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The female driver of this vehicle sustained only minor injuries Thursday morning when her car left the road and crashed thru the railing of this bridge on Rocky Hock Creek Road. The teenager was charged with failure to maintain lane control. The eight foot span of railing was replaced by day's end. (Outland Photo)

Commissioners hear plans for Williamson monument

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During their January meeting, Chowan County Commissioners addressed several issues including a proposal concerning the old D. F. Walker campus. And, an update from Judge Terrence Boyle was presented on the status of the proposed Hugh Williamson Memorial.

A resolution by the Board of Trustees for the College of the Abemarle stated that the old Walker School is its choice for relocation of its choice for

campus. Representatives from COA, the County Manager's Office, and the Board of Education have met to develop some recommendations on the use of this campus and other issues associated with the facility.

According to County Manager Cliff Copeland the use of the site is under review by three organizations. "However, this is not going to be a speedy process," says Copeland. "The best case scenario for any use of the facility is two years down the road." The lease on the present site of COA is not up until 2005.

Judge Terrence Boyle presented an update on the progress of the committee studying the feasibility of the Hugh Williamson monument. The committee is trying to determine the style, size, and exact location of the monument on the green in front of the old courthouse.

"The community is excited about the concept of a monument dedicated to Williamson," Copeland says addressing other board members. It would be an absolutely breathtaking addition to Edenton."

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Sketch depicts design for proposed monument honoring Hugh Williamson

Chowan excited about opportunity to be e-community

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As the world becomes more and more Internet connection-based the municipal and county leader for Chowan County, along with 84 other rural counties in North Carolina, are implementing initiatives to make sure each and every citizen of the county has ready and affordable access to the Internet.

The link for this connection is rooted in program known as the E-NC Initiative. E-Initiative is not a new effort, but an

ongoing program to connect all North Carolinians to the Internet. As part of the effort each county has announced the appointment of a local technology e-champion that will work with e-NC and steering committees in their counties to develop plans for educating their citizens about technology and increasing their access to high-speed Internet services.

"Local technology champions are critical to getting rural communities online," says Dr. James Leutze, Chairman of the Rural Internet Access Authority, the group leading e-NC.

"Who can better understand a county's needs and work for change than someone from that community?"

Chowan County recently appointed Bill Miller to serve as its compass into the technological future. Miller also teaches computer courses at the College of the Abemarle Edenton Campus.

"The North Carolina Legislature established the initiative but, they did not fund it," begins Miller. "Through funding from high-tech private corporations the initiative received the financial support to

under-gird the program."

A \$6.3 million community outreach effort has been designed for the 85 counties participating in the program to help make training and high-speed access a reality in their communities. The program's ultimate goal is to create a fully connected state.

Once appointed the county champions went on to attend training sessions in Raleigh, NC where they discussed their roles, in detail, and identified planning resources applicable for their individual county. E-champions will then imple-

ment changes to meet community's needs by leading a countywide needs assessments program and marshalling community support.

According to Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland Chowan County has already laid the groundwork. "We will be putting together a large committee with representatives from all areas of the county," says Copeland. "Every sector of the community will have equal representation and express just what needs their sector requires and how we may better meet their tech-

nological needs." Copeland says that providing every citizen of Chowan County Internet access is the goal.

With the appointment of the champions and the development of a steering committee, each county received a \$10,000 e-communities planning grant. County officials, and in some cases, community colleges will serve as fiscal agents for the grant.

With the grant the community representatives and champions are just getting their feet

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Albemarle Chorale to perform here

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There is an old saying that music is the sound that soothes the soul. It not only holds true for those who listen, but it can be that vehicle by which the performer expresses beauty of the soothing sounds from within. It was just such a desire to that in 1998 led to the founding and formation of the Albemarle Chorale.

On January 27, 2002 at 4 p.m. The Albemarle Chorale will be presenting "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi and excerpts from "The Creation", an oratorio by Joseph Haydn.

The Chorale will be presenting the program of sacred music at the Edenton United Methodist Church.

For the performers who work so hard, and those who are rewarded by hearing choral artistic excellence, the Albemarle Chorale is a dream



Director Rosalind MacEnulty (at piano) leads a rehearsal of the Chorale

come true. "I had been trying to form a chorale in this area," says

Sandy Boyce, Chair of Fine Arts at the College of the Abemarle in Elizabeth City.

"However, there just did not

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Prayer photos sought by St. Paul's group

On Jan. 26, the Rev. Dr. Lyndon Harris, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in New York City, will be coming to Edenton. His church is located at the base of the Twin Trade Towers and has been a beacon for all the workers at Ground Zero.

He will be speaking in Swain Auditorium at 7 p.m. in addition to participating in Sunday services at St. Paul's.

The 5th-8th grade Sunday School class at St. Paul's Episcopal Church is putting together a group of pictures of people who are committed to praying for these workers. The class would like to include all types of pictures of individuals, families, and groups. The more pictures featured, the better it will be!

The display will provide a tangible example of just a few of the millions of grateful Americans who are upholding them in prayer daily. The finished product will provide an inspirational visual for the workers when they come into St. Paul's to pray, rest, eat, and sleep.

The display will be presented to Rev. Dr. Harris on his visit to Edenton on Jan. 26, so time is short. Please bring pictures (with the name of the individuals or the group written on the back) A.S.A.P. to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, or contact Donna Koppelman, 482-3625.

"Let us take a stand as a community," Koppelman said, "and show our support for these workers."

ALBEMARLE CHORALE

will perform in concert
January 27 at 4 pm

Edenton United Methodist Church
Reception to follow

FATHER LYNDON HARRIS

Saturday, Jan. 26, at 7 pm
Swain Auditorium in Edenton

of St. Paul's Church in NYC will speak about the challenges faced by the city and his congregation