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Community mourns loss of civic leader James Taylor, 55

Chowan County officials reacted with sorrow to the passing of a much-loved former commissioner Thursday.

Former Chowan County Commissioner James Elton Taylor, 55, died Jan. 30, at Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, NC. He was past general manager of the Chowan Credit Union. He was also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc.

Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland noted that "With the passing of Jim Taylor, Chowan County lost a valuable public servant and I lost a friend. He served as a County Commissioner for 12 years, two of them as chairman. He also served on the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education. Under his leader-



James Taylor

ship, he initiated many programs that will benefit the residents of this county for a long, long time."

On a personal note, Copeland added, "Jim was so excited about moving into his new house, so it is certainly a shame that he was able to en-

joy this new house for such a short period of time. From what I understand he suffered greatly the last couple of months, so at least now he is at peace."

County Commission Chairman Louis Belfield echoed Copeland's sentiments. "I have lost a good friend whose encouragement, counsel and wisdom meant a great deal to me over the years," Belfield said. "Jim will long be remembered for his many contributions to the citizens of Edenton and Chowan County."

"He was a committed and tireless worker," Belfield added, "who dedicated himself to making positive changes in education, government and in the community. He strongly urged all people to register and vote and worked for diverse

representation on local, state and national levels of government. The community feels a keen sense of loss in his passing."

Another commissioner, Wayne Goodwin, remembered Taylor on Monday as "a very professional and straightforward commissioner...who had the strength and wisdom to fight for what he thought was best for Chowan County. James was a person who would let you know up front what he stood for."

James Taylor was born in Chowan County on July 6, 1947, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Henry Taylor.

Besides his wife, Catherine Ward Taylor, survivors include: three daughters, Kim

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Suspect sought in bank hold-up at shopping ctr.

BY REBECCA BUNCH Editor

Edenton police continue searching for a suspect in the lunchtime robbery of Gateway Bank in Edenton Monday.

According to Police Chief Greg Bonner, the suspect is believed to be a black male, about 6 ft. 2 inches tall, who was wearing camouflage clothing, a floppy-style camouflage hat and sunglasses.

Chief Bonner said that police received a call at about 12:18 p.m. Monday that a robber had entered the Gateway Bank adjacent to Winn-Dixie a short time earlier, handed a note to the teller requesting money, and indicating he had a weapon, although he never

produced it. After the teller gave him the money from her bank drawer, the suspect left the bank and was gone by the time police could get there.

The same man, Bonner said, is believed to have pulled off another robbery shortly thereafter, this time at the First Citizens Bank in Elizabeth City.

Sgt. Tim Hickman of the Edenton Police Department is heading the investigation of the Gateway robbery.

"We would appreciate hearing from anyone who may have been at the shopping center Monday around noon, and who may have seen this person and the vehicle he left in," said Chief Bonner. Anyone having information is asked to contact police at 482-5147.

Dowd, Slade, Creighton honored at Chamber event

BY REBECCA BUNCH Editor

Some of this community's most outstanding citizens were rewarded for their endeavors during the 2003 Chamber of Commerce Banquet held last Thursday evening.

Honorees included:

• Suzanne Creighton, recipient of the chamber's Volunteer of the Year Award. Creighton has an impressive track record when it comes to organizing and carrying off the annual Christmas Candlelight Tour on behalf of the Edenton Historical Commission.

• John Dowd, named Businessperson of the Year. Dowd, a former mayor, has also served this community as a teacher, businessman and civic leader. Currently an associate broker with Real Estate of Edenton Bay, Dowd and business partner David Twiddy previously owned insurance and real estate companies, as well as a downtown retail business, Penelope's Tea-

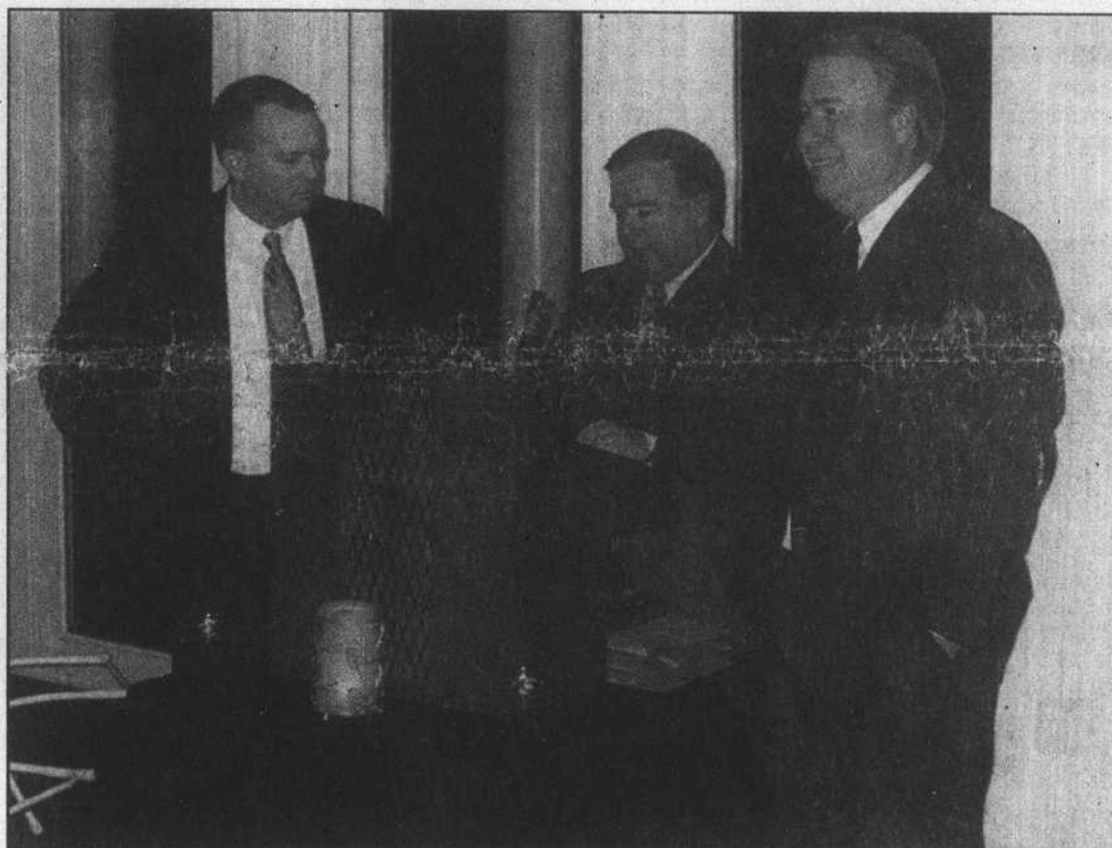


Former Edenton Mayor John Dowd accepts the award as Businessperson of the Year during the annual Chamber banquet. (Staff photo by Bud Weagly)

pot. Dowd has also given of his time to numerous community endeavors, most recently chairing the Harbor House project for the Town of Edenton.

• Humanitarian of the Year honors went to Dr. James Slade, a highly respected pe-

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Chamber Executive Director Richard Bunch praises outgoing president Larry Spivey, at right, and introduces new president Vic Alexander, at left, during the Chamber of Commerce banquet held at the Chowan Golf and Country Club Thursday. (Bud Weagly photo)

Holmes seniors regional finalists

BY GLENDA JAKUBOWSKI Edenton-Chowan Schools

The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program has selected four John A. Holmes High School seniors among 600 regional finalists for its prestigious scholarship program.

Allison Britton, Will Hollowell, Jim Mills and Judson

Smith were among those chosen from about 2,000 Teaching Fellow candidates throughout the state.

"I can't say I'm surprised," said Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Allan T. Smith. "Clearly the regional selection team recognized the

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Sessions focus on leadership, community

Residents of the Woodlawn Community are participating in a series of training sessions focusing on leadership and community development. These sessions allow interested residents to further work through issues and concerns related to the Woodlawn Community and at the same time strengthen their leadership ability enabling them to effectively function in leadership roles beyond the community. Funding for this training was provided by the Warner Foundation. Taking part (above) are Samuel Harrell, Margie Harrell, and Fannie Capehart. (Photo courtesy of Deborah Perry)



Regional Teaching Fellow finalists from Holmes are: Will Hollowell, Judson Smith, Jim Mills and Allison Britton.

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