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## Commissioners support anti-OLF site resolution

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND  
Staff Writer

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution during Monday night's meeting opposing a naval outlying landing field in northeastern North Carolina.

"I have corresponded with each of the Commissioners concerning the Navy's consideration of two sites in close proximity to Chowan County that could serve as potential Outlying Landing Fields for jets at Oceana," said County Manager

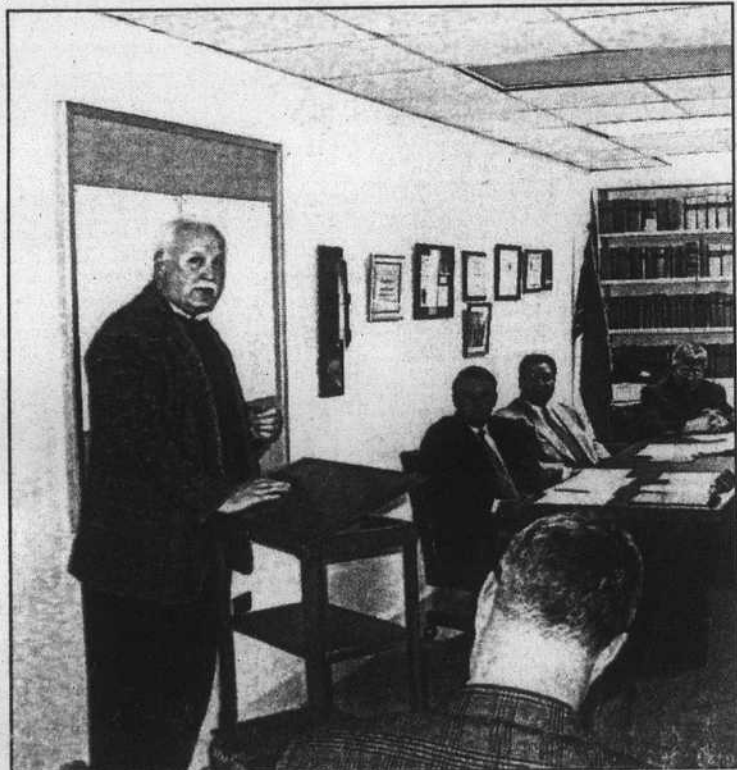
Cliff Copeland. "Obviously, there are many concerns and issues with the Bertie or Perquimans sites. It is not a question of military training, but their chosen, proposed sites in these two counties."

Peter Rascoe, Special Projects Director for Chowan County presented a power point program outlining the procedures the military will take showing where the landing strips would be located in each of the counties. "The 60 decibel noise level for these areas is not confined to those ar-

reas or limited to that noise level," Rascoe said. Part of the proposed site for Perquimans includes the community of Belvidere. The Bertie County site is adjacent to Windsor.

Reports indicate that the site selected would become a practice landing field where pilots would practice landing and taking off from aircraft carriers. The jets using the proposed strip will be part of the Navy's new fleet of Super Hornet FA-18 fighter jets.

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Bill Miller updates the County Commissioners on the progress of the e-community initiative in Chowan County during their meeting Monday night.

### Public meeting on issue

At presstime Tuesday, preparations were underway for a public meeting to inform residents about the Navy's plan for a new outlying landing field (OLF) for its planes to practice carrier landings.

There are seven proposed sites, four of which are in northeastern North Carolina.

The meeting's sponsors included the Chamber of Commerce, Chowan County, and the Town of Edenton.

Details and reactions to the meeting will be carried in our Feb. 13 edition.



Janice McKenzie Cole announces her candidacy for the Congressional seat being left vacant by the retirement of Sen. Jesse Helms, R-NC. Cole, a retired judge and former policewoman, made the announcement as her husband and father, and a crowd of well-wishers and supporters looked on. (Staff photo by Helen Outland)

## Cole announces candidacy for Congressional office

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND  
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Retired District Court Judge and former United States Attorney for the Eastern District, Janice McKenzie Cole officially tossed her hat in the ring Wednesday announcing her bid for Congress representing the 1st District. With many supporters on hand Cole made her announcement from the porch

of the Perquimans County Courthouse in Hertford, NC.

Cole, accompanied by her husband Judge J. C. Cole, had traveled to New Bern, NC, Greenville, NC, and eventually back to her hometown of Hertford, NC, to make her plans known.

"As a judge, I have dealt with the issues first hand," said Cole. "I have dealt with the Domestic Violence, teen preg-

nancy, and drug abuse." Cole feels her experience on the bench and as Attorney will be a plus in Washington.

Those attending her announcement expressed their approval several times during her speech when she received strong applause from supporters

Perhaps the person most

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## Chowan Life Center to open soon

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Editor

One of the most difficult things an elderly person or someone with a handicap can face is social isolation. Imagine sitting at home, day after day, without someone to talk to. Now imagine that you are the caregiver for that person, sometimes the only contact with the outside world that person has. Either role is difficult; but now there is a solution at hand.

In just a few weeks, the new Chowan Life Center, located at 317 West Freemason Circle, Edenton, will open.

The center is open to anyone age 18 or older. It will provide adult family members with the opportunity to spend time interacting with others, and

caregivers the chance to leave a loved one in a warm, nurturing environment while they go to work or about their daily lives. Hours at the center will be 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. And while family members are encouraged to drive relatives to and from the center, there will be alternate transportation available through the Inter-County Public Transportation Authority.

Sabrina Saunders, assistant director, Albemarle Home Care, has been overseeing work at the site in Edenton. She described the center's role as "providing a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for those adults who might otherwise be unable to participate in the community due to age or health concerns or handicap."

Saunders noted that the Chowan Life Center will be able to have 40 participants each day its doors are open. In addition to meals and snacks, the professionally trained staff will plan and carry out instruction/assistance with personal and health care; appropriate physical activities; education/cultural programs; and social/recreational activities.

On this day, Saunders is taking a reporter through the facility describing how some of those needs will be met. For one thing, she is trying to locate a pool table for the facility, as well as a piano. There will also be a television available for viewing in a comfortable den at the center, there is a dining area, with small groups of round tables for convenience in eating and making friends.

Some of these are wheelchair accessible for those who need that service. In fact, the whole facility is handicapped accessible, including the bathrooms.

There is also a reading room with a handsome floor to ceiling bookcases and some cozy chairs, for those who need some quiet time. And there is a therapy room.

Saunders is also looking into bringing musical groups into the center to sing and perform for the participants. And, she's interested in talking with those who would be willing to teach crafts classes, such as quilting, needlework, and pottery (the facility has its own small kiln). There will also be gardening in the courtyard behind the facility. Participants will be able to

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## Abandoned pups are a tragic sight

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND  
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On Tuesday afternoon Mary Bass, Chowan/Gates Animal Control Officer responded to the report of abandoned puppies on Indian Trail Road east of Edenton. What Bass and Laura McDaniel found was heartbreaking.

Four puppies, about 3 months old, had been abandoned near an uninhabited house at 321 Indian Trail. "The circumstance these puppies were found in was pitiful," says Bass. "There was neither food or water." Worst of all, the four puppies skin was so



One of several pups abandoned locally.

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### Singing Valentines

Barbara King is serenaded by (l-r) her husband, Bruce King, Jack Parker, Wes Hostetler, and Charlie Brohawn as part of the Albemarle Sounds' Singing Valentines program which raises funds for the vocal music programs in local schools. (For more details, see story on page 12-A of today's edition)

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## Chamber recognizes community leaders

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND  
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The Chamber of Commerce held their 2002 Annual Chamber Banquet Thursday, January 31st at the Chowan Golf and Country Club in Edenton. Executive Director Richard Bunch welcomed guest to the annual event.

Outgoing Chamber President for 2001, Haywood Coston addressed audience as he passed the gavel on to incoming president, Larry Spivey. "Thank you Richard, Brenda, and Nancy for working with me this past year," Coston said. "I appreciate all you have done for me and all you have done for the members of the Chamber. I have enjoyed my year as presi-



Chamber Director Richard Bunch, left, talks with outgoing president Haywood Coston (center), new president Larry Spivey, far right, and Volunteer of the Year April Lane (beside Spivey) and Stephanie Waff, who accepted the Businessperson of the Year Award on behalf of her father, Paul Waff.