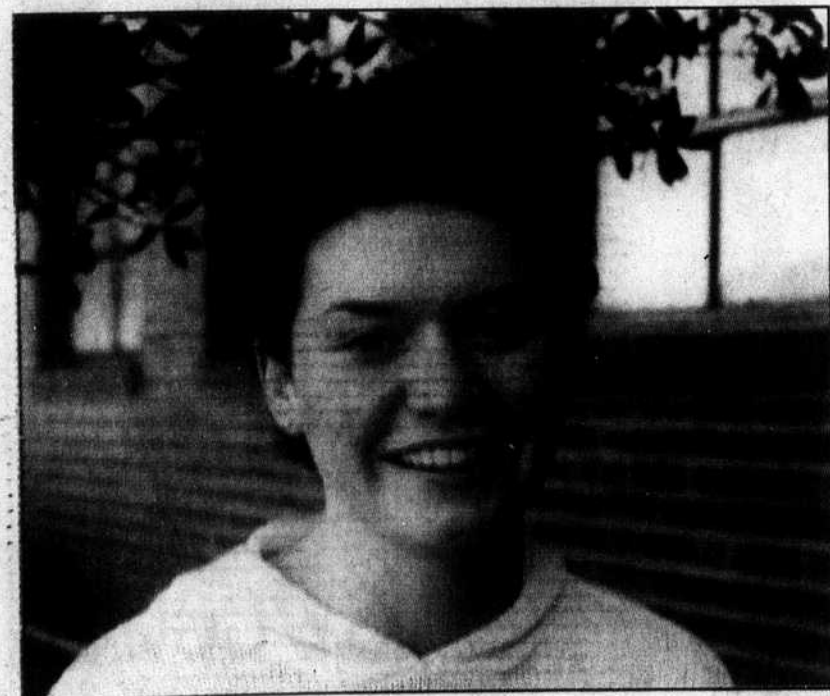
BY DERRICK ARMSTEAD  
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EDENTON-Edenton-Chowan Schools Assistant Superintendent, Rob Boyce, informed Chowan County Commissioners on Monday night about a multimillion dollar needs assessment of the local school system.

Highlighted by additions and renovations at John A. Holmes High School and Chowan Middle School, the Edenton-Chowan Schools Facility Needs Survey Long Range Plan reached the county commissioners following approval from the Board of Education.

"As you can see we are looking at \$10.2 million dollars of need,"

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Rebecca Parrish

## J.A. Holmes sophomore earns perfect test score

John A. Holmes High School sophomore Rebecca Parrish earned a perfect score on the state's English II Essay Test. Parrish was the only student out of 1,750 students tested in the northeast region to earn a perfect score of 6.

According to Michelle Alexander, director of school-community relations for the Edenton-Chowan school system, there is no

state data available at this time to determine the number of students statewide who scored a six on the fall administration of the test.

Parrish said of her score on the test, "I felt good about it (the test), but I was not expecting a six. I was excited about it."

She said that she prepared for

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## Emmrich premieres production

BY DERRICK ARMSTEAD  
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ROCKY HOCK-This month the Rocky Hock Playhouse-based Emmrich Theatre Production company will feature a two-person drama that is expected to probe the complications of marriage.

However, they will deliver it with a special twist by conducting the performance dinner theatre style-a concept that sits well with prospective audience members.

The production, "I Promise to Love," a Valentine's Dinner Theatre featuring Jeffrey and Gloria Emmrich, will feature matinee and evening shows. Matinees will be held Feb. 10, 13, 14 (lunch at 12:30 p.m., show at 2 p.m.) and evening shows Feb. 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14 (dinner at 6:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m.).

"We started selling tickets last Sept. and ticket sales have been going pretty steady," said Emmrich. "We have probably sold out more performances than any other we've done. I think the dinner theatre (aspect) helps...people seem to enjoy the idea of coming in

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Thrill a loved one with a red rose and two love songs delivered anywhere in Chowan or Perquimans County by a quartet from the Albemarle Sounds. Place your order by Feb. 10 for delivery on Feb. 13-14. For pricing information, call 482-7475. All proceeds benefit vocal music programs in the local schools.

## Quartets to serenade local sweethearts

Ladies, do you want to see a grown man cry? Gentlemen, does your sweetheart accuse you of not saying "I love you" often enough? If so, what you need is a Singing Valentine. For just \$25, you can have a red rose delivered to that

someone special they are serenaded with two love songs.

Quartets from the Albemarle Sounds will be delivering Singing Valentines this year from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 13-14. They can

be delivered to the workplace, school, home or even your favorite restaurant anywhere in Chowan or Perquimans County.

Orders, which have a Saturday,

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