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Local SAT scores fall slightly below state, national averages

The College Board released Scholastic Aptitude Test scores for 2004 on Tuesday, Aug. 31.

College-bound seniors taking the test last year at John A. Holmes High School received an average combined verbal and math score of 945. The top ten-percent of Holmes students taking the test averaged a combined score of 1230. The average combined scores for the state was 1006, and for the nation was 1026.

Nearly 54% of Holmes seniors took the SAT last year, compared with the national average of 48%.

"We are extremely pleased with the number of Holmes students electing to take the SAT," said Edenton-Chowan Schools superintendent Allan Smith. "This is an indicator of the number of our students who intend to further their education after they leave the Holmes family. Their initiative is commendable."

Holmes assistant principal Todd Korbusieski echoed the superintendent's pride in the Holmes student achievement.

"The students know how important higher education is, and what steps they need to

- Following is a list of state universities and their SAT requirements:
- Appalachian State University—no minimum; average SAT score 1,100
 - East Carolina University—no minimum; average SAT score 1,030
 - Elizabeth City State University—minimum SAT score 700
 - Fayetteville State University—minimum SAT score 700
 - NC Agricultural & Technical State University—minimum SAT score 820; minimum GPA 2.0
 - North Carolina Central—minimum SAT score 750
 - NC School of the Arts—no minimum
 - NC State University—no minimum; average SAT score 1,190
 - UNC-Asheville—no minimum; average SAT score 1,060
 - UNC-Chapel Hill—no minimum; average SAT score 1,220
 - UNC-Charlotte—no minimum; average SAT score 1,170
 - UNC-Greensboro—no minimum; average SAT score 1,060
 - UNC-Pembroke—minimum SAT score 820; minimum GPA 2.0
 - UNC-Wilmington—no minimum
 - Western Carolina—no minimum; average SAT score 1,005
 - Winston-Salem State University—minimum SAT score 800.

take to attain it," Korbusieski said. "We're happy to have so many students taking the SAT."

Korbusieski credited Holmes career counselor Karen Molloy for her support of students wishing to take the SAT. Molloy teaches an SAT preparation class each semester after school. The current SAT preparation class will begin on Sept. 23 and meet weekly after school.

The College Board urges the public to keep in mind that the SAT is not designed to compare one school's performance with another, or one graduate

class with another. The SAT is designed to predict how well individual students are likely to do in college, according to College Board officials, who predict that a student who scores between 450 and 550 on each test, and who maintained a "B" average in high school is more likely to succeed in college.

Each of the University of North Carolina system schools require SAT scores from incoming freshmen, but not all schools require a minimum score, and average scores vary greatly.

Chamber backs bond initiative

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Managing Editor

The Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution supporting Amendment One, a state constitutional measure which voters will find on the ballot in the Nov. 2 general election. If adopted, it would give local government bodies the authority to use self-financing bonds. Chamber Director Richard Bunch said that the bonds are a key financial tool that would benefit local government by allowing their use to help attract new businesses to the community. Bond funds can help pay for public improvements - including streets, wa-

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Taylor Theatre to reopen Friday

BY EARLINE WHITE
Staff Writer

Today the Taylor Theatre in downtown Edenton remains among the finest, most charming small theatres in

North Carolina. But extensive damage from Hurricane Isabel has resulted in its doors remaining closed over the past year.

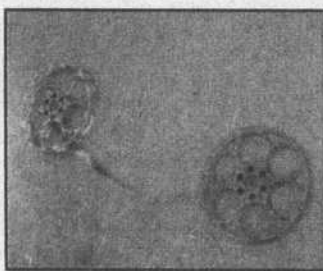
While some would have looked at this as a calamity, those connected with the Taylor Theatre instead saw it as an opportunity to undertake a renovation project that has given it a restored beauty it had not possessed in recent years.

As the project has progressed, local citizens have watched the marquee out front for continued updates on the possible reopening. Now, owner Bob Krochmal has announced that this

Friday, Sept. 10, the theatre will once again open its doors. And while only one screen will be showing the latest Hollywood hits, and the grand opening will be held at a yet-to-be

announced time, it will be good to have the movie theatre up and running once again. Once the theatre is ready for its grand opening, Krochmal said, a second

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This old reel was found upstairs at the Taylor Theatre.



Staff photos of Taylor Theatre by Earline White

The detailed new look of Taylor Theatre will be open to viewing, as well as movie showings, on September 10.

Grand jury to hear Virzi case

BY SEAN JACKSON
Staff Writer

The man charged with killing an Edenton woman had his probable cause hearing postponed in court on Aug. 31.

James Voshburgh, the attorney for William Joseph Moore, 46, of Winfall, had Moore's hearing continued until Oct. 5, Chowan County Clerk of Court Mike McArthur said last week. Moore has been charged with first-degree murder in the slaying of Pam Joye Virzi, 47, on Aug. 17. Witnesses have said Moore fatally stabbed Virzi in the yard of her Twiddy Avenue home. Moore was found by police shortly after the stabbing hiding at a marina on West

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Edenton man dies in wreck

BY SEAN JACKSON
Staff Writer

An Edenton man was killed in a one-vehicle accident on Aug. 30.

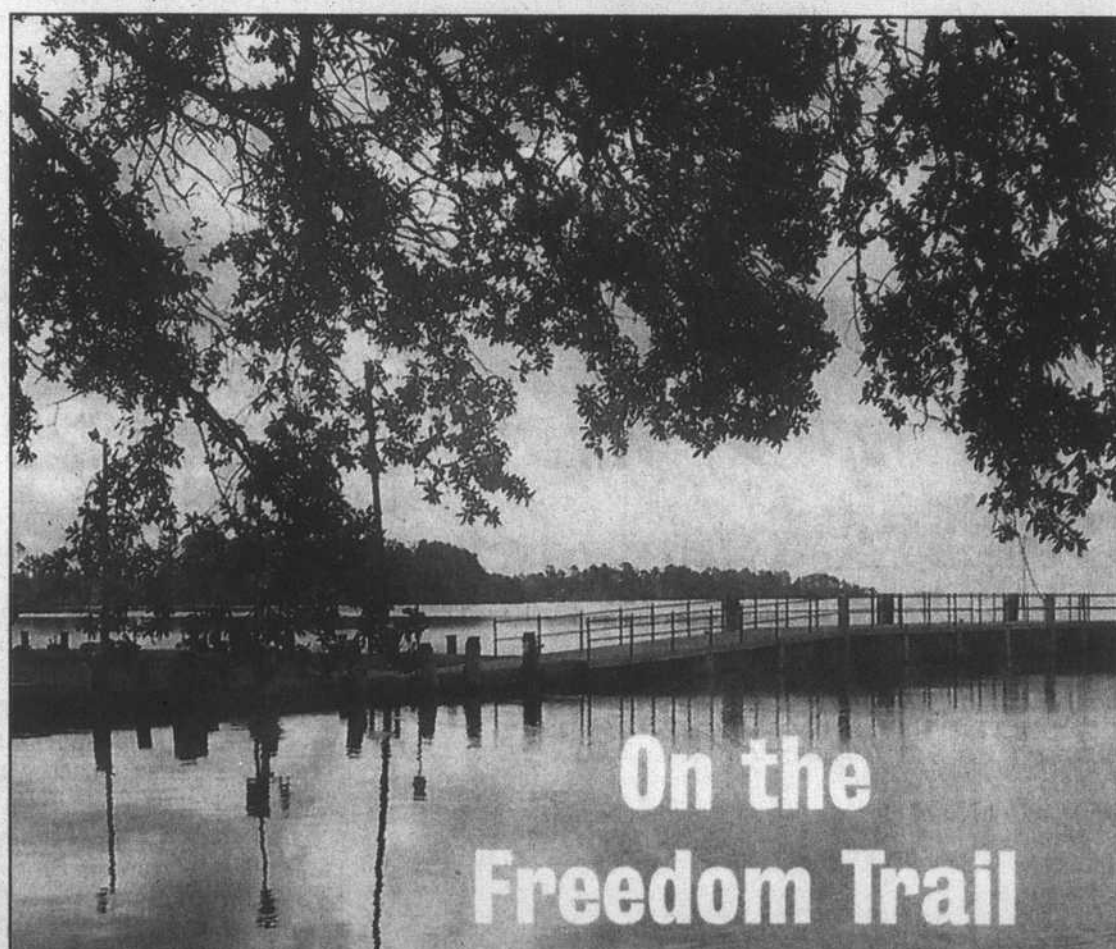
NC Highway Patrol spokesperson Faye Gray said Tuesday that Larry Bemby, 31, of 124 E. Carteret St., was a passenger in a vehicle that "struck a pile of rocks" on Cowpen Neck Road at 7:38 p.m., Gray said.

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On the Freedom Trail

Staff photo by Earline White

Colonial Park on the downtown Edenton waterfront has been named part of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Trail.

Colonial Park in Edenton has been named a member of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Trail. The Edenton waterfront is significant in that it is the place where Harriet Jacobs escaped to Philadelphia in

1842, hidden onboard a ship leaving the Edenton Harbor. This maritime Underground Railroad route was important along North Carolina's coast where maritime commerce to Northern cities provided a more direct route to freedom

than overland routes.

In 1998, the National Park Service (NPS) established a program to tell the story of resistance, through escape and flight, against the institution

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Chowan Tourism brings over \$14 million

North Carolina's Division of Tourism in Raleigh has distributed figures reflecting the 2003 county level economic impact of travel and tourism in Chowan and other counties.

These figures have been prepared by the Travel Industry Association of America and distributed by the NC Division of Tourism. The study includes an overview of the impact of travel on the state, the preliminary 2003 numbers, and the percentage of change from year to year.

During 2003, direct domestic traveler spending totaled more than \$12.63 billion, up 1.4 percent over 2002. These expenditures generated over 183,220 travel-related jobs, and more than \$3.6 billion in payroll.

Travel expenditures occurred in all 100 counties in North Carolina.

Travel and tourism figures for Chowan County totaled more than \$14 million, up 1.3 percent over 2002 and 160 jobs were attributed to the industry, generating \$2.57 million in payroll. Local tax revenues from travel realized by Chowan County amounted to \$1.68 million in 2003.

"Travel and tourism continues to be one of the fastest growing industries in our state," said Nancy Nicholls, executive director of the Chowan County Tourism Development Authority, "and these figures certainly reflect how our community continues to benefit from that."

Suspect in Coston murder fighting extradition from PA

BY SEAN JACKSON
Staff Writer

A suspect wanted in the slaying of an Edenton Manor resident last year was nabbed

in Philadelphia on Aug. 23, a Chowan County court official said Friday.

Kenyatta Coston is also

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