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Northeast Ag Expo draws crowd

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Over 100 researchers and farmers gathered together in Chowan County to attend the NC Cooperative Extension's Northeast Ag Expo. The Expo assembled Extension Agents serving Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, and Gates Counties as well as researchers from N.C. State University to address a wide variety of agricultural issues crucial to maintaining farming as a viable business.

The initial Expo session was held on a peanut plot at Chowan Farms in Tyner, just north of Edenton. Each year Chowan Farms very graciously provides the Extension office and N.C. State with a plot, free of charge, for studying and researching crops. Dan Ward, manager at Chowan Farms states, "We try to help them with whatever they need. We spray the crops and plant what they ask for." One part of the session, given by David Jordan, a professor and peanut agronomist at N.C. State, focused on disease management, results of mixing peanut plant varieties, how different varieties of peanut plants hold up in this region, and pest



Expo participant Fred Hill has been farming peanuts in Edenton for over 40 years. (Staff photo by Angela Perez)



More than 100 researchers and farmers had the opportunity to sample specialty melons from the Chowan County region. (Staff photo by Angela Perez)

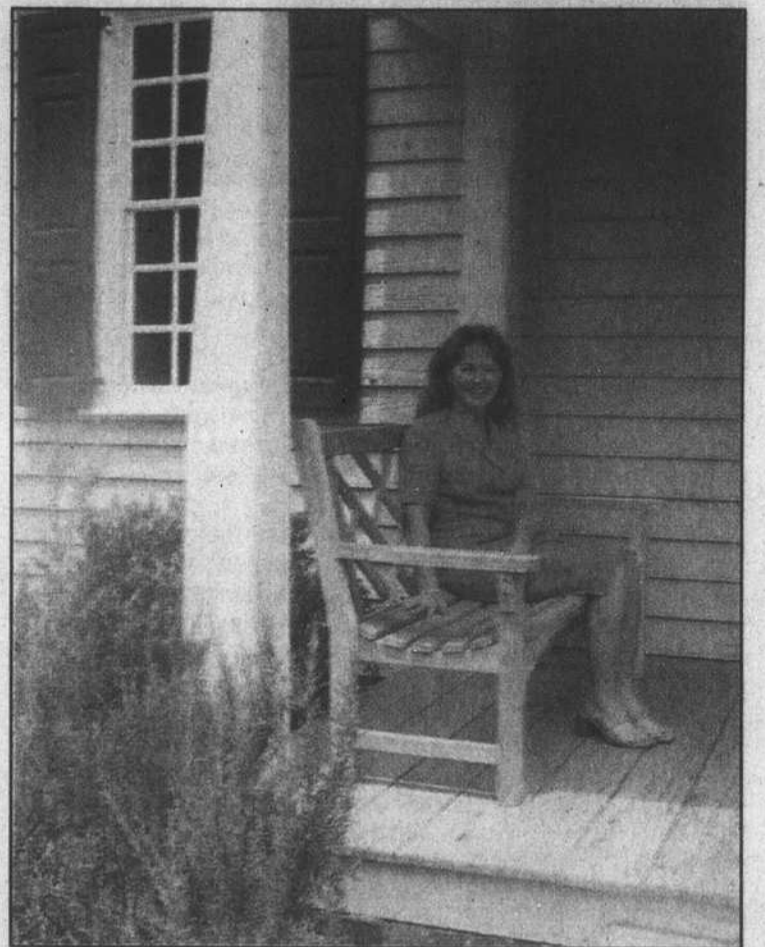
management. Farmers in attendance asked questions related to their own crop issues.

N.C. State conducts research on a variety of plots across the region. Jordan states, "We have this one site here in

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Chowan Extension Director Mike Williams holds a sample of kenaf. Kenaf, a member of the hibiscus family, is related to cotton and okra. (Staff photo/Angela Perez)



Belinda Washlesky says she will lead Edenton into success with the North Carolina Main Street Program. (Staff photo by Bud Weagly)

Washlesky will head Edenton's Main St. program

Belinda C. Washlesky has been chosen as the first-ever Executive Director of the Edenton Main Street revitalization program that utilizes historic preservation as an integral foundation for downtown economic development.

Following the North Carolina Main Street Program 4-Point Approach of Organization, Design, Promotion, and Economic Restructuring, Washlesky will be responsible

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Dr. Samuel Betances, a motivational speaker, walks through the crowd as he talks about education during the Edenton-Chowan Schools' "Back to School" Breakfast Monday morning. (Staff photo by Bud Weagly)

Betances speaks at school breakfast

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Edenton-Chowan County Schools on Monday held their Back-To-School Breakfast in

the Chowan Middle School cafeteria. Over 390 (21 of them new) school employees showed up to unofficially mark the

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Britton, Spruill receive service awards during 911 conference

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Paul Britton of Jimbo's Jumbos Peanuts and Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill were honored in appreciation for their service by Chowan County Communications at the N.C. Chapter of APCO (Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials) and NENA's (National Emergency Number Association) annual meeting at Unanimity Mason Lodge # 7 on July 25th.

Jim Carr, director of Chowan County 911 Communications, presented the plaques to "thank these individuals for their invaluable service."

"We wanted to show our appreciation for all the support

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Chowan County 911 Communications Director Jim Carr, left, congratulates award recipients Paul Britton of Jimbo's Jumbos and Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill. Looking on is Jason Barbor, vice president of NENA. (Staff photo by Bud Weagly)

Coalition eyes its next step

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Officials and local residents of the OLF Steering Committee met last week in Town Hall to discuss the next step in protesting the Washington County OLF (Outlying Landing Field) site. Many committee members were in an uproar over the Navy's recently released environmental impact statement that named

Washington County as the best site for the field.

"Paperwork is not enough," commented one concerned committee member. "We need to switch gears. We have to fight like we haven't fought before!"

The 1600 page statement listed various reasons why the Navy chose Washington County. According to the re-

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Audubon joins OLF fight

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The Roanoke River Basin Association (RRBA) held a meeting Saturday, July 26, at Plymouth, N.C. to focus on the proposal by the US Navy to locate an OLF (Outlying Landing Field) in Washington County.

The RRBA, a non-profit organization focused on preserving and utilizing the resources of the Roanoke River basin area, sponsored a panel presentation which addressed the rationale for the OLF, the impact to wildlife and the environment, and the impact to local economy. Experts involved



Chris Canfield, executive director of Audubon NC, says his organization will fight the proposed OLF site in Washington County.

in this issue shared their information in a public forum which, despite extreme heat, drew a crowd of close to 100 people all united against the OLF site.

National organizations, including The National Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy, The Sierra Club, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Natural Resource Group, were in attendance and speakers presented strong cases against placing the OLF site in Washington County. Most speakers acknowledged that by placing it next to the Pocosin Lakes

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Progress edition arrives

This edition of *The Chowan Herald* contains the newspaper's annual progress edition. "Focus 2003" takes a close look our county through the 4-section, 24-page publication.

Editorially, it focuses on Community, Economic Development, Tourism and People and Programs.

We hope you enjoy this uplifting and in-depth look at our community.