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Chowan County Regional Fair opens to public

The Chowan County Regional Fair opened yesterday (Tuesday) to the delight of youngsters and adults alike. Held at the American Legion Fairgrounds in Edenton, the circus includes a wide variety of rides, educational exhibits, fun foods and interesting animals. Also on tap are special events such as the popular Little Miss and Miss Chowan County Fair pageants. The fair will continue through Saturday night, Oct. 18. (Staff photos by Bud Weagly)



Proctor '03 top teacher

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Edenton-Chowan Schools named 21-year teaching veteran and White Oak School kindergarten teacher June Proctor as its 2003-2004 Chowan County Teacher of the Year.

"There was never a doubt in my mind that I would become a teacher," Proctor wrote in her application for Teacher of the Year.

Proctor makes it a point to understand the developmental stages and learning styles of the children she teaches, and to create a classroom environment to meet their specific needs.

"Within this environment the children are able to become decision makers and self-directed learners," Proctor said.

Chowan Board of Commissioners chairman Louis Belfield, Chamber of Commerce executive director Richard Bunch, and school board chairman Gene Jordan interviewed and reviewed the written applications of Teachers of the Year from each of the county schools before naming Proctor as the county's representative.

In addition to Proctor, the panel interviewed Anna Kay Laughton from John A. Holmes High School, Debra Elliott from Chowan Middle School, and Pam Leary from D. F. Walker School.

"I know the panel faced a tough decision, choosing one teacher from this talented pool of top-notch educators," said Edenton-Chowan Schools superintendent Allan T. Smith. "June has demonstrated outstanding service to her students, her school, her colleagues and the community. She will be an excellent representative as Chowan County's Teacher of the Year, and it wouldn't surprise me at all to see her take the state honor as well."

Parents, administrators and colleagues also agree that Proctor was born to be a model teacher.

"Mrs. Proctor is a wonderful, caring teacher who truly puts students first," said April Bass, whose daughter, Susan, is Proctor's student this year. Bass has first-hand knowledge of one of Proctor's key teaching philosophies: a strong part-

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Utility worker is killed

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL
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Hurricane Isabel was indirectly responsible for the loss of another life this past week. William Hess, 32, of Cassville, PA died from injuries sustained in a work-related accident on October 9.

Hess was working in the woods off Rockfish Drive in Cape Colony clearing fallen trees and debris for Dominion Power when the accident occurred. Hess was reported to have been cutting a tree and was hit in the upper body area, when the tree fell and bounced back

at him. When rescue and law enforcement officials responded to the call they found Hess unconscious lying next to the tree. He was transported to Chowan Hospital for treatment and later died.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton expressed sympathy for the victim's family and concern that residents still needed to be alert to Isabel related hazards.

"It's very sad," said Knighton. "I felt badly when I heard the news. We all need to remember that even though the storm has come and gone, there are still some hazards out there."

Drug-related arrests carried out

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL
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A drug campaign the Edenton Police Department began in February has paid off with a total of 32 indictments returned against 15 individuals.

"We hired Officer Dwight Rawlins to head our undercover narcotics investigation," said Police Chief Greg Bonner. "I am very pleased with the results." Rawlins was formerly with Plymouth Police Department as a narcotics investigator.

Officer Rawlins' investigation led to indictments and subsequent arrests on charges of possession with intent to sell and deliver crack-cocaine, powder cocaine, marijuana

and felony possession of controlled substances. All but four of the warrants have been served. The arrests thus far include:

- Reuben Rascoe, 22, of 211A East Gale Street, charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and possession of a scheduled II controlled substance. When Rascoe was apprehended in the downtown area, police found on him additional crack-cocaine and marijuana.

- Norman Ford, 29, of 311 E. Church Street, charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. In an additional search of Ford's residence police found a sub-

stantial amount of marijuana and crack-cocaine that led to more charges.

- Jesse Holley, 21, of 203 E. Albemarle Street, charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver crack-cocaine and sell/delivery of crack-cocaine.

- Raymond Benbury, 26, of 1007 Yeopim Road, charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and sale/delivery of cocaine.

- Arkay Sutton, 18, of 109 W. Peterson Street, charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and sale/delivery of cocaine.

- Eddie Roundtree, 21, 102 Boswell Street, charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver a Schedule IV substance and sale/delivery.

- Robert Williams, 31, 506 N. Granville Street, charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and sale/delivery of cocaine.

- Torrey Holley, 22, of 102 Creek Court, Hertford, charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and sale/delivery of cocaine.

- Tyrrell Armstead, 29, of 3306 Joyful Lane, charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and sale/delivery of cocaine.

- Michael Boston, 21, of 1336 Paradise Road, charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and sale/delivery of cocaine.

Three other non-indictment related arrests were made on

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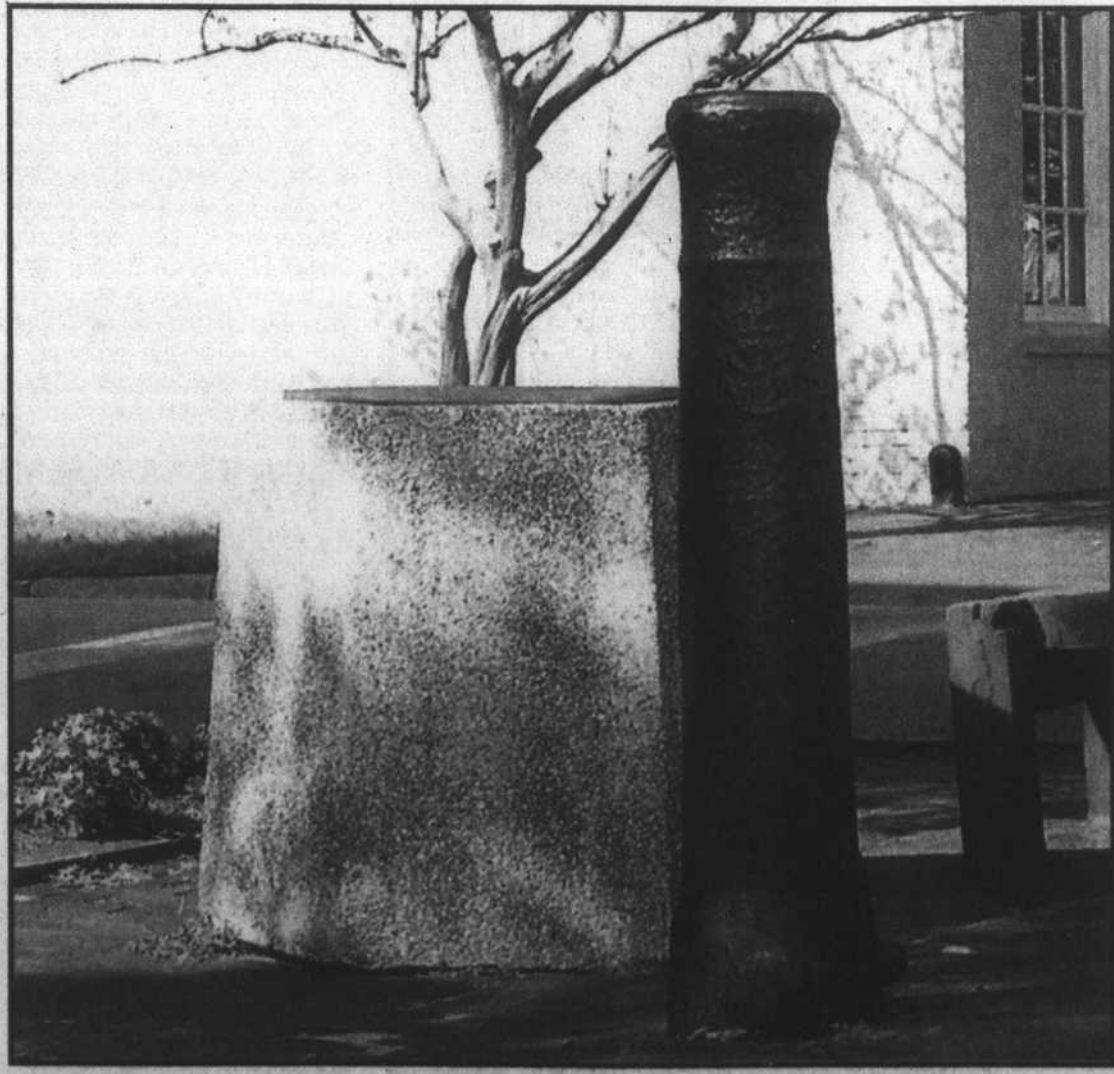
Cannons will be relocated

BY ANGELA PEREZ
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On Monday, the Edenton Preservation Commission granted the Town of Edenton permission to move three of its Revolutionary War-era cannons to downtown Edenton's Colonial Waterfront Park.

As a representative for the town of Edenton, Peter Rascoe requested that three of these well-known symbols of Edenton - a 6 pounder on Freemason Street, an 8 pounder located in front of Edenton's Town Hall, and a 1 1/2 pounder, located on Freemason Street - be grouped together in the park in an attempt to preserve and better display them.

"The town had taken this on as one of its projects before the storm but it was one of many projects that I've had to postpone since then," Rascoe said. "We wanted to do this because these (cannons) are of real historical significance to this town."



Shown above is one of three Revolutionary War-era cannons to be moved to Colonial Waterfront Park. (Staff photo by Angela Perez)

Council supports inclusion of park among trail sites

BY SEAN JACKSON
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(Written by Himself.)

"The idea is," Knighton told

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Plans to include the Edenton waterfront among the sites on The National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom moved a step further last week.

The Edenton Town Council on Tuesday evening approved a letter of support, at the request of the town's Heritage Tourism Committee, for adding the waterfront to the historic network of water and overland routes to freedom.

According to a letter sent to Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton by tourism officials, a prominent freed slave from Edenton used the town's waterway to escape bondage. Harriet Jacobs fled to Philadelphia in 1842 onboard a ship departing from Edenton Bay. Jacobs later wrote about her life in "Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl

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