

Airport

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year, town and airport officials realized the money to pay for the ILS would not come from North Carolina's Department of Transportation, Division of Aviation. In March, town officials visited U.S. Sens. John Edwards, D-NC, and Jesse Helms, R-NC, to lobby for the ILS.

If approved, the ILS could be in place for the 2003 Wright brothers' centennial celebration, Knighton said. An ILS helps pilots land during poor weather, and will greatly improve the airport, she added.

"It'll be a huge safety feature," Knighton said. "It'll help us recruit corporate aircraft to be based here, and it will be a real boost to the airport in terms of economic development."

Through its SATS program, NASA will spend \$1.5 million to renovate five North Carolina airports by 2005. It has chosen only four states - North Carolina, Florida, Maryland and Virginia - to participate in SATS' first phase, and the three North Carolina airports closest to Kitty Hawk will be renovated in time for the 2003 Wright brothers' centennial events.

The airports will receive technology developed by NASA and FAA, and will demonstrate its use in navigation of small aircraft. In addition to the GPS, which guides planes toward the runway, NASA will equip the airports with data link communications that give aircraft information on air traffic, weather, terrain and obstacles. Small aircraft will also receive the latest "synthetic vision," a virtual reality display that helps pilots fly in reduced visibility.

For the project, NASA will partner with North Carolina universities, the North Carolina Department of Transportation, the Research Triangle Institute, aerospace corporations and air transportation companies.

This collaboration alone makes the project worthwhile, Knighton said.

"We're really excited about the demonstration project," she said. "And the opportunity to partner with NASA, some of the universities in North Carolina and the Kenan Institute (at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill). That alone is a big shot in the arm for the region."

Warren Field in Washington, NC and the Dare County Regional Airport will also receive SATS renovations by 2003. If successful, NASA will offer SATS to other states.



Homecoming speaker

The Rev. Valerie R. Hunter, pastor of Christian Education, Counseling and Women's Ministry at New Zion Baptist Church in Elizabeth, NJ, will be the annual Homecoming speaker at Canaan Temple AME Zion Church in Edenton on Sunday, Sept. 2, at 11 a.m. The afternoon service will be brief, consisting of a Singspiration and a Memorial Service for our deceased. Dinner will be served in the fellowship hall at the close of services. The public has been invited to the Homecoming by the Rev. Charles Eason, pastor. Rev. Hunter is the granddaughter of the late Fred and Victoria Bowser of Edenton. (Submitted photo)

School system offers thanks with dinner

Edenton-Chowan Schools custodians, technical support staff and others will have their summer efforts at the elementary schools rewarded this Friday at 5 p.m. with a steak dinner. The dinner will take place on the D.F. Walker campus.

Dr. Allan Smith, superintendent, and Rob Boyce, assistant superintendent, as well as other school system officials, plan to personally thank the employees by serving up the meal provided by Nixon's Catering.

"I could not be happier with the attitude and spirit of our staff," said Dr. Smith.

The custodial and tech staffs worked as late as 1 a.m. some nights, readying D.F. Walker and White Oak schools for students by the opening date of

Aug. 9.

From cleaning to moving to hanging kites from ceilings, the schools' staffs displayed an "energy and enthusiasm level that goes unmatched, even compared to Superman," according to White Oak principal Mary Nixon.

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(1) Use mosquito repellent containing DEET when outdoors when mosquitoes are most active including sunrise, sunset, and dusk/early evening hours. Use repellents carefully by following label directions and observe young children frequently when outside.

(2) Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors during peak mosquito activity periods.

(3) "Tip or toss" standing water in artificial and/or natural container sites which create ideal breeding areas for mosquitoes. Drain all containers, repair leaking outdoor faucets, clean gutters, fill in potholes and puddles, and discard yard trash that can collect water, especially old tires.

(4) Report dead and dying birds to the local Health Department at 338-4490, Environmental Health Division. Reports should be made primarily of dead crows, blue jays, and raptors, and birds of prey including hawks.

(5) Report mosquito prevalence and problems to the Health Department, 338-4490.

Student

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Japanese Culture" session. Eighteen youth attended the seven-hour workshop held at the Agricultural Center in Edenton.

Highlights of the day were learning Origami (the Japanese art of paper folding), sampling a

variety of Curry dishes and preparing a lunch of Nori Maki (rolled Sushi). The participants also enjoyed listening to Yoshimi read "The Hungry Caterpillar," by Eric Carle, in Japanese and English.

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