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## Rocky Hock Lions Club charters with 55 members



Rocky Hock Lions Club President Ricky Nixon (right) holds and Lion Katina Holliday from Williamston hold up the new Rocky Hock Lions Club banner presented to the club by District 31-J. Rocky Hock is the first club chartered in the district since 1982. (Photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

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On June 26 of this year twenty-two people met at Nixon's Family Restaurant and held the first official

meeting of the Rocky Hock Lion's Club. The founding members led by appointed President Ricky Nixon, and under the guidance of Past District Governor Earl Johns, saw a need in their commu-

nity for an organization to serve the citizens of the Rocky Hock and surrounding area. "Rocky Hock is ten miles from Edenton and a community within itself," says Nixon. "We have people,

families, in this community who are in need and we want to serve them." Thus the decision was made to form a Lion's Club.

On Monday night, September 23, in a prestigious ceremony at Nixon's Family Restaurant, the Rocky Hock Lions Club was officially chartered and fifty-five members received their Lion's pins. In an unprecedented chartering approximately two hundred people that included representatives of the Lions Clubs from Gaston Lake, Tarboro, Edenton, Scotland Neck, Murfreesboro, River City, First Flight, Washington, Weeksville, Williamston, Windsor, Rocky Mount, Currituck, Ahoskie, and Belhaven, applauded the new club.

The Rocky Hock Lion's Club is the first club to be chartered in District 31-J since 1982. "This is a momentous occasion. The sense of community prevails in this room," said Terry Holliday, Immediate

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Detective Andy Bunch, Detective Dwayne Goodwin, Deputy Carl Rabe, and Deputy Kenny White are shown with some of the \$66,000 in drugs confiscated. National Guard OH-58 Iroquois Helicopters, seen in the background, provided air support for the team.

## \$66,000 in illegal drugs recovered

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On Wednesday morning, September 19, Chowan County deputies and the National Guard took to the air again in search of illegal drugs. It was the first time county law enforcement had flown in the two months since the tragic death of their friend and co-worker Deputy Rick Ashley "There

were a few nervous moments when we first got airborne," said Detective Dwayne Goodwin. Flying in OH-58 Iroquois Helicopters, at approximately 12 p.m., deputies spotted marijuana plants in a wooded area near Highway 17. The plants were then confiscated by ground support teams.

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## EMS personnel complete 149-hour EMTI course

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Topping the agenda during the recent Chowan County Commissioners meeting was the implementation of an Emergency Medical Technician intermediate program throughout Chowan County.

EMS Coordinator Doug Belch has worked with the Chowan County Rescue Squad and Chowan Hospital to implement the program. "Twenty-one EMS personnel from Chowan County have just completed a 146-hour Intermediate level training course," says Belch. "For the citizens of Chowan County it means that Chowan County EMS services will be trained to provide the next step up in emergency medical care."



Patty Madry of Chowan EMS, left, demonstrates the latest in emergency medical equipment with some help from new staffer Abbie Brice. (Staff photo by Helen K. Outland)

Right now EMS can respond and provide some types of immediate care that include the use of a defibrillator on patients experiencing heart failure. The intermediate care training that Belch speaks of will, beginning October 1, allow EMS personnel to handle more extreme and varied trauma and health issues. "This next level of advanced care will allow us to administer Intravenous lines, administer certain medications, and to begin a more aggressive intervention, on sight, in the case of traumatic injuries and life threatening illnesses," Belch says.

Personnel taking the training course spent 99 hours in classroom education, 24 hours in clinical training in the hospital emergency room, and 24

hours riding with EMT-I units in Dare, Washington, and Pasquotank counties. The program was sponsored through the continuing education department at College of the Albemarle.

Belch goes on to say that the community that Chowan County Emergency Medical serves is a growing and changing one. "There are always festivals, parades, fairs, and waterfront activities taking place," Belch said. "We also see a lot of tourist and then there is the community of retirees." This means more people and a variety of pre-existing health issues. The areas is also widely traveled, increasing responses to traffic situations. "Our calls have doubled on a yearly basis," Belch said. "We are now receiving an average of 2,500

calls a year." The combination of these factors has called for prudent preparation EMS. "Everyone wants the best, immediate, medical attention," says Belch. "And that is what we want to give the people whom we serve. We are a work in progress." Belch continued on saying that EMS program has requested funding from the county one additional EMT-I that would "float" from station to station during a 24 hour period, using a Quick Response Vehicle, and providing additional, speedy, and sometimes first response in rescue calls. Other issues on the commissioner's agenda included a report from County Planner Chad Sary on the progress of the junk car clean up.

## Peanut Festival nears

Chowan Middle School and John A. Holmes High School band members are shining instruments, perfecting their march steps and sweetening any remaining sour notes in preparation for the 27th Annual Peanut Festival, scheduled for Oct. 5.

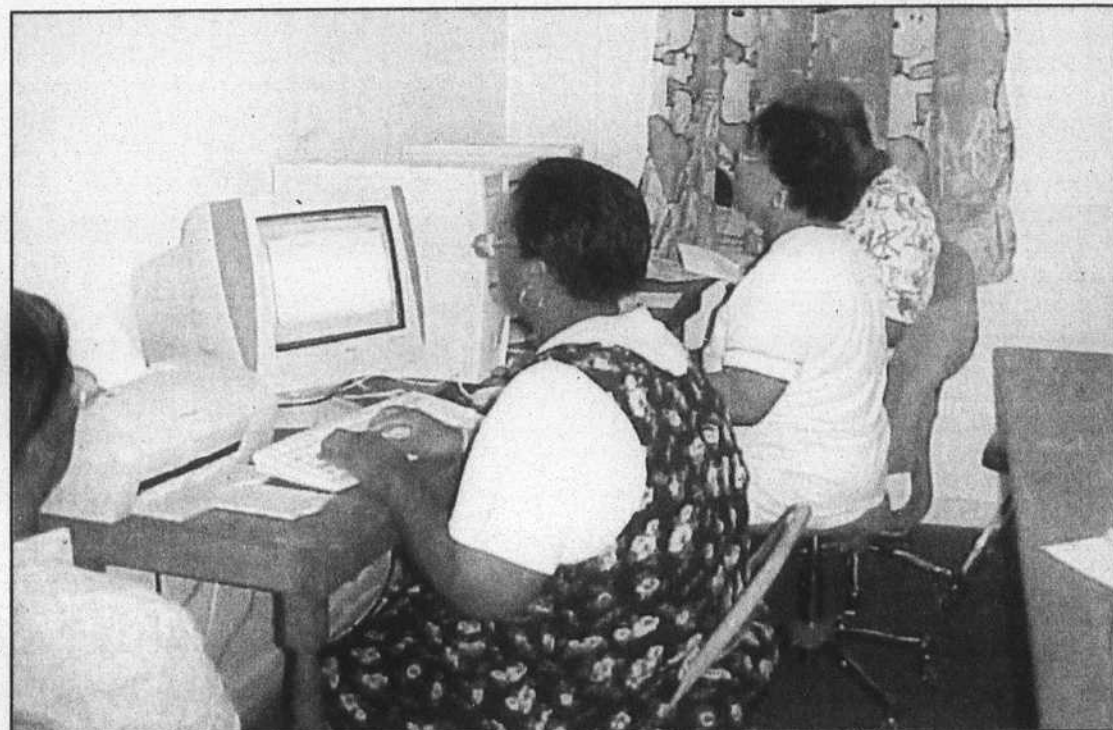
The Peanut Festival, sponsored by the Edenton Band Parents Association, is the major fundraiser for band programs for students in grades six through 12.

Funds generated by the event helps defray band camp tuition, transportation costs, registration fees, band textbooks, musical arrangements, and repair and replacement of musical instruments, among a host of other band needs, said Holmes

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JAHHS Marching Band members spend most afternoons perfecting their routine. Funds raised from the Peanut Festival help support the high school and middle school bands throughout the year. (Glenda Jakubowski photo)



## Woodlawn community classes start

Adult Computer classes for residents of the Woodlawn Community began Monday, September 16. Participants will receive basic computer training in word processing, data base, and internet accessibility. These classes are offered as an extension of the Woodlawn after school program. (Photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

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