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Visitor Center invites kids to color eggs

Community's
children asked
to color eggs
at Iredell House

For several years the staff of the Historic Edenton Visitor Center has presented a program on using natural dyes obtained from flowers, vegetables, and other plants

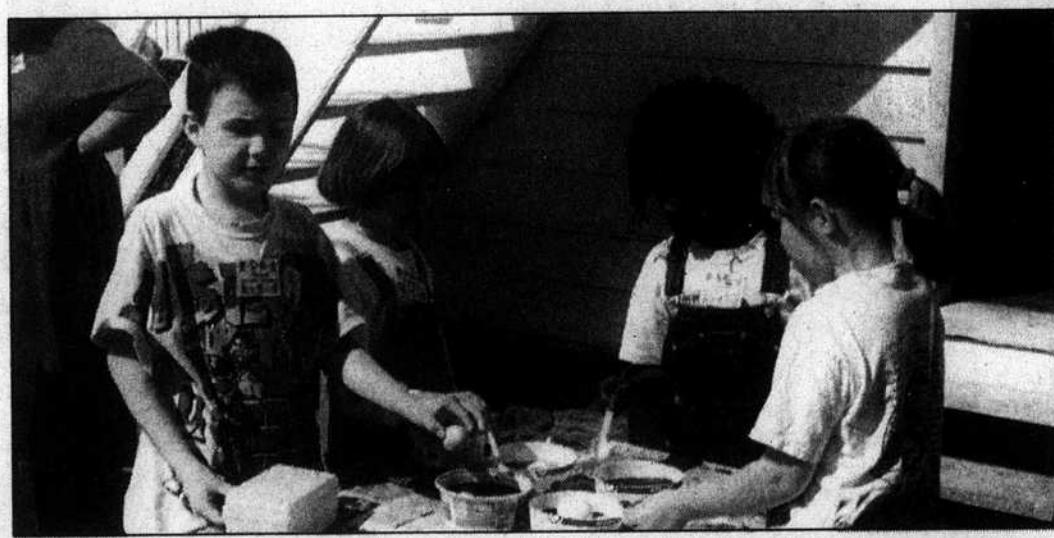
to the second grade students of Chowan County.

While the students are told about the many uses of natural dyes in the 18th and 19th centuries, the highlight of the program for them is using several of these dyes to color Easter eggs. The children can hardly contain their excitement as they see their white eggs turn blue, yellow, pink and orange when dipped in dyes made from red cabbage, onion skins, osage

of the madder plant.

Two new dyes will be tried this year - cochineal, a South American beetle, which produces a dark pink-red dye; and alkanet, from the roots of the plant, which produces a purple dye.

This year, the natural dye program will be expanded and offered to the general public on Saturday, April 7, from 9 a.m. to noon on the grounds of the James Iredell homesite. The program is free of charge, but



Some children prepare to dip their eggs into the dye, while others stir up the mixture. Visitor Center staff supervise the program at the Iredell House in Edenton. (Submitted photo)



Visitor Center staffer Debbie Sliva (dressed in colonial clothing) assists a group of youngsters as they prepare to dip their Easter eggs into some colorful dye. (Submitted photo)

you must bring your own hard boiled eggs.

The Visitor Center staff asks that each child dye no more than six eggs so that as many children as possible may participate. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Parking is available at the Historic Edenton Visitor Center, 108 N. Broad St. No reservations are needed. If you have questions about the program, please contact the Visitor Center at 482-2637.

Everyone is welcome.

Support voiced for new standards

Some say even
tougher rules
should be eyed

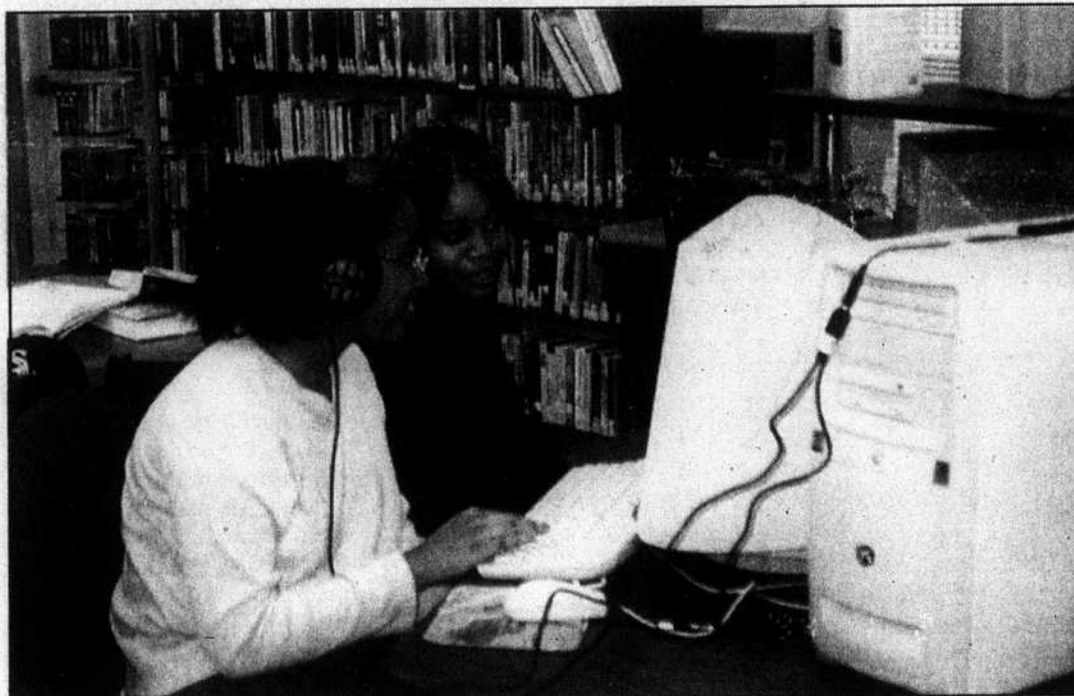
BY MARIEL BETANCOURT
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EDENTON - If their parents and teachers have anything to do with it, Chowan County's high school students will be facing tougher end-of-course standards next year.

"You never reach your full potential until you are challenged," teacher Sandy Davis said. "And we need to push and push and push students as hard as we can."

Parents and teachers met Thursday night with Edenton-Chowan Schools Supt. Dr. Allan Smith to discuss a proposal by the Board of Educa

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New computers are delivered

Alishia Simpson, left, and Joycelyn White take full advantage of the new PCs donated to the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton. The computers were donated to the public library in Edenton by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. (See related story on page 3-A)

Docking ordinances established

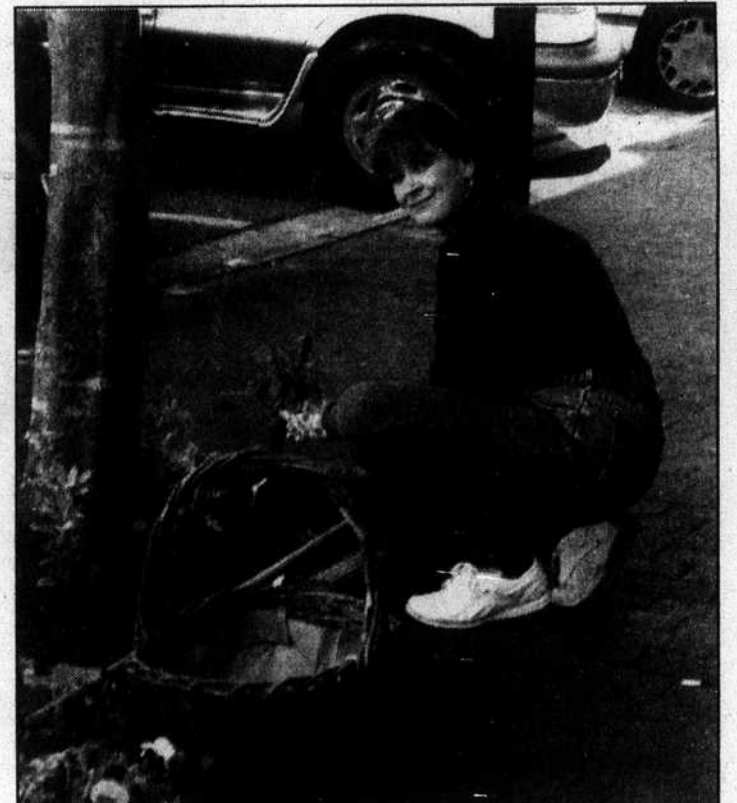
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EDENTON - While the Edenton Bay breakwater and town docks won't open for several weeks, the town council has already approved rules and regulations for boaters' use of the facilities.

The regulations closely follow those of other waterfront towns such as Wilmington, Elizabeth City and Hampton, VA, and specify that the docks should be used primarily by transient, recreational boaters.

Although formally approved Tuesday at the council's meet-

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Susan Wilkerson of Fancy That gets an early start in beautifying her business's flower box by planting colorful pansies. Downtown business owners are being urged "dress up" their stores, inside and out, before next month's Pilgrimage, and dog owners are being urged to keep their pets out of the flower beds. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

Vaughan Edenton Woman of the Year

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Businesswoman Peggy Anne Vaughan was named Woman of the Year Thursday evening by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club. The award presentation was made during a dinner at the Edenton United Methodist Church.

In presenting the award to Vaughan, clubwoman Legion Britton cited Vaughan's dedication to her business, her church, her community and, most important, to her family.

"She works very hard to make her business successful," said Britton, "and possesses a deep love of God and church. This is a woman who wears many hats....she is also very devoted to her husband (Mayor Roland Vaughan), her two children, and her grandchildren."

Britton also noted Vaughan's active support of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Com-



Peggy Anne Vaughan, right, accepts congratulations from Legion Britton of the Edenton BPW Club after being named Woman of the Year. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

merce, and the Edenton Woman's Club, and said that she was an active member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, where she has served as a member of the Vestry.

An obviously surprised Vaughan walked to the podium, accepted a bouquet of flowers from Britton, and said simply, "I firmly believe you get out of your community whatever you put into it. I thank you for this great honor."

Keynote speaker for the dinner was Anne White, 2000 BPW State Career Woman. White, who serves as principal of Perquimans Middle School, spoke of the challenges she has faced in bringing her school from below standard to Exemplary Status by state standards.

White said she believed there were three keys to achieving anything you wanted in life. The first, she said, is "you've got to really want it....If you

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'Flower shower' urged in preparation for the Edenton Pilgrimage

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

In preparation for next month's Historic Edenton Pilgrimage, flowers are appearing everywhere in the downtown business district, including the flower boxes on the street. Pilgrimage Co-Chair Barbara King said the Edenton Woman's Club, which sponsors the biennial event, couldn't be happier about that.

"We're very appreciative of all those who have begun planting flowers in the beds, or putting containers of flowers outside their doors in preparation for the tour," she said. "And

for those who haven't yet done so, we would like to encourage them to help fill the downtown area with flowers to make it look even more appealing for the tourists who will be visiting during the Pilgrimage."

And, pet owners are being urged to do their part to get ready for the tour as well, by keeping their pets out of the flower beds on Broad Street. "We want our town to look its very best for the Pilgrimage," said Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton. "The business owners are working very hard to make our main street look

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