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Veterans honored at community ceremony

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL
Staff Writer

It is known as Armistice Day in Europe, named so for the end of World War I with peace established at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. To Americans it's known as Veteran's Day the day set aside to honor the commitment of our Veterans and the supreme sacrifice that many have given to restore and uphold freedom and justice in our country.

Chowan County honored its share of the country's 19 million veterans with its annual Veteran's Day Service at the Chowan County Veteran's Memorial. Peter Rascoe, of the Memorial Committee, was Master of Ceremony a position held by George Stokes who now re-



American Legion Post 40 Honor Guard lays service wreaths during the annual ceremony at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial in Edenton. (Staff photo by Tamika Spruill)

sides in Florida.

"This ceremony is dedi-

cated to George Stokes who

started and officiated this

ceremony in the past,"

Rascoe stated. "We also

honor those today who wear and have worn our country's uniform. It's those special people that defend our country and our freedom."

Speaker for the ceremony was Captain C. Regan Pyatt of the NCNG 730th Quartermaster Battalion, who has served the National Guard for sixteen years and resides with his wife and son in Windsor. During his speech Pyatt asked all veterans present to stand and be recognized.

"This is your day. When your country called you answered to engage an enemy that threatens our freedom," Pyatt stated. "Veterans have been and will continue to be steadfast in fighting tyranny and in showing compassion."

Service wreaths were laid by The American Legion Post 40 Honor Guard, Sons

of American Legion Squadron 40, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 40 and the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Edenton Tea Party Chapter in recognition of Chowan County's veterans.

Lynn Bundy gave an emotional performance of the National Anthem and John A. O'Connor of the Chesapeake Sheriff's Pipe Band gave a tribute that was preceded by a period of silence.

Thirty-nine Chowan County men and women have paid the ultimate price for our country during World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

The next service at Chowan County Veteran's Memorial will be Memorial Day 2004 which takes place during the month of May.

Main St. director resigns

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Managing Editor

Belinda Washlesky, director of the Edenton Main Street program, resigned last Thursday after just four months on the job.

However, local officials say the resignation won't affect plans for the official Edenton Main Street Celebration set to take place Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 10 a.m. in downtown Edenton.

In announcing the resignation, Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Richard Bunch said Washlesky brought a lot of solid experience to the job and "she will be missed."

Bunch added that he hoped everyone would come out on Nov. 25 and show their support for the Main Street program.

"We encourage interested parties to attend as Secretary of Commerce Jim Fain will be presenting Mayor Roland Vaughan official notification" of Edenton's acceptance into the program.

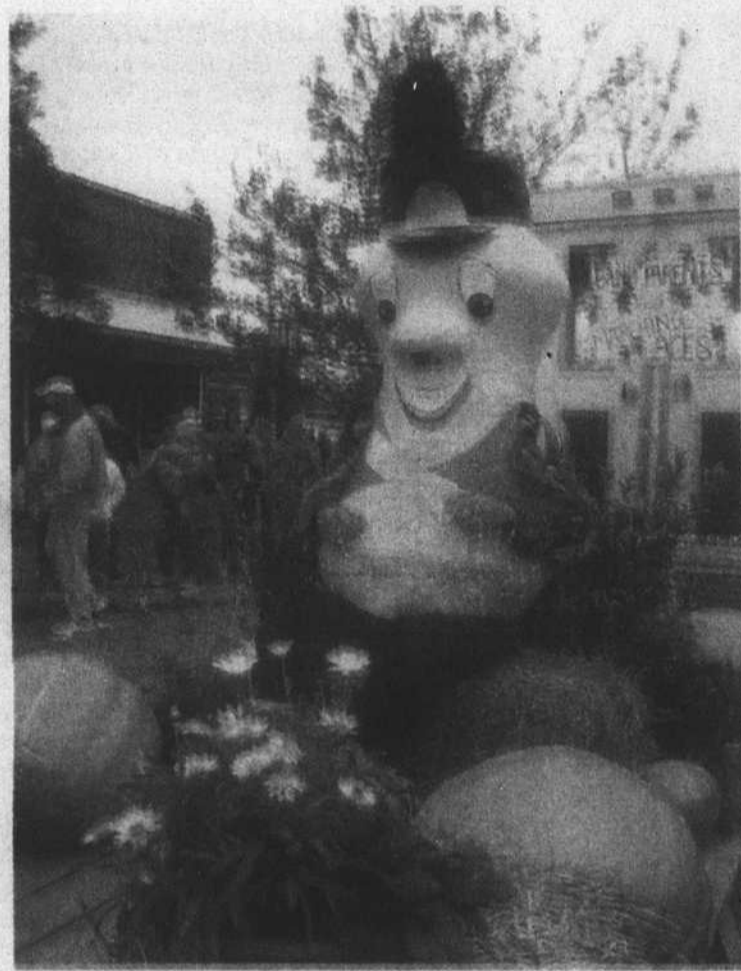
Apartment complex murder site

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL
Staff Writer

On November 6, Edenton police officers and Chowan County Sheriff deputies responded to a shooting call at Edenton Manor Apartments approximately 9:50 p.m. Upon arrival officers found that the victim of the shooting had already been transported to Chowan Hospital in a private vehicle and was later pronounced dead.

Twenty-one year old Jamel Boyce of Edenton was sitting in front of Edenton Manor Apartment Building 600 when a group of young males came up and shooting. Multiple shots were fired with at least two shots entering occupied.

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King Peanut reigns

King Peanut delighted those who thronged downtown streets Saturday to see the annual Peanut Festival Parade. Many stayed around for the annual "Battle of the Bands" later that afternoon. Winner of the band competition was Perquimans High School. Winners of the float competition were: First Place, RBC Centura; Second Place (tie), Aces Football Float, DF Walker Singers. The following won the Bike Brigade: First Place, Dylan Sorey; Second Place, Taylor Byrum; Third Place, Jimmy Boehling. (Photo by Glenda Jakubowski, Edenton-Chowan Schools)

Partnership, Data Craft restore ties

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL
Staff Writer

Representatives of The Northeast Partnership and Durham, NC-based Datacraft Solutions Inc. say they have resolved the "misunderstandings" that led to an estrangement between the two. Their renewed relationship could potentially foster economic development and growth in Northeastern North Carolina.

"Out of 3,000 companies that the Northeast Partnership has dealt with there have only been two that we didn't start on the right foot with," states Rick Watson, President and CEO of the Partnership. "The Partnership went through a third party and asked Matthew Moratta of Datacraft Solutions if we could start over."



Matthew Moratta, left, shakes hands with Northeast Partnership CEO Rick Watson as the two finalize a letter of intent between the two entities. (Tamika Spruill photo)

According to Watson the Northeast Partnership has been working since May to es-

tablish a new relationship with Datacraft Solutions that would See RESTORE On Page 3-A

Edenton-Chowan Civic League looks to future

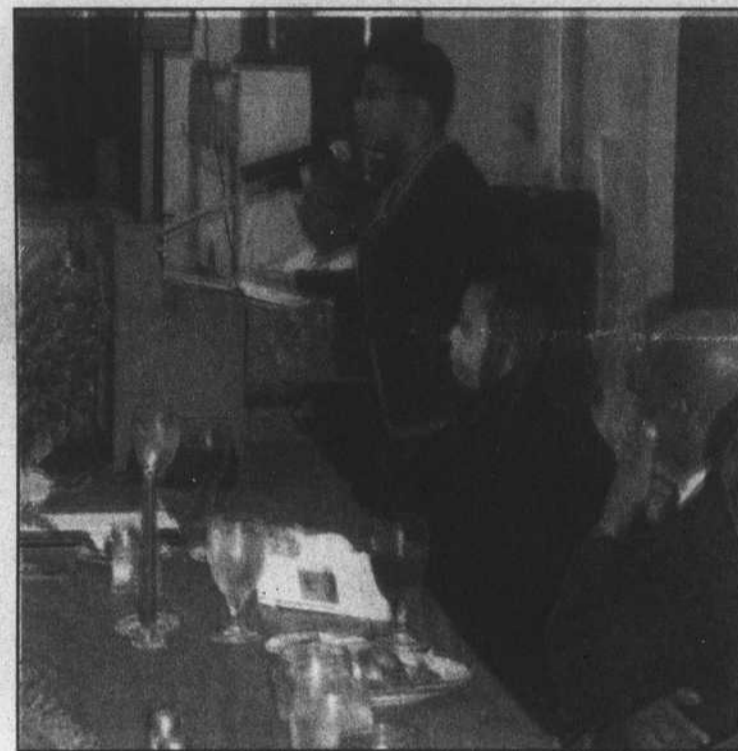
BY VERNON FUESTON
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It was an evening for remembrance and challenge as members of the Edenton-Chowan Civic League held their annual banquet November 8th. The league, an organization dedicated to political awareness and voter registration across the county, celebrated its 26th year of operation and paused to reflect on the loss of a long-time leader.

Reverend Vonner Horton, pastor of the Oxley Hill Missionary Baptist Church of Merry Hill, NC, summed up the reflective mood by commenting on the league's challenges following the death in January of long time president James E. Taylor. She cited scripture, referring to the Book of Joshua for her text. After recounting Israel's loss of Moses as their leader and the calling of Joshua, she drew a parallel to the challenges ahead for the league.

"Moses had his mind made up that he just had to keep going," said Horton. "James Taylor has left this place but it's time to get going and keep moving."

Taylor, a former three term county commissioner, school



Rev. Vonner Horton, pastor of the Oxley Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Merry Hill, addresses the league. Seated next to Rev. Horton, left to right, are Angela Welch, league secretary, Herman Jernigan, league chaplain, and Mrs. Sandra Jordan. To the other side of Rev. Horton is Marie Daves, former president of the Chowan NAACP chapter. (Photo by Vernon Fueston)

board member, and president of the league for six years, was instrumental in guiding the organization throughout the twenty years of his involve-

ment with it. His portrait and a memorial display of plaques, mementos and awards were on

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Holiday tour

The latest edition of the Albemarle Magazine is inserted in today's newspaper. It focuses on the Christmas Candlelight Tour held annually in Edenton. Enjoy!

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