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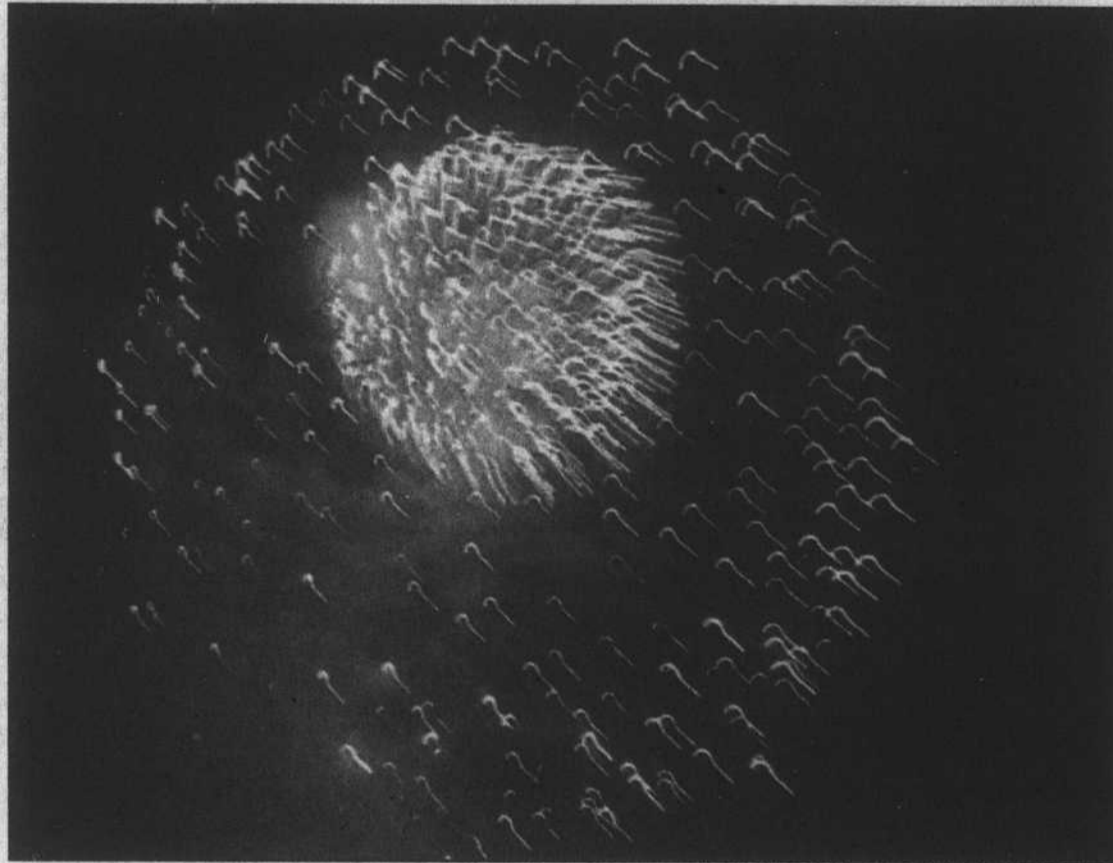
## Optimists planning a 'Fabulous Fourth of July'

BY EARLINE WHITE  
Staff Writer

The Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club is sponsoring and coordinating this year's 25th annual Fabulous Fourth of July Festival for our area youth. The reading of the Declaration of Independence celebration with the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Hewes monument on the courthouse green at 4 p.m. will kick off this year's festivities.

From 4 - 10 p.m. Dr. Feelgood, a DJ from Myrtle Beach, will provide sounds and entertainment for kids of all ages. "Dr. Feelgood is a hit; very much crowd-interactive," said Mike McArthur of the Optimist Club. The DJ will be playing a selection of Dixieland, Swing, Beach, classic Rock and Roll, Jimmy Buffett, Motown, Elvis, and classic Country sure to please the crowd.

At 7 p.m. there will be a treasure hunt sponsored by Acoustic Coffee. Kids age ten and under are welcome to come and search for the mon-



Chowan Herald file photo by Helen Kerr Outland

What is being billed as "the largest fireworks show over the water in all of North Carolina" will take place on the downtown Edenton waterfront at the conclusion of the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club's Fabulous Fourth of July Celebration beginning around 9 p.m. Events will get underway around 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon.

etary prize at the Colonial Park Playground.

In addition to the pony rides for the kids from Ms. Pickleberry, the waterfront will be loaded with fun activities. Over 15 local vendors will be displaying and selling their merchandise - jewelry, flags, toys, and trinkets. There will be plenty of food to choose from - Leon Nixon's seafood, chicken and barbeque will be on hand, as will the local Boy

Scout troop selling snowcones to cool the thirst. The Edenton Kiwanis will be selling hot dogs.

The Chowan-Edenton Optimist train will be on site all day, giving rides to all the children. The Acoustic Coffee's string quartet, Houseblend Band, will lend their pleasurable sounds to the crowd later that evening. Be sure to check

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## Hewes ceremony slated on 4th

On July 4 at 4 p.m. the Edenton Tea Party Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will honor Joseph Hewes, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.

A resident of Edenton, Hewes signed this document in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776. He sacrificed his business, his health and finally his life in the struggle to make the United States of America a new nation.

The program which will be held at Hewes Monument at the foot of the old Chowan County Courthouse green, will feature a reading of the Declaration of Independence by the

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Marge Soper

## M. Soper new hire at COA

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
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Marge Soper of Edenton has been named Workforce and Community Development Coordinator for the College of the Albemarle Chowan campus in Edenton.

The focus of her new position will be to provide courses and training that will benefit the needs of workforce individuals as well as the needs of local businesses and the community at large. Soper said she

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## What Do You Love About Edenton?

Main Street is asking for volunteers for a project that will impact our community. The project is called "Picture Downtown" and asks for citizens of Chowan County to take pictures of scenes they like or do not like in the immediate historical/commercial district. Participants must call Jennifer Harriss, Director of Main Street, at 482-3400 to sign up for a camera. Each person will be given a disposable camera and asked to take 9 photos of areas they would like to see improved or ones that fulfill what downtown needs. Volunteers will be asked to fill out paperwork and given a map of the area to be focused on.

The photographs will be assembled at the Main Street Visioning Session on September 9th at First Baptist Fellowship Hall from 7-9 p.m. The community is invited to this session and welcome to participate in the discussion. Attendees will be divided into groups to discuss certain areas that the photographers needed addressing. This session will help Main Street to develop goals for their five-year plan and give an idea as to what sort of grants and fundraisers need to be undertaken. Good and bad areas alike will be discussed. Rodney Swink, the NC Main Street Director, will be at the Visioning getting input from the locals.

"Our goals come from community input. I want people to get excited about being involved. Give us advice and we'll help to pass it on and hopefully implement new aesthetics in our downtown area," said Harriss.



Shown here are two examples of potential photographs for the "Picture Downtown" Main Street Project Visioning Session.

## Suspects sought in shooting

BY SEAN JACKSON  
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An Edenton woman was shot early Friday morning and police are looking for the shooter.

Mandy Jordan told police she was asleep on a couch in the living room at a home at 1205 Paradise Road when two men entered through the front door of the residence at about 12:24 a.m., police Chief Greg Bonner said. She was shot four times - twice in the head, and both in the right arm and shoulder. She was initially taken to Chowan Hospital but was later transported to Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

"None of the injuries were life-threatening," Bonner said Monday, adding that he expected Jordan to be soon released from the Greenville hospital.

Based on shell casings found at the scene, the shooter is believed to have used a .22 caliber weapon, Bonner said. Jordan provided descriptions of the two men, he added.

"Police are still investigat-

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## Town passes one cent tax hike

BY SEAN JACKSON  
Staff Writer

Edenton residents will only see a 1-cent hike on their next property tax bills, thanks to a move by Town Council to keep the increase at a minimum.

Council unanimously passed the 2004/05 fiscal year budget Monday night, pushing the tax rate to 43 cents per 100 of value. The chief reason

for the increase, town officials have said, is the financial burden placed on Edenton by Hurricane Isabel late last summer.

The 1-cent tax hike will bring in another \$25,000 in revenue to the roughly \$3.47 million budget, Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said.

Council also decided to

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## Cannon restoration completed

Mike Faircloth, left, joins Barker House Administrator Beverly Kirchmier, and Tim Phelps in admiring a newly restored Revolutionary War-era cannon. (See story on page 3-A)

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