

Dogwood trees being offered

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March 2003.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

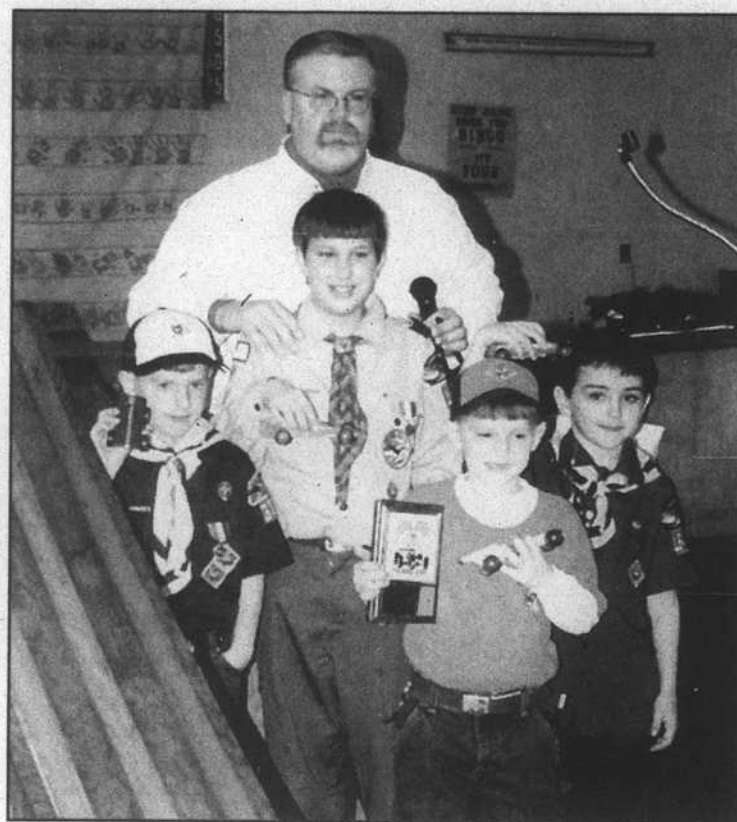
"White flowering dogwoods will add year-round beauty to your home and neighborhoods," John Rosenow, the foundation's president, said. "Dogwoods have showy spring flowers, scarlet autumn foliage, and red berries which attract songbirds all winter."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for

planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to "Arbor Day," the foundation's monthly publication, and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To become a member of the foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to "Ten Free Dogwood Trees," National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31, 2003.

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Derby winners

Cub Scout Pack 164 held their annual Pinewood Derby Race at the American Legion in February. The boys designed and built their own wooden cars to race. Above, Scout leader Jeb Bassett congratulates the winners in each division: Tiger Cubs, Noah Evans; Wolf Cubs, Ryan Leary; Bear Cubs, Walker Jeanette; Webelos, Allen Bunch. Noah Evans' car also ranked first place overall. (Karen Davenport photo)

Fellowship to be available courtesy of NC Sea Grant

North Carolina Sea Grant is accepting applications for a fellowship opportunity for students nearing completion of an advanced degree program in natural resources or marine sciences.

The one-year Marine Fisheries Fellowship provides a \$26,000 stipend. It is open to graduate or postgraduate students who are enrolled in master's, doctoral or professional degree programs at North Carolina universities and colleges.

The selected fellow will be placed, beginning July 1, 2003, with the NC Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). The focus of the experience will be on an evaluation of DMF monitoring programs. The fellow will analyze historical data sets and perform gear efficiency studies.

Applications must be submitted no later than April 18.

Send a personal/academic resume; a statement — no longer than two pages — giving reasons for applying and educational/career goals; a copy of undergraduate and graduate transcripts; and two letters of recommendation from professors with knowledge of applicant's academic performance.

Jeffrey Buckel, a North Carolina State University assistant professor of zoology, is coordinating the selection process. The selection will be announced May 19.

Mail application package to Jeffrey Buckel, Sea Grant Marine Fisheries Fellowship Program, Center for Marine Sciences and Technology, 303 College Circle, Morehead City, NC 28577.

For additional information about the fellowship, contact Buckel at (252) 222-6341, jeffrey_buckel@ncsu.edu



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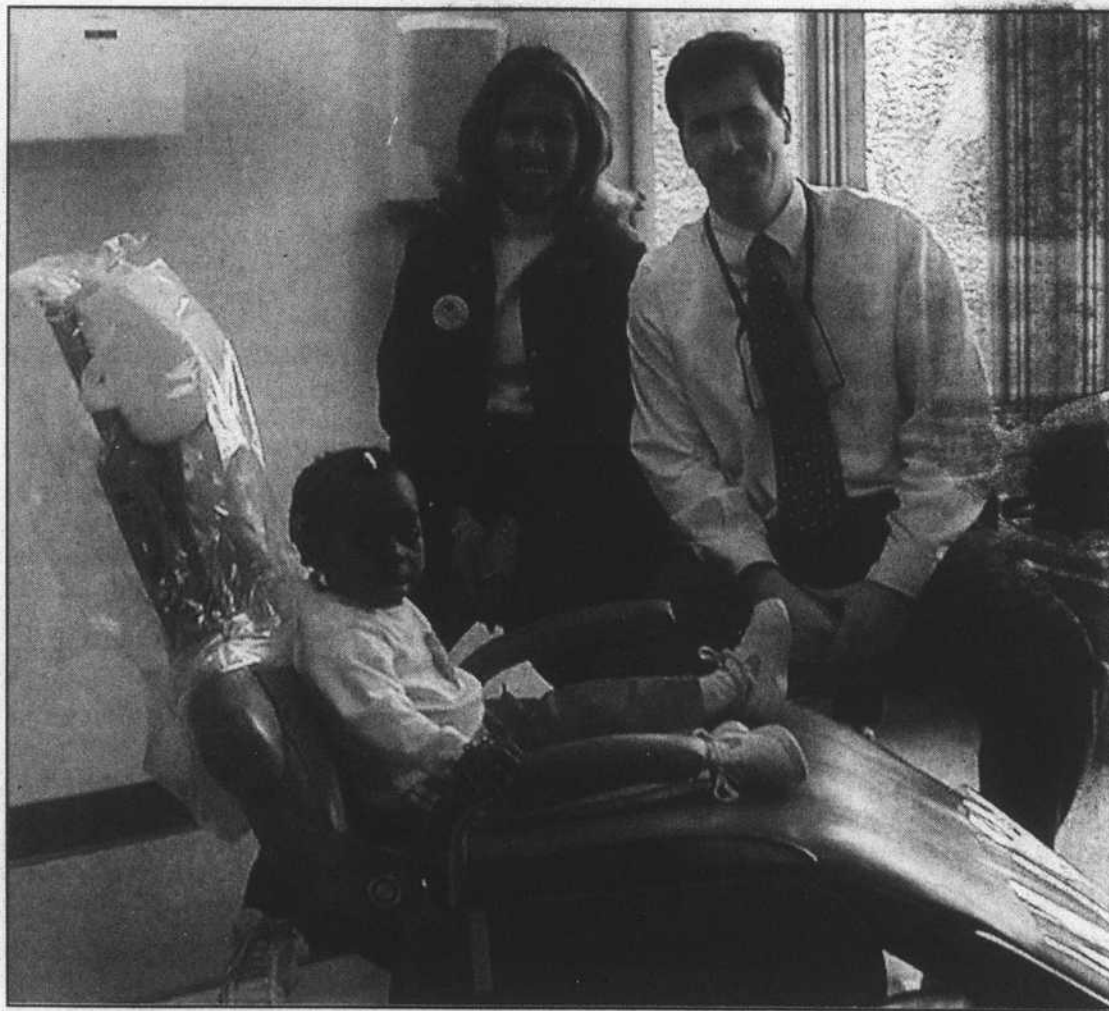
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Koppelman supports 'Smile' day

Reta Blair, Community Outreach Coordinator for the Chowan/Gates/Perquimans Partnership for Children, announced today that as a result of the "Give Kids A Smile" program held on National Children's Dental Access Day (Feb. 21) several Chowan children are smiling brighter!

"This program, a national initiative of The American Dental Association was truly a community collaboration," said Blair, who went on to explain, "In addition to the Partnership's



Nicole Pierce, dental hygienist, and Dr. Chris Koppelman, DDS, Family and Preventive Dentistry, welcome two-year-old India Rayner on her first trip to the dentist.

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and Dr. Koppelman's involvement, the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library and the Edenton-Chowan

Recreation Department - which hosted the event - played a significant part in its success."

Also, Crest "Healthy Smiles 2010" donated \$600 worth of dental products (toothbrushes, toothpaste, printed materials).

"Although several of us were instrumental in making this all happen, Dr. Koppelman and his staff were the true heroes of the day," Blair commented, "as they gave up their salaries to serve these children who otherwise may not have been able to afford dental care. Even after realizing they were totally booked, Dr. Koppelman and his staff recognized this need and somehow managed to squeeze seven children into their full schedule."

Other events of the day included a presentation for parents regarding Preventive Dental Care given by the Partnership for Children's Reta Blair, and a story time for children focusing on dental hygiene provided by Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library's Literacy Outreach Coordi-

nator, Michele Vanterpool. total of donated goods and services for "Give Kids a Smile" day in Chowan County was approximately \$3,000. All the sponsors involved were in agreement that "sometimes it just feels good to give back to the community," and they are all looking forward to participating in the event again next year.

The Chowan/Gates/Perquimans Partnership for Children is a private, not-for-profit organization whose focus is children from birth through age five in the tri-county area. The Partnership's goal is to ensure that children begin school healthy and ready to learn. Those interested in involvement with the Partnership—either at the committee or local board level, or in volunteering to assist with projects, and events should contact either Gail King or Reta Blair at the Partnership, 221-3030. Donations can be made payable to "CGP/PFC" and sent to the Partnership at 123 Dillard's Mill Road, Tyner, NC 27980.

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