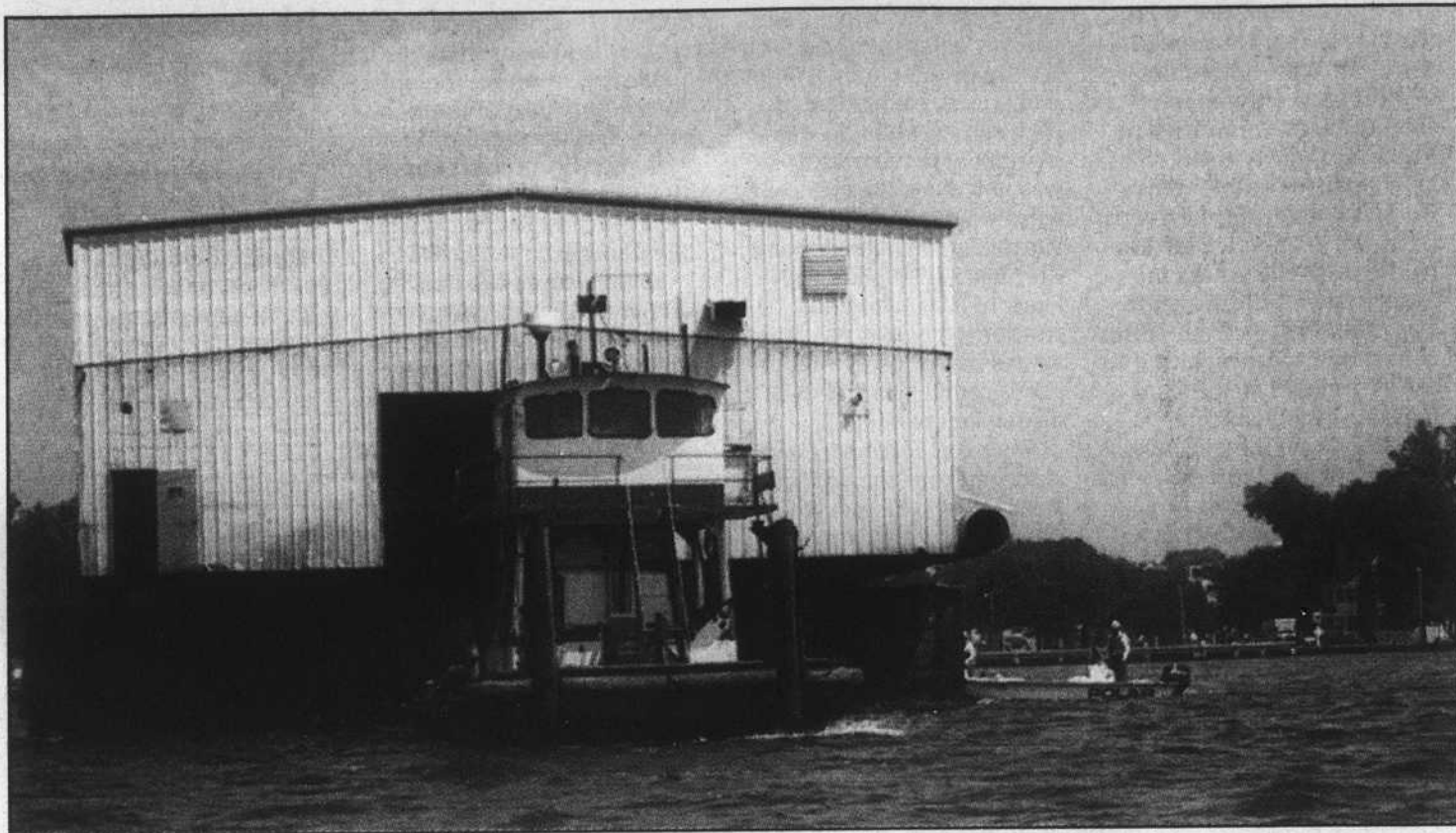


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## Maneuvering through choppy waters

High winds and rough water did not make for desired circumstances Monday morning as crews from Waff Brothers Contractors and Worth Hare House Movers relocated the second of two large building for Albemarle Boats. Tug Boats and smaller boats had to do some expert maneuverings to negotiate the huge barge through some tight squeezes between channel markers and a few sharp turns in Pembroke Creek. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

## Edenton airport one of five in US chosen by NASA

BY MARIEL BETANCOURT  
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The Northeastern Regional Airport in Edenton has been chosen as one of five North Carolina airports that will participate in the first phase of NASA's \$69 million Small Aircraft Transportation System.

As part of this program, Edenton's airport will receive technology developed by NASA specifically for small airports, including the latest global positioning system.

But that's not the only major upgrade the airport will see in the next few years.

On Aug. 1, the U.S. Senate approved a transportation appropriation bill that will pay for improvements in North

Carolina's airports, ferries, rail systems, buses and roads. The bill includes an allocation of \$500,000 for an instrument landing system at the Northeastern Regional Airport. Both the House and Senate have passed versions of the bill, which now awaits President George W. Bush's approval.

"(The ILS) is in both the House and Senate versions, so that's very good," Knighton said. "If the bill is approved, and the President signs it, we'll be in good shape."

The town has included an ILS in its transportation plans for at least eight years, Knighton said. When the state's budget crisis hit this

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## Schools hire new public relations head

Award-winning former reporter will be liaison for community

A new school and community relations coordinator began working with the Edenton-Chowan school system Aug. 6.

Glenda Jakubowski was an award-winning education reporter for The Daily Reflector in Greenville before coming to Chowan County. She is a graduate of East Carolina University, where she majored in English with a Spanish minor. Jakubowski, 40, has three children.

In addition to her work at The Daily Reflector, Jakubowski has written for Our State magazine and the North Carolina School Boards Association magazine. Her latest article is scheduled to appear in the October issue of Our State. Jakubowski also is a



Glenda Jakubowski

member of the Air Force Reserve, training at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro one weekend each month. She works in the public affairs office for the 916th Air Refueling

Wing there. As school and community relations coordinator, Jakubowski maintains two-way communication between the school system and the media, parents, stu-

dents, school employees and other interested persons.

"I hoped to work in Chowan County from the first time I saw Edenton," Jakubowski said. "Everyone I've met since coming here has been helpful and friendly. I'm especially impressed with the staff and students I've met at the four schools."

"We are absolutely delighted to welcome Glenda to our staff, and to this fine community," said Dr. Allan Smith, school superintendent. "We look forward to working with her."

Jakubowski currently commutes round-trip from Greenville each day to work. She looks forward to settling in and shortening her drive time considerably.

The former coordinator, Michelle Alexander, left to become the school and community relations coordinator for Martin County Schools. Alexander was with the Edenton-Chowan school system for about 10 years.

## Adult Life Center opens in November

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Chowan County's first adult day care center should be complete in November - a month later than expected, according to Sabrina Sanders, assistant director for Albemarle Home Care.

Construction has been delayed, and rather than finish in October, crews will work until shortly before Thanksgiving, Sanders said.

"I'm hoping the date won't be moved any further," she added.

To prepare for its opening, Sanders asked the Board of Commissioners to vote on a name for the center at its meeting last week. From those names recommended, commissioners chose Chowan Life Center.

"We don't want 'adult day care' in the name," Sanders said. "We want the place to have dignity."

Once open, the 13,000

square-foot-facility located on West Freemason Street will offer services to 40 adults needing care and employ 12-13 part-time and full-time staff. The center will share a coordinator with Elizabeth City's DayBreak, a similar day care center.

Commissioners approved construction of the day care center in July 2000, to shorten travel time of Chowan residents visiting DayBreak. They purchased a 6.75 acre tract near Chowan Hospital and Filbert's Creek to accommodate it.

Like DayBreak, the Chowan Life Center will have a family room, kitchen, day room, arts and crafts room, and a fireplace. Staff will include a licensed practical nurse, cook and clerical assistant.

The center is a joint project between the county and Albemarle Regional Health Services.

## Albemarle Chorale gathering

A pre-season meeting of the Albemarle Chorale will be held Monday, Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Parish House of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 101 Gale Street, Edenton.

New, old and prospective members are invited to attend and plans for the coming season will be presented.

If you cannot make the planning meeting, please join us on Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish House as we begin our regular Monday evening rehearsal schedule.

The Albemarle Chorale, sponsored by College of the Albemarle, is composed of singers from several local communities and presents at least two concerts a season. If you enjoy singing some of the masterpieces of choral literature, this would be perfect for you.

## National 4-H exchange student visits locally

On July 22, Debby, Rodney, Lauren, and Amanda Parker drove to Raleigh to pick up a temporary member of their family, 13-year-old Yoshimi Arai. There was a lot of excitement and a little bit of anxiety.

Communication is probably one of the most challenging components of the exchange. Anyone who has traveled or lived abroad understands how frustrating it is being surrounded by people who are speaking another language fluently. The Spanish one learns in high school is quite different from the Spanish spoken on the streets of Madrid.

Yoshimi is part of the National 4-H Japanese Exchange Program where families can gain some of the benefits of international travel right here at home. Host families have the unique opportunity to learn not only to understand another culture but visitor like Yoshimi can understand and

appreciate the various aspects of American culture.

"Yoshimi is a very sweet and polite little girl", says Debby Parker. She is also very talented. Amanda and Lauren have had lots of fun learning origami and having her teach them Japanese kanji."

Host families are encouraged to involve their exchanges in a variety of experiences. "Everyone in the community has been very welcoming to Yoshimi," says Debby. Wanda Rossman of Rossman Ballet Academy allowed Yoshimi, who has studied ballet in Japan, to attend a ballet class with Amanda. Deb Kozlowski, a local artist, and 4-H Club leader, invited the Parkers over to paint tiles and fire them in her kiln.

As part of the workshop series, Yoshimi and Amanda played an important role assisting with the "Japan and the

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Yoshimi Arai (bottom row, second from left) joins some of her new 4-H friends in showing off Origami paper art they created during a summer workshop. (Photo courtesy of Amy Damrow)

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