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Musicians offer CMS a helping hand

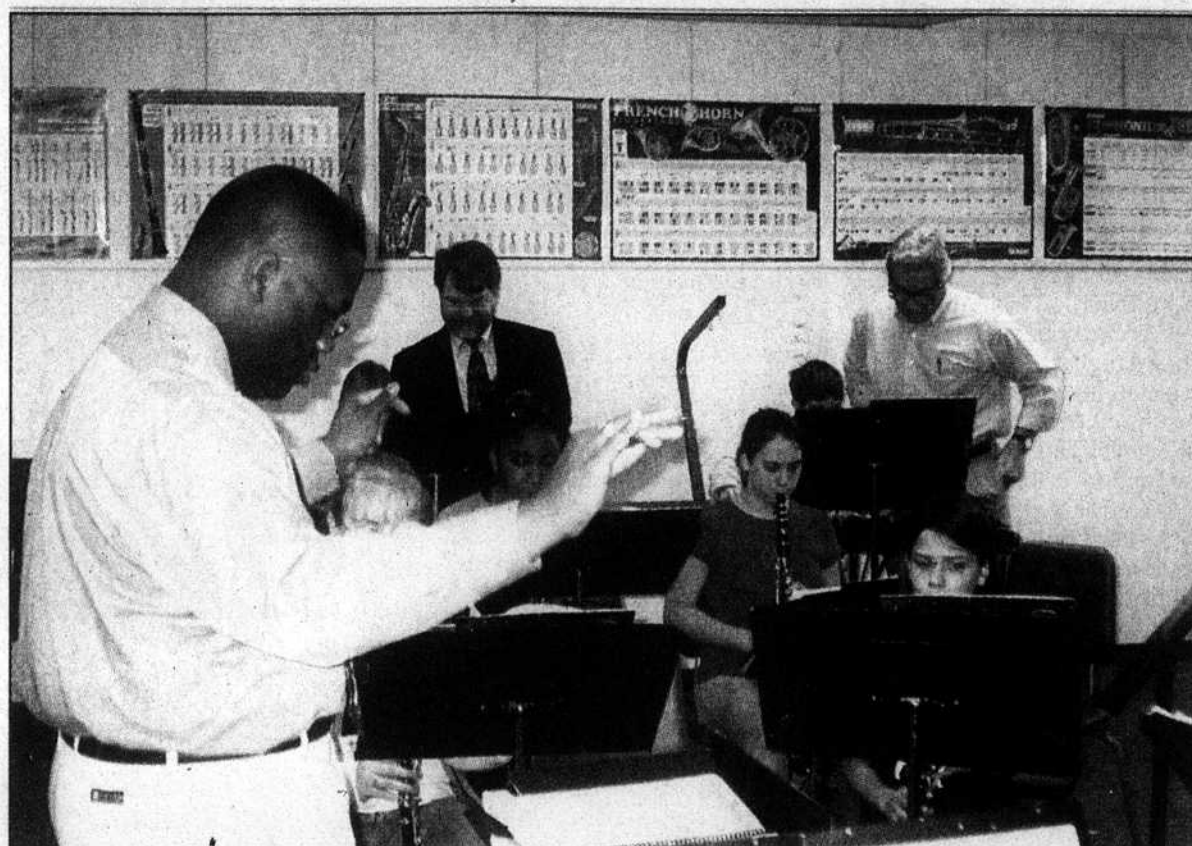
BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND
Staff Writer

CHOWAN MIDDLE SCHOOL—The sound of music students hands clapping out tempo fills the air of the band room. Jaroun Ransome, Band Director for Chowan Middle School, directs the rhythm with his hands. The members of the Chowan Middle School band are practicing. The students are attentive and determined. However, the practice for these young musicians comes with a certain amount of struggle.

The reason for this struggle has brought John Paul Lindburg, President American Federation of Musicians Local 125, and Thomas F. Davis, both of the Virginia Symphony, to the school.

"Look at these instruments", says Davis. "How can these youngsters be expected to do their best with these?"

The instruments that he speaks of are "toss-aways" from high schools. The tubas are seriously dented and scratched. The keypads on one does not work at all. "If these kids were aspiring football heroes they would have



The Chowan Middle School Band rehearses under the energetic direction of Juaran Ransome. Looking on are Tom Davis and John Paul Lindburg of the Virginia Symphony. (Staff photo by Helen Outland)

the best equipment available", adds Davis. "Would a star quarterback be sent on to the field with a

below standard or no helmet?" As far as Davis and Lindburg are concerned these youngsters are aspir-

ing stars.

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Republicans set district meeting here March 3rd

Lamprecht and Fowler featured

The 3rd Congressional District Republican Executive Committee will meet on Saturday, March 3, at 11 a.m. at the Creekside Restaurant, 406 W. Queen Street in Edenton, according to Chowan GOP Chairman Jim Robison.

The meeting will feature Tom Lamprecht of Pitt County and Dave Fowler, Carteret County. "Growing the Publican Party," a forum featuring the two longtime Party activists, will be held during the morning session. Lamprecht and Fowler both rate having been a County Republican Chairman high on their list of political involvements.

Wayne Holloman, past Pitt

County Chairman and District Program Chairman, will act as moderator. Questions will be welcomed after the forum.

The meeting begins at 11 a.m. with Chowan Vice Chairman Joe Brucia, Secretary Geordie Robison and Treasurer Rod Ramsey also taking part in the morning session.

All Republicans are invited to attend and participate in the forum, the Dutch treat luncheon at \$8 per person, and the general business meeting to follow, County Chairman's reports and the Long-Range Planning Committee Report are part of the after-lunch session.

For more information, and to sign up for the luncheon, call your County Republican Party Chairman, or District Chairman Jan Grube at (252) 393-8409. Chowan County Residents may contact Jim Robison at 482-7910.

Job shadowing brings students closer to the world of work

BY DERRICK ARMSTEAD
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EDENTON — A Groundhog Day tradition says that the presence of a shadow is a harbinger for six more weeks of winter weather.

With that said, the spring season is not expected to arrive anytime soon following famed "Paxatawney Phil's" sighting of his image, as well as the convergence of several area youth on downtown Edenton during the second installment of a local Groundhog Day "Job Shadow" (GDJS) Program.

Designed to give middle school students an opportunity to experience the day-to-day operations of local businesses, the program provides an important learning opportunity for students.

"The students that participated in Groundhog Job Shadow Day thoroughly enjoyed themselves," said Chowan Middle School (CMS) counselor, Lori English. "The mentors did a wonderful job of showing the realities of the work place." As part of the a national job shadowing project that is in its fourth

year, overall success of the local program is dependent on participating businesses.

"Obviously, it's their choice...but I would tell them that these are their future employees," said English in reference to the surrounding agencies. "Groundhog (Job) Shadow Day is a joint effort between the school system, Chamber of Commerce, and the Job Ready Partnership to develop employability skills. "And these students at Chowan Middle School will soon be part of the work force."

However, the program is not all work.

"I loved the fact that his job is exciting and relaxing, and pretty much everything you want to (have an opportunity) to do," said CMS student Chad White in reference to his mentor, Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Dr. Allan Smith. "He (Smith) has fun sometimes and sometimes it's serious."

Classmates agree with White.

"Seeing surgery on a cat," Lindsey Winslow said in regard to the best part of the time spent with

veterinarian Dr. Chris Ford.

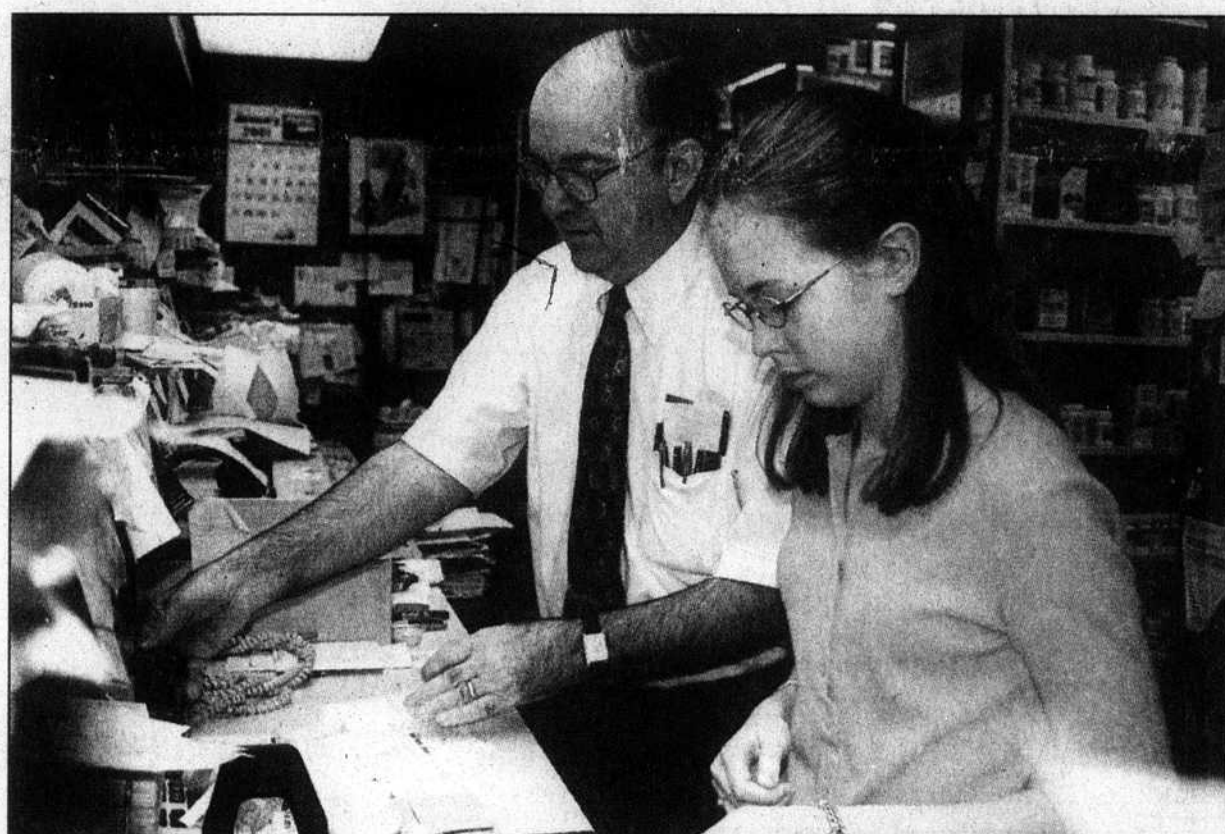
"The computer that took pictures of your teeth" was the part of my mentor's job that was the most important to me said Shelley Faircloth, who spent the day with Dr. Chris Koppelman.

And while the majority of the students said that they did not find anything about the program unpleasant, some did say that they witnessed one not so glorious aspect of employment.

"The parts of the job that I found boring was doing all the paperwork," said Edenton Teapot Daycare Center shadow, Ashley Simons. However, she added "The best and most interesting part about shadowing my mentor was watching the (children) play."

Participating agencies and individuals included Vaughan's, Magnolia's, Datalink Consulting, Chowan-Gates Animal Shelter, White Oak and D.F. Walker Elementary Schools, Attorney Hackney High, Employment Security Commission, Edenton Police De-

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Pharmacist Jim Blount, owner of Blount's Mutual Drugs in downtown Edenton, lets a local student assist him on Job Shadowing Day in Chowan County. (Photo courtesy of Michelle Alexander, Edenton-Chowan Schools)

ACS Relay for Life teams hold kickoff dinner here

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND
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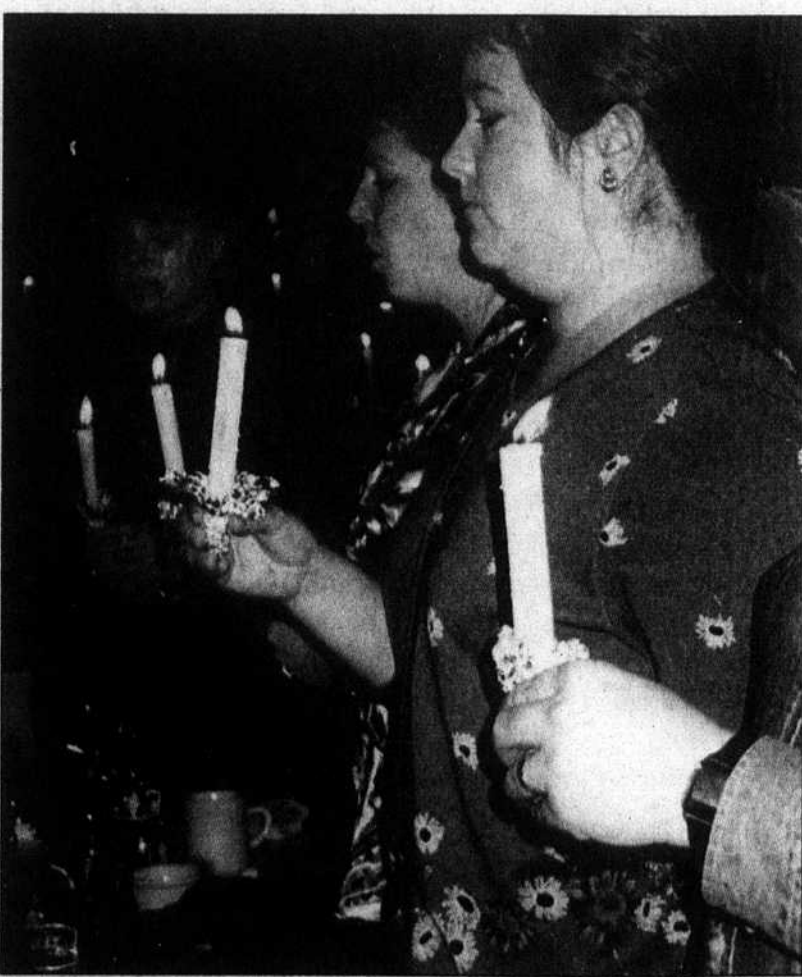
EDENTON — About sixty volunteers, survivors, and sponsors joined area chairperson Lori Snell for the annual Relay for Life Kick-Off Dinner at Creekside Restaurant in Edenton. This marks the seventh year for Relay for Life in Chowan County.

This year's dinner was hosted by Creekside Restaurant. As they did last year, the owners of Creekside, Gail Finan and Delbert Finan-White, graciously donated the dinner and use of their facilities to Relay for Life. "This is our contribution to a fine organization", said Delbert White.

According to statistics thousands of families are caught in the frightening grasp of cancer every year. Every day breast cancer, leukemia, melanoma, or prostate cancer wages war on a woman, child, or man. Research is the the victim's "knight in shining armor" and, more than ever, their savior.

Every person attending Tuesday evenings dinner had in some way been touched by cancer. Some of those present have benefited directly from cancer research.

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Luminaries are held by local ACS Relay volunteers during the kickoff dinner at Creekside Restaurant. (Staff photo by Helen Outland)

Snell has personal motive for chairing Relay 2001

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND
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EDENTON—Members of the Chowan-Perquimans Relay for Life put into motion the preliminary steps to begin the 2001 Relay for Life Tuesday evening. This year's Chairperson for Relay is Edentonian Lori Snell. Mrs. Snell, Director of Countryside Care, served as co-chair for the the 2000 event.

This year, however, Lori's involvement goes one step beyond the heart-felt desire to help.

Now it is personal. "Last year my interests were sparked due to the struggle a young student was enduring due to a brain tumor", Snell said. With tears in her eyes Snell went on to explain her deeper involvement in this year's Relay. "In December of 2000 my father was diagnosed with prostate cancer."

Snell's paternal grandfather had succumbed to prostate cancer



Lori Snell

when she was a child.

"When I learned my father had the same type of cancer it was very frightening", she adds. "I am very close to my father. I am a Daddy's Girl. The blessing in my father's case has been the extensive cancer research and development of the

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Ceremony scheduled

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND
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EDENTON — As part of a North Carolina Clean Water Management Fund Grant plans were set into motion to acquire Creek Preserve and remediate certain process. Part of this work involved investigating as area adjacent to the old Edenton Dump site with the possibility of rediscovering the old Providence Cemetery.

After locating three tombstones, bearing the name Barnswell, along with approximately sixty other graves, the site was cleared by hand. "We are about 99.9% certain that this is the Providence Cemetery", said Peter Rascoe of the Edenton-Chowan Special Projects Office.

The problem with determining 100% accuracy the name of the cemetery has been the lapse in consistent records. "The only documentation that

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