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## Family Fun Day a success

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When Gwen Brown, Karen Ames and Rose Hawkins get together and plan an event you can usually count on three things. There will be fun, there will be food, and there will be a great time had by everyone.

On Saturday, May 10, the three coordinators of after-school programs in Chowan County brought together the participants, parents and volunteers to sponsor their annual "Family Fun Day". This



Kids check out a fire truck from the Edenton Fire Department

Photos courtesy of Gwen Brown

exhibits by the Edenton Fire Department, Food and Nutrition by the Edenton-Chowan Schools, and Smoke-Free Schools by Jean Bunch. There was face painting, kid identification, the Optimist Club Train, and members of the John A. Holmes Step Team. And of course there was food, drinks and snowballs.

Also on hand were members of the Chowan County SAFE KIDS Coalition and the Edenton Police Department to put on a Bike Safety Rodeo. Free bike helmets were awarded to all kids that successfully participated in the bike rodeo events. Kids learned how to properly and safely make hand signals, how to keep properly balanced while riding, and what to do at intersections and when riding with traffic.

After-School Plus Coordinator, Gwen Brown, had this to

say about the event. "I am very thankful to the many volunteers that came out and helped with our family fun day. The kids had a great time and we had a lot of fantastic community service agencies providing information. Not only did the kids have fun, but also they learned something along the way. Thanks again to everyone for making it such a great day".

Special thanks goes to the following people and agencies for their help: Chowan Middle School; Officer Larnell Valentine; Alfred Cooper; Laura Rankins; Vernon Privott; Kenny Rankins; Joe Fain; Marcus Hawkins; Mary Williams; Alice Bunch; Carolyn Leary; Mark Noneman and the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club; Everywear T-Shirts; Sharon Bunch; Wanda Brooks; Myra Fain; Linda Leary; Meta Blair and the SAFE KIDS Coalition; Robbie Laughton and the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department; the Edenton Police Department and Officers Stulick and Copeland; Karen Ames, Rose Hawkins and especially Gwen Brown.



A roulette wheel-style exhibit at this table drew the interest of youngsters at Family Fun Day.

event marks the end of the year for the After-School Plus, SOS, and Intensive Supervision Programs sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Schools, NC Department of Juvenile Justice, and the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department. Overall there are 115 students enrolled in these programs offering tutoring, reme-

diation, character building, community service, and recreation.

Over 200 people attended the family day on the campus of Chowan Middle School and several activities were planned. There were the softball games, tag-of-war, and three-legged races for the physically active. There were educational

## Town Council okays hazard mitigation plan

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Managing Editor

The Edenton Town Council last Tuesday evening adopted a hazard mitigation plan that should better enable the community to quickly obtain state and federal assistance for areas sustaining damage. The plan would kick into effect in the event of natural disasters ranging from hurricanes to blizzards.

Those who worked to develop the plan, including outgoing Planner Chad Sary and Emergency Medical Services Director Doug Belch, noted that the deadline for having such a plan in place was November, 2004. "We are ahead of the game, and we are very proud of that," said Belch in his remarks to

Council.

Belch said that the plan was developed in accordance with FEMA guidelines and takes into account that Edenton could sustain significant infrastructure damage under the right circumstances and must be prepared for that possibility. He noted that there is a five-year implementation deadline in place, adding that federal officials were looking for a "good faith effort" being made to move forward on the part of local officials.

Belch added that over the past year funding had been obtained to allow a survey crew from Washington, DC to examine Holmes High School, which would serve as the local shelter for Edenton residents in the event of a disaster.

## Memorial Day service planned

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
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Chowan County's 12th annual Memorial Day Service will take place Monday morning, May 26, at 8 a.m. at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial in Edenton. Everyone is welcome.

Master of ceremonies will be George Stokes of Edward G. Bond Post 40 American Legion in Edenton.

Keynote speaker will be the Rev. Thomas Biggs, pastor of the Cape Colony Church of

Christ.

Also participating in the program will be Lynn Bundy, drama teacher at John A. Holmes High School, who will sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America". "Taps" will be performed by Larry Privott and the Edward G. Bond Post 40 will provide the Color Guard which will lay service wreaths and memorial wreaths during the ceremony.

"We ask everyone to come and honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for their country," said Stokes.

## Steamers planning skills training camps for kids

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
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The Edenton Steamers cordially invite local youngsters nine to 18 years of age to come out and play ball with them this summer.

"Our first and second annual Baseball Camps were such a big hit that we will

again host two camps in 2003," explained Steamers General Manager Todd Hunter. Camps take place at Historic Hicks Field, the "Home of the Edenton Steamers".

Hunter said that at the beginning of each camp, "the kids are divided into groups and coached by Steamers players and coaches in pitching,

fielding and hitting."

The first camp will take place Thursday, June 26 through Saturday, June 28. The second will be held Thursday, July 10 through Saturday, July 12. Hours will be 9 a.m. until noon. Registration fee is \$35. Sign-up is limited to 40 youth for each camp. Register by calling 482-4080.



Members of the Community Music and Water Festival Committee make plans for the free waterfront event on Saturday, June 14th from noon until 8 pm. Some planned events include: canoe and kayak paddling, games, sailing, eco-exhibits, great food and live music. They are: Robbie Laughton; Nancy Nicholls; Kermit Layton; and Sue Clark.



Rosa Bunch (at left, holding torch) helps the Edenton delegation prepare for their leg of the Torch Run Monday morning. Bunch coordinated the effort locally.

## Torch Run passes through

By TAMIKA SPRUILL  
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Law enforcement officers across North Carolina began relaying the Special Olympics Flame of Hope across the state in Asheville May 8 in preparation for the 2003 Special Olympics North Carolina Summer Games Opening ceremony to be held May 30 in Raleigh.

The Edenton Police Department proudly participated in their leg of the relay on Monday morning. The torch relay

started in Elizabeth City and ran through Hertford to Edenton where Pasquotank County law enforcement officers Shannon Ashley (Pasquotank Correctional Institution), Anton Thomas (ECSU Police Dept.), and Officer T.R. Poole (Elizabeth City Police Dept.) relayed the torch to Edenton Police Department members. Sgt. Brenda Toppin, Officer Stephen White, Bike Patrol Officer Dennis Smith, Rosa Bunch and Brenda Parks along with high school students Jack

Pierce and Artrice Heckstall walked the torch from Dairy Queen on North Broad Street to the Police Department at the end of South Broad Street. The group was led by highway patrol and followed by Edenton Police.

The 2003 Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics North Carolina is a 2,000 mile, 14-leg torch relay that involves more than 4,000 law enforcement officers and person-

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