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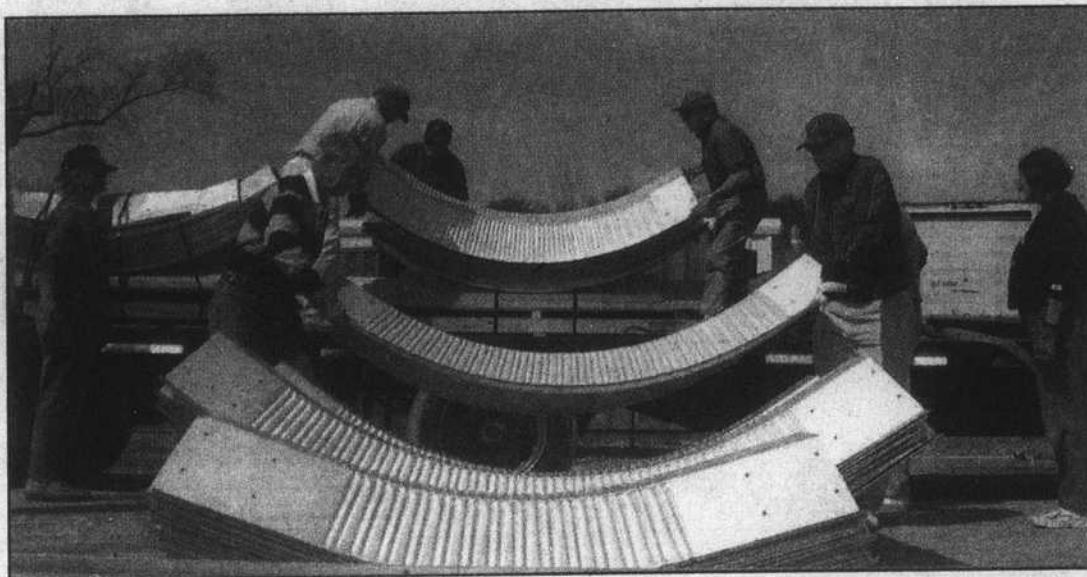
Habitat to build new storage facility

BY PHIL LANGE

Recently volunteers from the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity took another step in the construction of their new 1000 square foot warehouse/sales facility. The warehouse materials, donated specifically for this project by Simon and Nancy Rich, were off-loaded in an afternoon by eight enthusiastic volunteers.

Located behind the Clothes Closet and the Food Pantry just off North Broad Street, it will warehouse donated building materials until needed, and offer for sale do-

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Habitat volunteers offload building materials to be used in construction of its new 1,000 square foot warehouse/sales facility.



Volunteers (l-r) Bill Haley, Stan Smith, Jim Robison, Steve Lane, Marilyn Lange, Rod Ramsey, Jean Bridges, George Braddham, Ivan Spencer.



Stan Smith and Jim Robison check to see if all the pieces are there. (Habitat photos by Phil Lange)

Shootings keep law officers busy

Vehicles fired on in Edenton, resulting in injuries, arrests

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
Staff Writer

The Edenton Police Department has been busy in the last few weeks responding to number of calls reporting shots fired in the areas of Oakum and Albemarle streets. Two of those calls have resulted in one shooting victim and another has resulted in damage to property.

On March 10 police responded to a call near the intersection of Oakum and East Albemarle. Upon arrival Officers Denise Wilder and Brian Ferraraccio were informed by Leroy Leary, age 31, of 4108 Walker Dr. in Edenton that he and his cousin were riding through the area when their vehicle was fired on. They identified their two assailants as 17

year-old Skylar Holley, and Jamile Boyce, age 19, of 200 Vance Lane in Edenton. Leary's vehicle sustained damage to the right front. On March 13th police arrested Jamile Boyce and charged him with Assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. He was placed under a \$2,000 bond by the magistrate on duty. Holley had yet to be apprehended.

In an unrelated case on Monday, March 18 at 11:50 p.m. police responded to a report of a gun shot victim that had been transported to Chowan Hospital by a friend. Upon arrival Edenton police found Skylar Lavelle Holley with a wound to the right side of his chest.

Holley, along with several

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Two sustain gunshot wounds during accidental shooting

A report released from the Chowan County Sheriff's Office Monday states that two women were injured in an apparent accidental shooting early Saturday morning.

"Based on the information we have been able to obtain so far this incident appears to be accidental," says Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill. " . . . caused by the mishandling of firearm that the victims were not familiar with."

Deputies went to 2823 Virginia Road, the business location of Patterson and Webb, at 6:54 a.m., Saturday, March 23 in response to a call to Chowan County 911 Communications reporting two men with gunshot wounds. Upon arrival deputies located the victims with what appeared to be

gunshot wounds. The victims were transported to Chowan Hospital by the Chowan County Rescue Squad and treated for their injuries.

Adrian Ramirez Arano age 24 of Greenville, NC and Gustavo C. Crespo, ages 33, of Colerain, NC were both injured when the gun, a Colt 380 automatic pistol, fired. According to the victims, Arano had brought the pistol with him to work and was showing it to Crespo.

While Crespo was looking at the pistol he reportedly asked Arano if the gun was loaded. Arano told Crespo that he thought it was unloaded since the magazine was not in the gun. Crespo pulled the trigger and the gun fired hitting Crespo in the left hand and Arano in the right hip.



Edenton BPW Club President Marina Crummey, left, congratulates Woman of the Year, Louise Ervin. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)



Mary Schulken

Columnist is added

The *Chowan Herald* is adding a new editorial page column today written by someone who is not a stranger to our area.

Mary Schulken, senior associate editor and editorial page editor of *The Daily Reflector* in Greenville, is now producing a column for Cox community newspapers. This column will be printed regularly on the editorial page.

She will continue writing
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Rascoe to leave county position for private sector

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
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Special Projects Director for Chowan County, Peter Rascoe, has announced he is leaving his position with the county and will be going to work with Eastern North Carolina Natural Gas. Eastern NCNG is a partnership of Progress Energy and the Albemarle-Pamlico Economic Development Commission.

Rascoe said it was a decision not made lightly.

"The job as Special Projects Director has been a dream job," said Rascoe. "Not only did I have the two greatest bosses in the world (Chowan County Manager, Cliff Copeland and Edenton Town Manager, Anne-Marie Knighton), but I got up every morning anxious to get started."

Rascoe, a Bertie native, came to Edenton in 1996 after graduating from the University of South Carolina School of Law. During his time here, Rascoe has worked for Preservation North Carolina as Northeast Regional Director,



Peter Rascoe salutes the flag during the Providence marker ceremony, which he helped organize. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

a position he held for three years.

He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Edenton

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Club names Ervin Woman of the Year

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Former Health Department nurse and breast cancer survivor Louise McPherson Ervin has been named Woman of the Year by the Edenton Business and Professional Women (BPW) Club.

Introduced by BPW President Marina Crummey, Ervin appeared shocked to have been chosen.

"This is my home, and I love you all," she said. "Thank you so much."

Ervin, a Camden, NC native, first attended nursing school in 1959 at Vanderbilt in Nash-

ville, TN, attaining her LPN (licensed practical nurse) certification. After moving to Edenton in the early 1970s, she began working as an operating room nurse at Chowan Hospital. While finishing the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program in 1977 at College of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City, she also kept up a home and cared for her mother, who had suffered a stroke and was in a nursing home. She visited her mother daily, and took care of her other family responsibilities, and still managed to graduate with honors.

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Albemarle Learning Center could be e-community site

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
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E-champion for Chowan County's North Carolina Rural Internet Authority, Bill Miller, and Albemarle Learning Center Executive Director, Jake Boyce convened a joint meeting of their boards last week. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a possible cooperative effort by both factions to designate the learning center as a central location for Internet service for Chowan County, a move that would benefit both.

According to Boyce and Miller, the learning center and E-NC have a common goal to educate and bring to also bring every citizen in the county into the twenty-first century of computer technology.

The Albemarle Learning Center has served Chowan County for over ten years as the hub of agriculture and natural history education by working hand in hand with area



Jake Boyce (center) leads a tour of the Albemarle Learning Center during the joint meeting.

schools, 4-H, and Tourism. E-NC, the new kid on the block, is part of a statewide initiative to bring the rural communities access and education resources available through the Internet.

By partnering with the center E-NC and the center can combine their assets to serve a dual purpose.

"Together, I think we can put together a community ac-

cess center, a county web portal, we can provide staff funding, and a demonstration project for high-speed internet," says Bill Miller. "This would be a Chowan County base."

The collaboration would help the center and E-NC meet the needs of every citizen from

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