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## Welcoming some unique visitors

Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Richard Bunch (second row, second from left) led a delegation of local well-wishers who showed up at the Northeast Regional Airport in Edenton Tuesday morning to greet a group of very special visitors — Ultra Light pilots from Dayton, OH making their way to Dare County in conjunction with the celebration of the Wright Brothers' achievement in being "first in flight". Be sure to read next week's *Chowan Herald* for additional details. (Staff photo by Bud Weagly)

## Chowan to be part of state's Civil War trail

BY ANGELA PEREZ  
Staff Writer

One of the goals of both the Chowan County Tourism Development Authority and the Historic Edenton State Historic Site is to strengthen the county's tourism industry. Edenton has both a rich and tangible history as well as a scenic downtown waterfront area which draws many tourists from all over the world each year. The industry of tourism has a strong impact on the economic well being and quality of life in the area. One effort that promises to strengthen that industry is Edenton's inclusion in the Civil War Discovery Trail.

The Civil War Discovery Trail, originally initiated in 1993, is one of 16 National Millennium Trails designated as reflecting defining aspects of America's history and culture. Created by the White House Millennium Council headed by Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton in 1999, the National Millennium Project is but one of a number of projects designed with the motto "Honor the Past - Imagine the Future."

The Civil War Discovery Trail honors the past by thematically connecting military routes, battlefields, and tangible sites or items of historical significance from this important moment in American History. The trail is made up of more than 500 sites in 27 states and the District of Columbia.

this type of attraction will create a special kind of lure to the area. "There are a lot of people interested in the Civil War in general," says Eure. "These people make trips specifically to travel to these sites as part of traveling the entire Trail. If Edenton packages history in these thematic ways, then we draw a particular group who otherwise might not come here. Once they are here, then they will see all of the other things that we have to offer."

Although Edenton has definite historical involvement in the Civil War, it is the very tangible Edenton Bell Battery twelve-pound howitzer St. Paul at the Barker House that qualifies the town to be part of the Trail. St. Paul was cast in 1862 to serve the Confederate Company B, 3rd Battalion, North Carolina Light Artillery. The cannon has become part of the Discovery Trail thanks particularly to the efforts of Peter Rascoe, vice-chairman of the Edenton Historical Commission. Ginny Culpepper, officer of Heritage Tourism Development in Edenton, stated that she received an application from the Civil War Preservation Trust asking if she knew of any Civil War sites which might be eligible for the Trail. She thought of the St. Paul and forwarded the application to Peter Rascoe who had been instrumental in originally getting the cannon to Edenton in 2001. He filled out the application which was subsequently accepted, putting Edenton on the Discovery Trail.

Says Eure, "Until the cannon was placed here, we didn't really have anything specific to look at related to our involvement in the Civil War. Having that cannon qualified us to be on the Discovery Trail. We actually have something to show for our part in the Civil War."

## Partnership bylaws restructured

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Managing Editor

The Northeast Partnership last Wednesday formally adopted a series of changes to its bylaws suggested by its attorney, Ernest Pearson. Pearson is affiliated with the Raleigh, NC-based law firm of Sanford Holshouser.

Presented in the form of a memorandum of understanding, the changes provide for greater oversight responsibility for the Partnership to be carried out by its parent organization, the Northeastern North Carolina Regional Economic Development Commission. Pearson said the agreement between the two parties simply reflected an effort to outline the rights and responsibilities of each entity, and was based on similar agreements governing other Partnerships in North Carolina.

The provisions include a statement establishing each as



Halifax County economic developer Rocky Lane, left, receives a special award from Partnership President Bob Spivey in appreciation for his work and support on behalf of the Partnership. (Staff photo by Dave Crawley)

a separate entity, noting that "the (Partnership) is not an agency, agent or legal representative of the Commission. (It) has no authority whatsoever

to bind the Commission to any commitment or to expose the Commission to any liability. The Commission Board has no controlling man-

agement authority whatsoever over the affairs and business of the (Partnership)."

The agreement also contains a "Hold Harmless" provision between the two parties. "The (Partnership)," it reads, "shall indemnify and hold the Commission harmless from any liability, claims or financial responsibility for any activities engaged in by the (Partnership). This obligation to indemnify and hold the Commission harmless shall include any costs of defending against any such actions or claims."

A portion of the agreement also addresses the potential liability of officers and agents of each group. "No officer, agent or employee of either the Commission, or the (Partnership) shall be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the execution of this Agreement or any other documents related to the

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## County budget wins approval

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL  
Staff Writer

The 2004 County Budget was passed at the Wednesday, June 18th County Commissioners Public Hearing. No complaints or objections were made.

The County EMS plan was also approved at the meeting. State law required each county to adopt an EMS plan by June 30. Any county that didn't sub-

mit a plan to the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Service would lose their license to provide and use ambulatory services. Chowan County's plan was comprised of seven components that included system overview, communications, medical oversight, vehicles, equipment & supplies, personnel, data collection, and education. The EMS Plan will be sent to Greenville for further review.

## New attorneys named

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL  
Staff Writer

Bridgette Roulac, 26, and her 21-year-old brother Leon Roulac appeared in Administrative Session of Superior Court on June 23. Both are charged with second degree murder in the death of 24-year-old Lorenzo Keith Pulliam, Bridgette's ex-boyfriend.

Both defendants were assigned new attorneys for their case. Bridgette's case was reassigned to Attorney Hines. Her former attorney, Charles Busby cited a "conflict of interest." Attorney Mike Sanders was appointed to Leon's case. Both defendants are scheduled to reappear for the Administrative Session of Superior Court on July 7.

## Rep. Bill Culpepper reflects on life and North Carolina politics

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL  
Staff Writer

"My days in Raleigh are like snowflakes," says William T. Culpepper III. "No two are alike."

Culpepper leads an interesting and exciting life besides having a successful law practice in Edenton, he is the second district (Chowan, Tyrell, Gates and Perquimans counties) representative for the North Carolina House of Representatives, a position he's held since May 5, 1993. Culpepper was appointed to serve as a representative when the position was left vacant by the late Pete Thompson's untimely death. Since then he has served a total of 5.5 terms during his ten years in office. Being a politician is legacy of sorts for Culpepper. Culpepper's father, William T. Culpepper Jr. served several



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terms in the N.C. House of Representatives and his grandfather, William T. Culpepper Sr. served in the both the N.C. House and the N.C. Senate.

"I remember visiting and talking with my father in Raleigh, at the Legislative Building, while I was in college and meeting other House members," Culpepper says. "I guess you could say I have politics in my blood."

Culpepper's average day as a

legislator is hectic and lively. There are days when his secretary doesn't even see him because in addition to regular legislative duties, Culpepper serves on several very important and influential House committees. This is due to the fact that for the first time in

North Carolina history the House of Representatives is evenly split with sixty Democrats and sixty Republicans. Because of this various committees were developed to make sure that effect power

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Rep. Culpepper, chairman of the powerful House Rules Committee, finds his advice much sought-after.

**Retirement Pig Pick'n FOR SGT. LEWIS BROTHERS**  
 July 7, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. American Legion, Front Building - \$6.00 PER PERSON  
 R.S.V.P. by June 30th @ 482-5144 (Edenton Police Department) COME CASUAL