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ment requesting tourist impact information for all possible sites."

Knighton said Richard Bunch, executive director of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, worked with the Northeast Partnership to provide all of the information requested by the Navy.

Counties in northeastern North Carolina are strongly opposing the OLF, contending such an airfield will negatively affect the region's environment and quality of life. Only Craven officials have requested the Navy locate the landing field within its county's borders.

In addition to preferring Washington or Craven counties for the OLF, Navy officials have indicated they would prefer basing at least two of their 10 new SuperHornet squadrons — and as many as four squadrons — at the US Marine Base at Cherry Point, NC. Navy officials have also indicated that they would like the rest of the SuperHornet squadrons to be based at Oceana in Virginia Beach, VA.

"Washington County doesn't want the OLF, but but Craven has said it will take it if it also gets the SuperHornets," Keaton said. "Craven could get the OLF and the economic benefits of the SuperHornets, but Washington would get no benefits from the OLF and would just get all of the noise."

While the Navy supports splitting the bases, Virginia Beach officials have indicated in the past that they would like to have all 10 new SuperHornet squadrons based at Oceana. Such a move would most likely call for an OLF to be located in a nearby North Carolina county, local officials say. The likely sites for the OLF would be Washington, Perquimans or Bertie counties.

Keaton and Knighton both said that the OLF coalition — which includes officials from Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Bertie, Washington and Hyde counties — has been meeting every two weeks to keep informed about the OLF site selection process. The coalition strongly opposes an OLF being located anywhere in northeastern North Carolina.

"We keep in touch with our Congressional delegation," Keaton said. "We keep reminding them what our position is on this issue."

Knighton said the Navy's choice for an OLF site should be known by early summer.

3 rescued when boat capsizes

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Staff Writer

Local rescue workers were called to the scene when a boat capsized in the Edenton Bay Monday, April 21st behind the Police Station.

Several rescue workers responded to the call which came in at 3:54 p.m. when three local boys fell into the water after the boat they were in capsized.

According to rescue worker Patty Madry the boys were able to swim to the rescue workers who then pulled them out and rushed them to Chowan County Hospital. It took the boys about twenty minutes to get to workers.

"They were cold but fine when they reached us," she stated.

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Tickets are now available at the Chowan Arts Council, 200 East Church Street, Edenton, or by calling (252) 482-8005. Tickets may also be purchased at the Visitors Center, the Barker House and at selected merchants. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Admission includes dinner, a full cash bar, soft drinks, fresh baked bread, appetizers, a

choice of sweets and, of course, a handmade bowl to take home. The evening will conclude with post-auction live entertainment for all to enjoy.

All proceeds from the evening will support the efforts of the Chowan Arts Council. This includes maintaining one of the largest gallery spaces in the region, furthering regional

economic development through the arts, and providing arts experiences for over 2,600 student each year.

"The fundraiser coincides with the 2003 Historic Edenton Pilgrimage and will be a delightful way for those touring to end their day and celebrate a fun-filled weekend," Clark said.

"And with the challenging financial climate being faced by nonprofit organizations these days, everyone's support would certainly be greatly appreciated. We hope you will all join us for a wonderful evening of fun and entertainment, while supporting the arts in our community."

Pre-Kindergarten sign-ups

Applications for the 2003-2004 pre-kindergarten classes at White Oak Elementary School will soon be available for children who will be 4 years old by October 15, 2003. These applications will be sent home with White Oak and D.F.Walker students during the

week of April 28, 2003 and will also be available at the White Oak Elementary School office.

Completed applications should be returned by a student or mailed to White Oak School by the deadline on the application. Screening appointments will be scheduled

according to each application for the week of May 26. Please call White Oak School if there are any questions.

White Oak Elementary School is located at 111 Sandy Ridge Road in Edenton, NC 27932. The telephone number is 221-4078.

Day of Prayer is set

Thursday, May 1 is a National Day of Prayer in our country. Chowan and Perquimans counties both have special observances planned.

Edenton area ministers invite the community to join them during the lunch hour at the Veterans Memorial behind the courthouse for a service of prayer,

scripture and song. The half-hour service begins at 12:10 p.m.

Perquimans County invites its citizens to attend a National Day of Prayer observance at noon on May 1 on the courthouse lawn. Their gathering is sponsored by the Ministers' Council for Education and Communities in Schools.

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