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State oks matching funding

Sen. Marc Basnight and the State Office of Management and Budget announced Monday that the state has \$208,000 as matching monies for a \$208,000 grant received from the Save America's Treasures Program administered by the National Park Service.

This funding will enable the state to complete the restoration of the Old Chowan County Courthouse. Previous restoration efforts totaled about \$1.8 million, including roof replacement, restoration of the exterior woodwork including the cupola, and of the courtroom itself. This latest round of funding will complete restoration throughout, including the fully paneled assembly room on the second floor, which was the only one of its

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Town to work on drainage problem

The Edenton Town Council hopes to soon be able to bring some relief to residents of the Badham Road area of Edenton whose neighborhood is plagued by drainage problems when there is heavy rainfall. Improvements are also planned for East Hicks Street.

During its November committee meetings, council members reviewed bids for drainage improvement projects in both areas. The Town Council, as part of its Vision Plan, has

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Beautiful for Christmas

The Perfect Gift shop owned by Tracy Nixon sports a beautiful storefront with a colorful holiday motif. Downtown Edenton storefront windows will be reviewed this Saturday morning by a panel of judges in conjunction with the annual Christmas at the Market, a holiday celebration sponsored by the Marketplace Guild. The 'best-dressed' window will be featured in the Chowan Herald. The Perfect Gift is located beside the Herald in the space formerly occupied by Fancy That. Christmas at the Market activities get underway at 10 a.m. and culminate in a lighting ceremony scheduled for 6 p.m. at the soldiers monument at the foot of Broad Street. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

Police charge Edenton man with robbery

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
Staff Writer

An Edenton man, William "Bill" Satterfield, 21, of 112 Alexander Road, has been arrested and charged by police here with common law robbery in connection with an incident that took place at the Edenton Village Shopping Center Nov. 24. Police are continuing to investigate and more charges may be pending.

According to Sgt. Louis Brothers of the Edenton Police Department, officers responded to the scene that Sunday afternoon after receiving a call concerning a possible robbery at the shopping center. Police reports indicate that a juvenile was headed toward his truck in the parking lot when he was approached by a black male who proceeded to get into the juvenile's vehicle.

"The suspect asked the juvenile if he wanted to buy a gun, indicating that he had one to sell," said Edenton Police Chief Greg Bonner. "When the juvenile declined, the suspect told him he had a gun and instructed him to drive away from the shopping center."

Bonner said that the youth was then told by the suspect to drive to the VFW building on West Albemarle Street in Edenton. "In the process the suspect made several phone calls from the victim's cell phone," Bonner said. "When they reached the VFW Hut the suspect asked the victim if he had any money, and was told 'no'.

At that point, police say, the victim pulled out his wallet, showing the suspect that he indeed had no money with him. The suspect then allegedly snatched the victim's wal-



William Satterfield

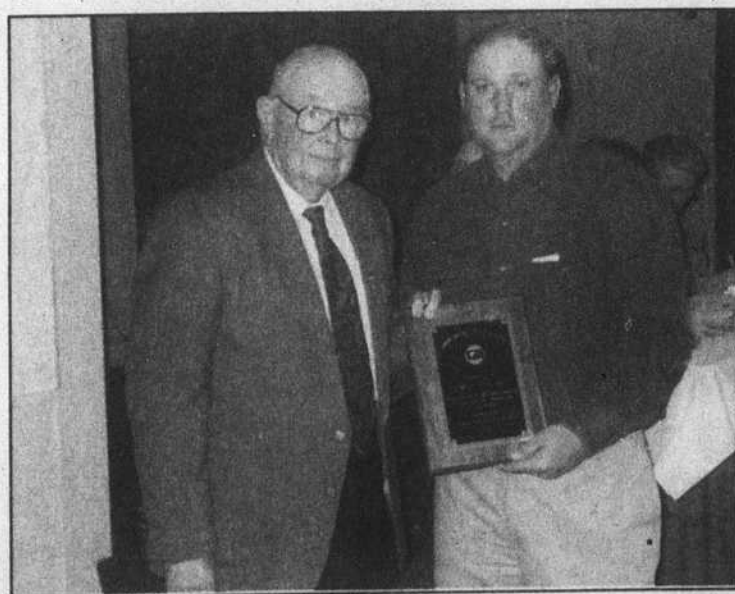
let, took the victim's cell phone, and left the scene.

Bonner noted that Satterfield was arrested four weeks ago in a similar incident and charged with assault by pointing a gun. Due to a continuing investigation into that incident, Bonner said, no further charges were filed against Satterfield at that time and he was released under an unsecured bond.

Bonner added that more charges might be filed as the police investigation into both incidents moves forward.

"We will be asking the district attorney's office to look at the possibility of charging Satterfield with kidnapping in both cases," said Chief Bonner. "We are still investigating both cases in order to determine exactly what transpired between the victims and the suspect."

At present Satterfield is being held in the Chowan County Detention Center in Edenton under a \$10,000 secured bond.



(Left photo) Chowan County Farm Bureau President Jimmie Parrish, presents the Outstanding Young Farmer of the Year Award to David Hare. (Right photo) Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce President Larry Spivey, at right, presents the Highest Produce per Acre Award for Peanuts for 2001 to JC Forehand (at left) and his son, Jimmy (not pictured) during the annual Farm-City Banquet held here last Tuesday evening. (Staff photos by Helen K. Outland)



Annual Farm-City Banquet held

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
Staff Writer

The Edward G. Bond American Legion Post #40 was filled to capacity last Tuesday night for the Chowan County Farm-City Awards Banquet. The Farm-City Banquet is an annual event sponsored by the Edenton Rotary Club honoring

local farmers for their contributions to the community, the state, and the country.

Louis Belfield, chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners, welcomed area farmers and their guests. "Without the cotton our farmers grow we would not have clothes to wear," said Belfield. "Without their fruits and vegetables, we

would not have food to eat. We are here to celebrate farmers, and that we are all partners as farmers, truck drivers, retailers, factory workers, and consumers — accounting for 22 million jobs in the American food and fiber industries. We must all work together to ensure that we continue to enjoy the safest, most affordable, and

most abundant food supply on earth."

Edenton Mayor Roland Vaughan, whose company, CBS International, sells raw peanuts to the peanut industry told those attending what he is seeing from the other side of the harvest. "My job is to take your

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School system to reconsider new calendar

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

It's back to the drawing board for the proposed 2003-04 Edenton-Chowan school system's calendar.

During the public board dialogue portion of Monday night's school board meeting, White Oak Elementary School teacher June Byrum Proctor asked the board to please think twice before approving the proposed calendar. Proctor, speaking on behalf of many elementary school teachers in the community, said that the proposed calendar allows for far too little planning time for teachers at White Oak and D.F. Walker elementary schools.

Proctor told the board she

had a letter to that effect signed by over 80 percent of those educators.

She noted that elementary school teachers would only have three hours total per week for planning, while those teaching at the middle school and high school would have double that amount of time. "Three hours a week is just not enough," she said. "We are begging, we are pleading with you" to rescind the proposed new calendar.

On Tuesday morning, a spokesman for Dr. Allan Smith, superintendent of schools, said that the board of education will ask the committee that drew up the calendar to revisit the issue and come up with a plan to address these concerns.

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