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Waterfront dock opens

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND
Staff Writer

Monday was a momentous day for Edenton with the official opening of the new Edenton Harbor and Walkway. The celebration was made more special with the maiden docking of the American Eagle Cruise Boat.

Mayor Roland Vaughan expressed it best when he told those gathered of the realization of a dream for the community. "Five years ago we, city officials, attended a conference on what communities and local governments can do to assure continued growth," says Vaughan. "We came back and looked around for ways we could implement what we had learned. The waterfront be-

came our project."

Plans were made for the improvement of the waterfront, options were considered, an agreement was made, and work began. "We did what we have done best as a community," added the Mayor. "We worked together."

Paul Waff of Waff Contracting Inc. and his crew began the task of building a new bulkhead and docking area on the waterfront. "We kept in mind what it would take for this endeavor to produce the very best results," Says Paul Waff. "By utilizing the ideas and knowledge of our employees we have been able to build a beautiful waterfront for the town of Edenton."

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The American Eagle pulled into Edenton Harbor on opening day, to the delight of local citizens like Marjorie Capehart (at left) who gathered at the downtown waterfront for opening ceremonies. Even wind and rain couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of local residents and dignitaries who stood under umbrellas to see the realization of a dream that began during a conference attended by local officials five years ago. (Photos by Blair Currie) (See next week's edition of The Chowan Herald for additional photographs and in-depth coverage.)



Dancer Mary Scott Bunch (photo by Kim Nodruft)

Reinhold benefit planned for June

Rossman Ballet Academy Inc. will present "Showcase 2001" at the John A. Holmes High School Auditorium in Edenton on June 2 at 8 p.m. and June 3 at 4:30 p.m. Proceeds from this production will be donated to the fund for Tommy Reinhold at Southern Bank.

The production will be presented by students ranging in age from three to 16 years old in dance forms such as ballet, tap and jazz. The program will be centered around presenting ballet selections inspired by the ballet paintings of Edgar De-

gas, and Broadway-style tap as well as jazz inspired by the creative artistry of choreographer Bob Fosse.

"If you can't attend this production, a donation to Tommy's fund, however small, would be greatly appreciated," said Wanda Rossman, owner of Rossman Ballet Academy. "The public is strongly encouraged to attend this production for enjoyment and in turn help a courageous young man with a great smile."

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Writing scores are up among students

Writing scores are in for Chowan County students and results show that overall scores are up significantly over last year. While scores are strong in grades four, seven, and ten, fourth graders showed the most overall gains this year.

There were 68.3 percent of students at White Oak Elementary School who scored at proficiency level (2.5 or higher) as compared to last year's 37.7 percent. Scores rose at D.F. Walker Elementary School, too. There, 60.7 percent of stu-

dents scored at proficiency level (2.5 or higher) as compared to 32.2 percent last year. Scores at both White Oak and Walker were significantly higher than scores posted in the region. Scores for the northeast region reflect a 54.3 percent proficiency rate.

Seventh graders at Chowan Middle School also compared favorably to their peers in the region. This year, 71 percent of CMS students scored at proficiency level (2.5 or higher) as compared with 64.4 percent

across the region. While the middle school's scores dropped somewhat from last year's 73.5 percent performance, they remain significantly higher than scores throughout the region.

English II results from this semester posted by tenth graders at John A. Holmes High School are also good. Sixty-four percent of students scored at proficiency (3.0 or higher) this semester as compared with 53 percent across the region. John A. Holmes' total percentage of students scoring at 3.0 or

higher is 62 percent for the year. This score represents a decline from last year's 71 percent, but far exceeds the regional percentage totals of 46 percent.

There is no state data available at this time for comparison.

"These are outstanding scores," said Dr. Allan Smith, school superintendent. "Our students and our teachers have worked really hard on improving writing skills and these scores reflect their efforts."

Memorial Day service is Monday

The tenth annual Chowan County Memorial Day Service will be held Monday morning, May 28, at 8 a.m. at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial in Edenton. George Stokes of Edward G. Bond Post 40 American Legion will serve as master of ceremonies.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and the playing of "Taps" by Tom Dyson of the Chowan County Cooperative Extension Office,

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Changing of the guard

Outgoing Athletic Director Tom Bass, center, introduces his replacement, former Aces Coach Jay Swicegood during the John A. Holmes High School Athletic Awards Banquet. Looking on are Holmes Principal Johnny Williams (at right) and Aces Sports Medicine staffer Lynn Bundy (seated). (Photo courtesy of Sandy Davis) (See page 7-B of this week's newspaper for more awards photos)

Goodyear Blimp to visit community

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On May 28-29 the Goodyear Blimp will be visiting the Edenton area. The Blimp will be landing at the Northeast Regional Airport.

The visit of the Goodyear Blimp is in conjunction with the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Colony Tire, Inc.

Rides will be determined from registration drawings held at each Colony Tire business. The winners of these drawings will be provided a chance to ride on the Blimp, Tuesday, May 29. The blimp, which seats six passengers,

will be landing at Northeast Regional Airport Monday afternoon May 28. Festivities and rides will begin at 9 a.m. Tuesday morning.

For more than 75 years the Goodyear Blimps have adorned the skies as a very visible corporate symbol of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company that began operations in 1898. Today, these graceful giants log over 400,000 air miles per year traveling across the United States, Europe, and South America as Goodyear's Global "Aerial Ambassadors."

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The Goodyear Blimp will be at the Northeast Regional Airport in Edenton for public viewing on May 28-29. Colony Tire invites everyone to stop by to help celebrate their 25th Anniversary. (Submitted photo)

Graduation, closing are scheduled

Several noteworthy events will be taking place in local schools during the remainder of May.

On Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m. commencement exercises for the graduating class of

2001 will be held at the John A. Holmes High School Athletic Complex.

Keynote speaker for the ceremony will be Sen. Marc

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Early deadline is set

The Chowan Herald will be observing early deadlines for all news items and ads for its May 30 edition due to the Me-

morial Day holiday. News items and/or ads must be turned in by 5 p.m. this Friday for next week's edition.

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