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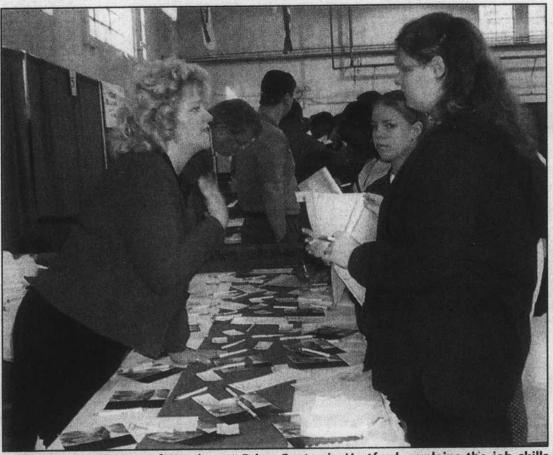
## Business Expo 2002 opens next Wednesday evening

About 30 business representatives will meet with nearly 400 students from two counties on Nov. 7 for the sixth annual Business Expo, to be held at the old D. F. Walker building on Oakum Street.

Sponsored by the College of the Albemarle-Chowan-Perquimans JobReady Partnership and the Edenton-Chowan and Perquimans Chambers of Commerce, the event is designed to connect current and future job seekers with employers. The Business Expo is one facet of the kindergarten through 12thgrade, school to work effort, according to Edenton-Chowan Schools assistant superintendent Rob Boyce.

Ninth-grade students are scheduled to attend morning sessions at the Expo. Each student will select four different businesses to interview, asking such questions as what skills are necessary for employment in those companies, or what

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Terri Smith, Director of Nursing at Brian Center in Hertford, explains the job skills required to work in the healthcare industry to Wendy Jones (foreground) and Corissa Miller. The Brian Center employees include certified nursing assistants, occupational therapists, physical therapists, food service workers and housekeepers.

## Foundation to host fundraiser

BY REBECCA BUNCH Editor

Do you love to get out and play golf, or tennis, on a cool fall day? Your chance will soon be at hand to do just that - and to support a good cause at the

On Thursday, Nov. 14, the Chowan Regional Health Care Foundation will host its first annual Golf and Tennis Classic Charity Fundraiser at the Chowan Golf and Country Club in Edenton.

Here's how they will work:

a four person superball (captain's choice) format. Lunch will take place at noon with a shotgun start set for 12:45 p.m.

Entry fee will be \$240 per team (includes everything from green fees, carts, lunch, beverages, mulligans, to raffle tickets and gift bags).

Prizes will be awarded for the following: first and second place teams; longest drive; closest to pin on all par 3's. All prizes will be awarded in merchandise.

Hole sponsorships are cur-The Golf Classic will feature rently available at \$50 per hole

#### **Oyster Roast** new addition to Candlelight Tour

BY REBECCA BUNCH Editor

Organizers of this year's Christmas Candlelight Tour in Edenton have planned a new and exciting event designed to complement the tour. Both tour evenings, Friday, Dec. 13, and Saturday, Dec. 14, visitors will be able to enjoy the taste of steamed oysters and more during the first annual Oyster Roast.

The Oyster Roast will take place each evening from 7-10

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### Officers honored during Law Enforcement Banquet

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND Staff Writer

Edward G. Bond American Legion Post #40 was filled to capacity Thursday evening as local law enforcement, visiting departments, and dignitaries gathered for the American Legion Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Banquet. "This is our opportunity to say to you, the men and women of law enforcement, a big 'thank you' for your countless hours of service to our community, hours that are often forgotten," said Ron Green, Commander of Post #40.

Thus far there have been 5 North Carolina law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. Three officers lost their lives in Chowan County in July of this year; one being Deputy Richard Ashley, Sr. who was remembered in prayer led by Chowan County Law Enforcement Chaplain Rev. Tom Rickenbaker. Com-



North Carolina Wildlife Resource Officer Mark Rich, center, received the Americn Leagion Post #40 Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. Rich is shown with his wife Stacey, left, and Commander Ron Green. (Outland photo) he presented Deputy Ashley's

mander Ron Green took this opportunity to present a widow, May, with a plaque. plaque to the widow of Deputy Ashley, May Ashley, and their two sons Richard Ashley, Jr., 17, and Steven Ashley, 14.

"It is our privilege to honor your husband and your family," Commander Green said as

Legion Adjutant, Ron Toppin welcomed special guest including District Attorney

Frank Parrish and Representative William Culpepper. Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill recognized the repre-

sentatives of local law enforcement, fire departments, and rescue personnel. Officers representing the SBI, N.C. Wildlife, and the officers from 10 other county and city agencies whom attended.

William Davidson, President of the Edenton-Chowan Optimist Club, presented Deputy Carl Rabe the Youth Services Award.

Past National Commander Ray G. Smith was quest speaker for the evening. Smith, from Benson, North Carolina heralded the law enforcement departments represented saying, "Tonight we pat you on the back. We are proud of you and what you do. Thank you for your dedication to the peace of this country."

The highlight of the evening came with the presentation of the American Legion Post #40 Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

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May Ashley, left, and her two sons, Rick, Jr., second from left, and Steve, second from right, were presented a plaque honor her husband and their father, Deputy Rick Ashley, Sr. Show with the family are Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill and Legion Commander Ron Green. (Photo by Helen **Kerr Outland)** 

#### McArthur first to earn scholarship

Michael John Robertson McArthur (right), has been named one of ten recipients of the North Carolina Sheriff's Association Scholarship. He is the first individual in Chowan County to receive the honor, according to **Chowan County Sheriff Fred** Spruill. McArthur, an Eagle Scout and the son of Mike and Becky McArthur of **Edenton**, is a Criminal Justice major at East Carolina University in Greenville. He works part-time with the Pitt County Sheriff's Office Criminal Identification Unit.



## Computer center opens

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND Staff Writer

A grand opening and ribbon cutting was held at Albemarle Learning Center Thursday afternoon to celebrate the new community access computer center. The center houses eight computers featuring Windows XP and high speed Internet access. There is also a computer technology instructor on hand to teach courses, for free.

The center is provided by grants from the Annenberg Rural Challenge Grant. "There were some monies left from the original foundation grant and a decision was made to open a PC learning center," says Bob Harrell Interim Director for



The new Albemarle Learning Center Computer Resource facility opened its doors this past week to serve the community. (Photo by Helen K. Outland)

the Albemarle Learning Center. By combining forces with e-NC and Bill Miller, local e-Champion, the computer center has become a reality.

"We are very excited about See CENTER On Page 9-A

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