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## Student art showcased in Chowan Arts Council exhibition

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Edenton has long been known as a studio for artists of all calibers. The Senior Art Show, held at the Chowan Art Council Gallery, shows that the town is producing and educating an exceptional generation of multi-talented artists.

The exhibit, which opened May 2 with a reception hosted by parents of the art students, has works by 22 seniors and Honors Studio students from John A. Holmes High School. The mediums range from wire and plaster sculpture to mixed media. In between are acrylics, color pencils and graphites, chip-carving, decoupage and shibori. Silk screening is evident in wall hangings, quilts, a tote bag and a pair of pants. The shadow constructions done with paper show the need for patience and detailed dexter-



A painting by John A. Holmes senior Allison Britton is displayed at the annual Senior Art Show, held at the Chowan Arts Council gallery.

ity. Youthful exuberance is noticeable in the burst of bright colors throughout the exhibit. One student said "Art represents life." The absence of pastels and subdued tones may be an indication of how much

these young artists are enjoying life.

Many of the students submitted more than one medium, the quality of which makes it difficult to determine which is their best technique.

Linda Rutenkroger, art instructor, said the works are the results of creative problem-solving assignments. The ideas drew from past experiences and family, and the students found out how much other subjects, especially math, played a part in their creativity. While the Chowan Arts Partnership for Education provided the space and offered assistance, the show is a student planned and executed affair. Not only did they select their submissions, they learned how to hang and place the pieces, and agonized over whether to sell or not. Organization and teamwork were other skills called into service to produce this excit-

ing show.

The young artists agreed that this is an honor and a great opportunity to exhibit their work in a gallery. They hope other students will be inspired to take the art courses available at Holmes High School, and to look forward to showing their new talents.

There is a prevailing sense of pride in their work and being able to share the limelight with their fellow students. The students are proud to show Edenton "positive things coming out of the high school."

The exhibit is on display through May 28. Don't miss seeing the best of Edenton's artistic youth.



A painting by John A. Holmes senior Leslie Burns is displayed at the annual Senior Art Show, held at the Chowan Arts Council gallery.



A painting by John A. Holmes senior Rebecca Parrish is displayed at the annual Senior Art Show, held at the Chowan Arts Council gallery.

## Schools' budget shows effort to maintain services

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Dr. Allan Smith, superintendent of schools, outlined the tentative 2003-2004 budget for Edenton-Chowan school system during a meeting on Wednesday, April 30.

The school board formulated one request and will have it submitted to the County Commissioners. Accomplishing this requires each school's School Improvement Team, comprised of teachers and parents, to identify high priority needs in the areas of personnel, instructional supplies,

equipment, technology and capital outlay. This list should be directly related to the School Improvement Plan. A finalized list is sent to Dr. Smith who in turns correlates all of the school's priority needs into a budget proposal and then sends it to the school board.

A school budget request is divided in two groups: current expenses and capital outlay. Current expenses primarily include salaries of school personnel and capital outlay includes money for buildings,

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## Greenway plan to move ahead

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America as a nation is growing more and more obese daily. How does a society that has such a high concentration on fast-food restaurants and television cope with such a severe problem? The best answer is, exercise.

This past Monday, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners approved the beginning phase of a plan that will establish a Greenways system in Chowan County and the Town of Edenton. Although, exercise is not the only benefit, it is definitely one advantage of such a system.

The Greenway plan is a set

of paths that link sidewalks, bike lanes, trails and even bodies of water together. This will enable bikers, walkers, joggers, horseback riders, and more to enjoy a constant flow of movement and in a designated area. As an added bonus, these systems will be connected to areas such as the Queen Anne and Waterfront Parks, Purser Field, Earnhardt Field, the Fairgrounds, Bennett Millpond, Dillard Millpond and much more.

Greenways Incorporated, a landscape architecture and open space planning firm in Durham, NC has been contracted to complete a Green-

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## ACS Relay for Life will show community cares



Residents of Chowan and Perquimans counties will join together this weekend at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton as they hold a joint American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Proceeds from the Relay, which raises thousands of dollars annually, will be used for cancer research. (Chowan Herald file photo)

BY SHANNON RAY  
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Support your family! Support your friends! Support your community! Support your Relay!

The 9th annual Chowan and Perquimans Counties Relay for Life event is Friday and Saturday, May 9-10, at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton. Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate the survivorship and to raise funds for research and programs of the

American Cancer Society (ACS). Prior to the event, teams hold fundraisers to raise money. During the event, teams of people take turns walking or running laps.

The Relay for Life event kicks off with Survivor Reception at 5 p.m., and then the Opening Ceremonies at 6 p.m. after which the walking begins. The traditional luminary ceremony will be at 9:00pm on Friday, and the closing ceremony will be at 12:30pm on Saturday. Relay ends at 1:00pm on Saturday.

There will be tons to do at Relay 2003 for family and friends, as well as teams. There will be music, games, and food. Bring your chair.

DJ's Outer Banks 2000 and Dennis the Menace will be on hand to provide music on Friday and Saturday, and several local entertainers will perform during the event. The entertainment includes Albemarle Sounds, Andy Faircloth, Jenilee Renner and Justin Smith, Sydney Lassiter, Carla

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## Put on a happy face

Isabel the Clown shows off her artistic ability as she draws colorful patterns on a youngster's face during May Play Day. The community arts festival was held Saturday at the Rocky Hock Community Center. Geared toward family activities, the event featured music, crafts, kids' games and activities, and delicious food. A special feature of the festival was a repeat of the popular Rocky Hock Opry Show. (Staff photo by Bud Weagly)

### Relay For Life

www.cancer.org

RELAY FOR LIFE IN CHOWAN/PERQUIMANS  
J.A. Holmes High School Athletic Complex Edenton, NC

FRIDAY, MAY 9 AT 6:00 PM  
THROUGH SATURDAY, MAY 10 AT 1:00 PM



Join the Fight Against Cancer!