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Vets' sacrifices are remembered

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND
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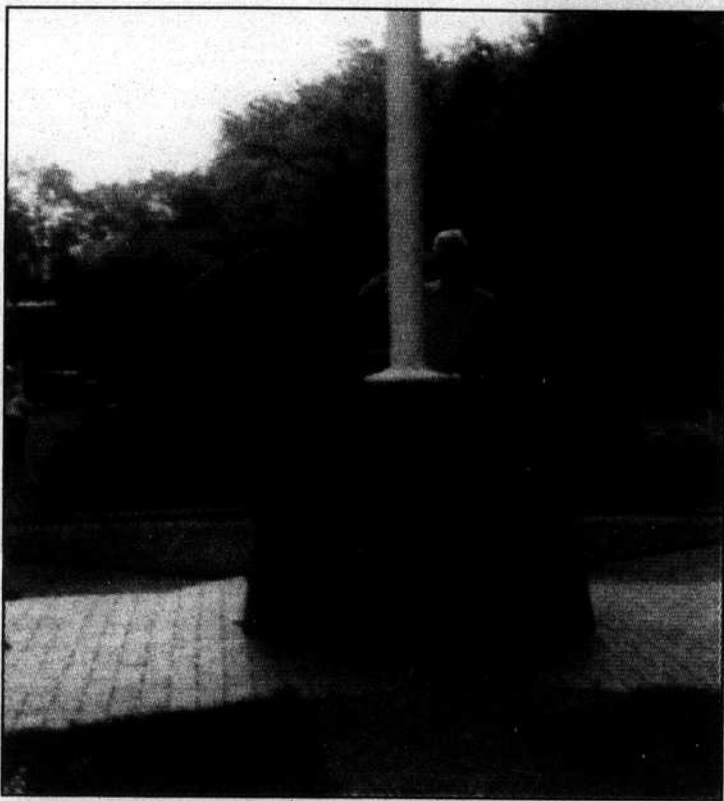
Approximately 100 people gathered Monday morning at the Veterans Memorial to honor Edenton's fallen heroes. Veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam stood at salute as Tom Dyson sweetly and sadly played taps.

County Commissioner Louis Belfield delivered a memorial address for those assembled.

The following excerpts from Mr. Belfield's message which more than express the passion and gratitude of those who can live in the "land of the free" due to the sacrifices of others.

"The freedoms we enjoy today did not come without a price. We thank God for the freedom of expression... Freedom is not free. It has been paid for with the flesh and blood of American servicemen and women."

"Courageous men and women, each different in heritage and background, shared the common bonds of duty and sacrifice. Each of them reached a moment in their lives where race, religion, creed and color made no difference. What remained was the essence of America."



Fellow veterans Glenn Collins, left, and Ken Stalls honor the memory of fallen comrades during Monday's Memorial Day celebration in Edenton. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

"Without the courage, valor, and dignity of our nation's living veterans and those who died, the values that have always made it possible for us to meet challenges and move for-

ward as a nation would have been lost."

"So on this day, we must tell the stories of those who fought and died for freedom's cause. We must tell the stories be-

cause those who have lost loved one need to know that a grateful nation will always remember. Our children and grandchildren will understand that our lives are better today because of the sacrifices that others made."

"Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends (John 15:13). So today, we thank you in words that forever seem so inadequate..."

George Stokes of the Edward G. Bond Post 40 American Legion served as master of ceremonies during the tribute to fallen veterans.

Music was provided by Tom Dyson of the Chowan County Cooperative Extension Office, and Lynn Bundy, a teacher at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton.

Dyson played "Taps" to mark the open and close of the ceremony, and Bundy sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America."

The invocation and benediction were offered by the Rev. Robert White, who serves as chaplain for Post 40 American Legion.

The keynote speaker, County Commissioner Louis Belfield, was introduced by master of ceremonies George Stokes.



Typhanie Jones sports a wide smile as she waits to receive her diploma at graduation exercises Friday night. Keynote speaker for the ceremony was Sen. Marc Basnight, D-Dare. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

Steamer fans await season opener

Friday night
at 7:05 p.m.
opening game

BY OWEN A. HASSELL
Cox NC Publications

There's a sense of pride in Chowan County about its Edenton Steamers.

The smallest town to boast a Coastal Plain League team, Edenton must rely on the hard work of the entire county in order to keep the Steamers in town. In fact, the team is owned by the Edenton-Chowan Community Foundation, a community-owned nonprofit group formed just to ensure the Steamers keep playing at historic Hicks Field.

The community-oriented effort behind the Steamers' success can be seen in every-



Todd Hunter

thing from recruiting John A. Holmes High School kids to work at the concession stand to finding residents from all sections of Chowan County to serve on the Steamers' board of directors.

But now it has turned to a neighbor to help in these efforts: Perquimans County native Todd Hunter.

Edenton's new general manager has only been on the job a few months, but he already senses the hometown feeling he missed before coming back to the Albemarle area:

"I think when they hired me it was something they were looking at," said Hunter of his local ties. "The last two general managers were people who came in and did a good job but knew they were going to move on. I want to stay around home and be here as long as I can."

A son of the late baseball Hall of Famer Jim "Catfish" Hunter, Todd has found his own niche in the sport through management. Hunter's first experience on the job was as a college intern with the Carolina Mudcats, a AA farm team of Major League Baseball's Colorado Rockies located in Zebulon, a small suburb east of Raleigh. After playing baseball for both Elon and Louisburg colleges, Hunter took the internship as a student at North Carolina State University, where he majored in sports management.

Despite his extensive background, Hunter has had some difficulties on the job. The biggest concern may lie in the

number of host families, seven short of the number of players on Edenton's roster.

"We have a lot of people who don't want to do it this year because they are on vacation," said Hunter. "That makes it hard to find new people because they're a bit leery of having a stranger come into their home."

The situation has prompted Hunter to find host families in Hertford, even though the club tries to find its players a home within Chowan County.

"We don't like to have the players even that far away," said Hunter of the 15-minute drive to Hertford. "When the team comes back from a long trip it is best to have them not drive so far afterwards so we try to keep the majority of families in Edenton."

But Hunter is confident about another hosting job: Edenton's preparations as

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Holmes seniors receive diplomas

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND
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The 2001 graduating class of John A. Holmes High School was honored to have Senator Marc Basnight deliver the commencement address Friday evening. Senator Basnight's address encouraged the graduates to enjoy life as he said, "Your life is temporary. Enjoy every second of it," the Senator said. "If your philosophy doesn't take in that life is temporary, get another philosophy."

He also stressed the importance of a good education and how it could make life a lot easier and more enjoyable. "Study hard and learn something new every day," he said. "I don't have to tell you about the importance of a good education. It is the key to your opportunities and success in life."

Brianna Powers delivered the Senior Address. "High school has taught us about our

capacity for love, the ups and downs of friendship, our morals, our ideals. But, it is only the beginning," said Powers. "We are headed out into the world to new adventures and new challenges." Powers told her friends to remember their heritage and what they have learned beyond the three R's.

Mixed emotions surrounded the seniors as they made their way across the stage and on to the next phase of life. Outside the auditorium there was a mixture of cheers and tears. "I don't know exactly how I feel," said Typhanie Jones. "I am glad to be moving on, and graduation is a reward for my work, but there are a lot of people and things I will miss too." Bryan White echoes some Jones' feelings but hopes that the friendships formed through the years won't disappear. "Most of us have been together since the first grade," he says. "I hope we don't lose track of each other."

Edentonian pleads guilty in rapper's death

BY SEAN JACKSON
Cox NC Publications

An Edenton man pled guilty May 21 to his role in the fatal shooting of a rival musician last spring.

Kendrick Gaylord, 21, of 74 Chowan Court, Edenton, pleaded guilty to a charge of second-degree murder in a Pasquotank County court-

room. At presstime, Gaylord was expected to be sentenced in a Chowan County courtroom this week.

Gaylord was convicted for the murder of Keiwanee Powell, 28.

Tristan Spencer, 25, of 219 W. Gale St., has also been charged in Powell's murder. No trial date has been set for Spencer. He has been charged with

first degree murder since his arrest shortly after Powell's murder.

Powell was shot with a .9mm pistol in the chest on the front porch of his West Carteret Street home on a Sunday afternoon last May. Powell, a native of Jamaica, was a member of the hip-hop group Original Gully Mon Billionaire, also known as OGMB. He was pro-

nounced dead at Chowan Hospital last May 28.

Gaylord and Spencer were members of a rival group, Cacalacky Crime Family, or CCF.

Police have said Powell's murder was the result of an argument between members of the group.

Argument leads to shooting on Wildcat Road

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND
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According to a report from the Chowan County Sheriff's Office, Chowan County Central Communications received a report from the residence of 336 Wildcat Road, Edenton, of

someone being shot.

Deputy Larnell Valentine, Lt. James White, and Sheriff Fred Spruill along with EMS responded to the call. Upon arrival they found David Drew laying in the front yard of 336 Wildcat Rd. Examination of Drew showed that he had a

wound in the right abdominal area. Drew was transported to Chowan Hospital by ambulance.

A search of the area was conducted and a 22-caliber rifle was located in the back yard of the 336 Wildcat. Further search was conducted for the suspect.

Kenneth Johnson was located in an out building behind the residence. Johnson had a forehead injury and swollen jaw. Sheriff's personnel transported Johnson to Chowan Hospital.

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Koppelman Herald's new NIE coordinator

(Editor's Note: As part of Mrs. Koppelman's responsibilities, she will be writing a weekly column for the paper. The first one appears on page 3-A of this edition.)

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Donna Koppelman of Edenton has been named The Chowan Herald's Newspaper in Education (NIE) Coordinator. She is the first person to serve in that capacity for the award-winning weekly newspaper.

"We feel very fortunate to have someone of Donna's caliber take on the responsibility of helping us establish this very important program



Donna Koppelman

to encourage the use of newspapers in schools," said Chowan Herald Publisher David Crawley in making the announcement. "She will be starting from the ground

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