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## Sharing a love of reading

Former Edenton-Chowan Board of Education Chairman Glorious Elliott listens intently as kindergarten student Molly High reads to her in a quiet corner of Susan Biggs' class at D.F. Walker Elementary School. Elliott said that being a "Book Buddy" was among her most rewarding, and most important community volunteer activities. Elliott is among the outstanding community leaders profiled in the Chowan Herald's Black History section in today's newspaper (pages 1B - 5B). Molly High is the daughter of Hack and Martha High of Edenton. Other children reading with Mrs. Elliott that day were Grace Brinson, Shawnee Turner, Kanisha Reid, and Theresa Strzyzewski. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

## New program director hired

Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Allan T. Smith has announced that Margaret C. White has been hired as the district's new Exceptional Child Program Administrator.

White replaces Mariellen Cooke who has accepted a teaching position with the Roanoke Rapids City Schools in Roanoke Rapids, NC. White assumed her new duties on Feb. 20.

"I am thrilled to have Margaret on board as program administrator for the Exceptional Child Program. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience in program administration and will provide solid leadership and continued focus for the students, teachers, and parents," said Smith.

Prior to working in the Edenton-Chowan school system, White served for three years as the Interim Director of Teacher Education at Elizabeth City State University (1997-2000). From 1994-96, she served as the Instructional Specialist for Testing and Evaluation and Research at the Northeast Technical Assistance Center in Williamston. A licensed program administrator, she was Director of Special Programs and Exceptional Children with Camden County Schools for six years (1988-



Margaret C. White

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## Two are arrested following traffic stop on Broad St.

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND  
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EDENTON- An early morning traffic stop netted local law enforcement 12 rocks of crack cocaine and resulted in two arrests.

Around 1 a.m. Saturday morning Highway Patrol Officer Kevin Briggs pulled a car, for equipment violation, in the 1200 Block of North Broad. The driver, Shameka J. White, 21, of Apt. 3 Edenton Manor was operating the vehicle under a learners permit. The passenger, 21-year-old Ervin Laveron Bond of 434 Haughton Road Edenton was unable to produce his drivers license. According

to reports as Bond opened the glove box of the vehicle Patrolman Riggs spotted what appeared to be drugs. Officer Wayne Forehand of the Edenton Police Department was immediately dispatched to the scene. After a thorough search of the car Officer Forehand confiscated 12 rocks of crack cocaine and White and Bond were placed under arrest. Bond and White were both charged with possession with intent to sell and distribute crack cocaine, a felony. Both are being held in the Chowan County Jail under \$5000 Secured Bond each. Their first court appearance was scheduled for Tuesday morning.

## Mentoring program helps local children

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND  
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EDENTON- Facing the challenges of life can be difficult. For many young African-American males meeting those challenges can be all but impossible.

This month a new mentoring program was instituted at Chowan Middle School. Through the program 12 men have agreed to make one day a week available to a young African-American male.

"We researched several programs," said Deborah Perry, one of the organizers. "Once we determined that this program, P.A.L.S., Partners Altering Lives, really addressed our needs, we got busy."

Perry and others such as



Deborah Perry, Melvin Pariks, and Rose Hawkins

Rose Hawkins, Director of Chowan Middle School's Support Our Students (SOS) began

drafting letters to black leaders, posting flyers, and contacting on a one to one basis.

Twelve men stepped forward to share the concerns of Perry and Hawkins. On Jan. 27 a breakfast was held at Chowan Middle School for the potential mentors. "We shared the purpose of the program and how it best addresses the needs of young black males," said Perry. "With the P.A.L.S. program in place we hope to meet the needs of these young black males and prepare them for success."

One day a week the mentor will come to the school spend time with his pal. Over a period of time, as the relationship develops, so will the trust. "So many of these young men are from single parent homes. They have no positive male influence," Perry said. "With

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## Coast Guard ends search for bodies after plane crash

Downed plane carried Bertie attorney, others from Daytona

SAVANNAH, GA - The Coast Guard said Tuesday it has called off its search for four men whose plane crashed off the Georgia coast as they were returning home from the Daytona 500.

Debris from the plane, a single-engine Beechcraft Bonanza, was found Monday about 25 miles south of Savannah.

"The severity of the impact was such that there isn't any

chance of survivors," said Coast Guard spokeswoman Carolyn Cihelka.

Aboard the plane were Bertie County attorney William Pritchett, who lived in Windsor; his brother, John Pritchett of Chesapeake, VA; and Ray and Ken Chapman of Virginia Beach, VA.

They left Florida Sunday night after watching the Daytona 500.

The plane was flying parallel to the coastline when it disappeared from radar about 8:15 p.m. Sunday, said Dana Warr, a Coast Guard spokesman.

Cmdr. Dave Callahan, operations officer with the Coast Guard's Air Station Savannah, said no witnesses have come forward who saw or heard the crash.



## Students visit police station

White Oak Elementary School Kindergarten students pose on the front steps of the Edenton Police Department during a class trip there. The students visited the police station to learn about police officers and their role as community helpers. The students are in Missie Bunch's and June Proctor's classes. (Submitted photo)

## Paper has new, leaner look now

Regular readers of The Chowan Herald may have noticed that the paper they hold in their hands today sports a new, streamlined look.

With this edition, The Herald has become the first weekly newspaper in North Carolina to convert to a 50-inch web.

According to Herald Publisher David Crawley, the newspaper's new size will make it more manageable and easier to read.

"This is an innovative change for The Chowan Herald," he said. "The fresh, new look and the new size, I believe, affords our readers more convenience and a better-looking product."

"I'm excited about the

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