



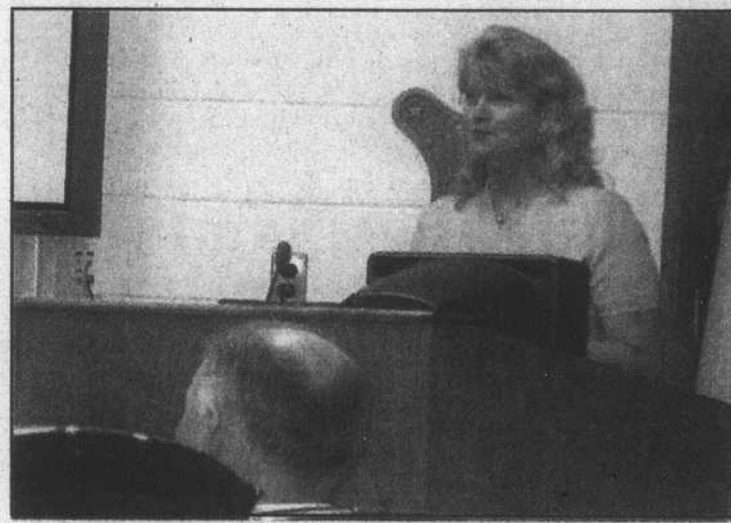
Clinging to hope

After a recent storm local photographer Blair Currie found and photographed this huge moth clinging for dear life to a phlox in his garden. Currie and his wife Chrissie are avid gardeners and have a lovely yard. (Photo by Blair Currie)

Northeast Partnership welcomes ECU officials

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL
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EDENTON — East Carolina University officials and professors visited the Northeast Partnership during a tour of the sixteen county northeastern North Carolina region. One of the tour's purposes was to reacquire ECU faculty and staff with the Northeast region. The other facet was to see the area that would probably be most affected by the new Tourism Program ECU is developing. The program will include a curriculum for eco-



Cathy Scott, a consultant for the Northeast Partnership, discusses tourism initiatives to ECU faculty and officials.

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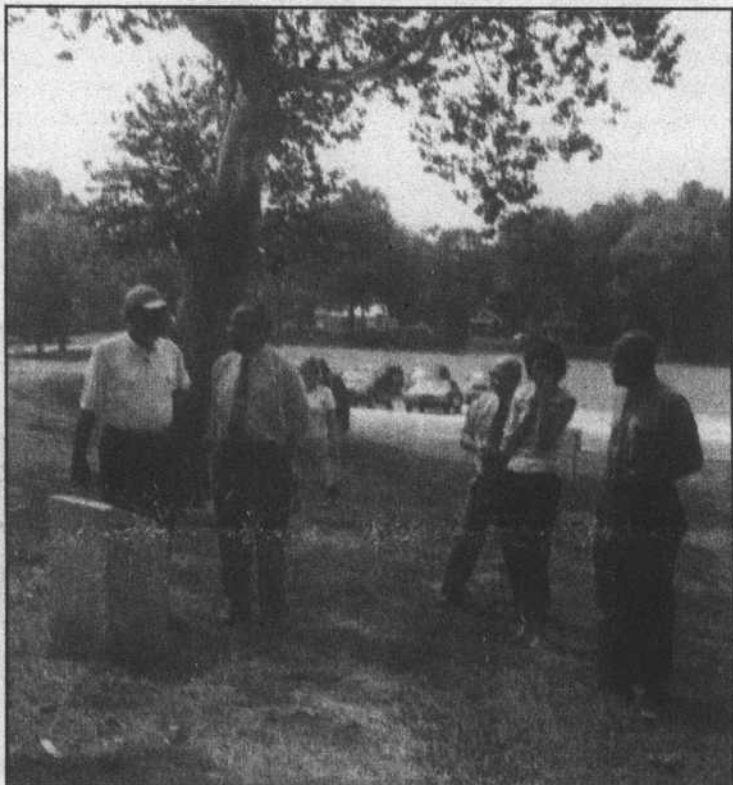
Ballance visits here during tour

Initiative means of building tourism

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Congressman Frank Ballance visited Providence Burial Ground in Edenton during his Community and Heritage Tourism visit of northeastern North Carolina last week. Ballance, with the support of the Northeast Partnership is sponsoring a bill that would designate the northeast sixteen county area as a National Heritage Tourist Site. Such designation would strengthen the area's tourism economy.

"One of the reasons we want this designation is that other folks of North Carolina and out



Congressman Frank Ballance visits Providence Burial Ground in Edenton as part of a Heritage Tourism visit. (Staff photo by Bud Weagly)

of state would know of Edenton's and other area's rich history," Ballance stated. "On the other side of the coin tourism is this area's economic engine. This designation would promote tourism by getting vacationers to visit. This would provide jobs and enhance small businesses."

Officials including Town Manager Anne Marie Knighton, Commissioner Louis Belfield, and Mayor Vaughan expressed support for the bill.

"The Town of Edenton is grateful to you for what you're doing for cultural heritage in our area," stated Mayor Vaughan.

Ballance also visited Somerset Place in Washington and Roswell School in Halifax County. Providence Burial Ground is the gravesite for the most prominent African Americans in Edenton's history. The site's location was unknown until it was discovered during a land clearing.

Edenton man killed in wreck

BY JOANIE MORRIS
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A car apparently rented from Enterprise Rent-A-Car was involved in a wreck that killed an Edenton man and sent another to the hospital early Thursday morning.

William Holley, 49, of Edenton, was driving his 1990 Cadillac on U.S. Highway 17 North over the Chowan Bridge when his vehicle malfunctioned, according to Sgt. J.S. Hardison of the North Carolina Highway Patrol. "For some unknown reason, his vehicle malfunctioned," Sgt. Hardison said.

At that time, a rented 2003 Dodge Durango driven

by Bashiri Powell, 23, came across the bridge and struck the rear of Holley's Cadillac. Both men were taken to Chowan Hospital where Holley was pronounced dead and Powell was treated for minor injuries.

Powell was charged with driving while his license was suspended. Hardison said it would be up to private parties to involve Enterprise in a suit, if they chose to go that route.

"That's going to be a civil matter and I couldn't tell you if it will be brought up or not," Hardison said. "I did not see a rental agreement."

Trooper E.D. Goodwin investigated the accident.

Sheriff receives President's Award

Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill recently received a very special award honoring his professionalism.

During the North Carolina Sheriffs Association Annual Conference and Retraining Session, Mecklenburg County Sheriff Jim Pendergraph, president of the association, presented the President's Award to Spruill. The President's Award is given each year to a sheriff from the East and one from the West selected by their peers.

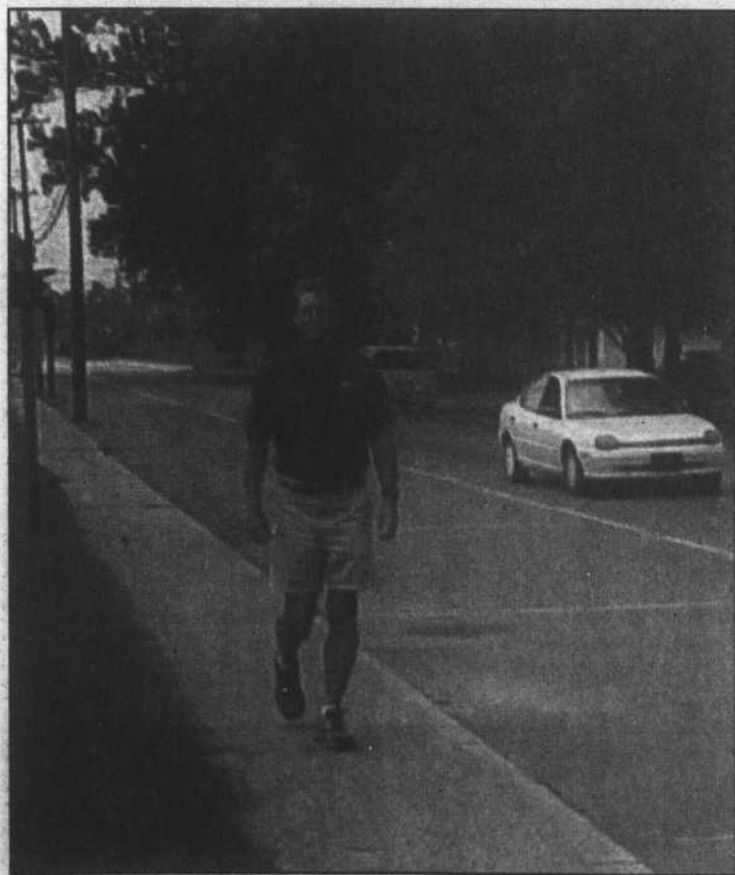
Lincoln County Sheriff Barbara Pickens and Sheriff Spruill received the awards this year in recognition of their outstanding leadership, professionalism, loyalty, assistance and dedication over the



Mecklenburg County Sheriff Jim Pendergraph, president of the NC Sheriff Association, left, presents the President's Award to Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill. (Contributed photo)

sheriffs across the state an opportunity to talk with and learn from each other, as well as bring them up to date with important developments at the state and national level.

The highlight of the conference was a visit and presentation by Sir John Stevens, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner of London, England. The commissioner gave a two-hour presentation on terrorism. He discussed experiences with terrorists in his country, as well as signs and activities for law enforcement to be aware of.



8 million steps and counting...

Recreation Director Robbie Laughton has been counting his steps with a pedometer for nearly two years and will have walked approximately 8,000,000 steps during that period. The Recreation Department and Chowan Healthy Carolinians are offering free pedometers to a limited number of participants in an organized walking program for county residents. See related article for information on how you can be involved. (Photo by Mary Sawyer) (See related photo and story on page 1-C of this edition)

Subscription Rates are adjusted

On Sept. 1, home delivery subscribers of *The Chowan Herald* will see a slight increase in the cost of an annual subscription. Rising newsprint costs coupled with increased postage expense are primarily responsible for the adjustment.

"Intensified coverage of ongoing stories like the proposed OLF — along with expanded coverage of other regional events and features — still make the *Herald* a great value," said Publisher David Crawley. "We remain firmly committed to providing this area and our readers with the most comprehensive coverage possible."

years. Sheriff Spruill presently serves on the association's Auditing Committee, and is Sergeant at Arms for the association. He also represents the First District on the North Carolina Sheriffs' Training and Standards Commission.

Sheriff Spruill said that he was very honored to receive this award and encouraged his fellow sheriffs to continue to serve the citizens of their counties and the State of North Carolina with their leadership and professionalism.

The annual conference gives

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