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CMS, Walker recognized

BY EARLINE WHITE
The Chowan Herald

Recent achievements, admission of non-public students, and financial updates were the primary topics at the Edenton-Chowan Board of

Education meeting on Monday. Karen Tynch told the board of the latest accomplishments of D. F. Walker and Chowan Middle School—being distinguished as Triple "S" or Super Safe Schools. "Forty schools received the recognition for

implementing and sustaining a comfortable and safe environment for harboring children's educations," Tynch said. "We are happy that two of our local schools received such

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Staff photo by Earline White

Chowan Middle School staff are recognized at Monday night's BOE meeting for the school's achievement of "Super Safe School" status. They are: l-r) Deputy and School Resource Officer **Larnell Valentine**; Safe and Drug-Free School Coordinator **Karen Tynch**; Assistant Principal **Dorothy Werner**; and Principal **Willie Koonce**.

Culpepper featured speaker

BY SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald

One of Edenton's most prominent attorneys and politicians will be the guest speaker



March 21 for a legislative breakfast hosted by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce. State Rep. William T. Culpepper III will also field questions at the event being held at the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse at 7:30 a.m. The event is open to all Chamber members.

"It will be a review of the (House) bills that are being considered in the 2005 legislative term," Chamber official Brenda Spruill said Tuesday.

Chamber President Win Dale said there are timely topics in state government that Culpepper is expected to address, including the issue of possible vote by lawmakers on a state lottery. And the Chamber hasn't held such an event in a couple of years, Dale added.

"I think this is a good year to have it," he said.

There is no cost for the event.

"We're hoping to have a good turnout," Dale said. "We're looking forward to hearing (Culpepper) speak."

For more information, interested persons may call the Chamber at 482-3400.

Chowan County sites part of new Civil War Trails

BY REBECCA BUNCH
The Chowan Herald

On Monday Chowan County Tourism Development Authority Executive Director Nancy Nicholls was among those attending the kickoff of a new statewide program, the North Carolina Civil War Trails Campaign. Edenton and Chowan County are part of phase one of the initiative.

"Phase One, the Carolinas Campaign, focuses on Sherman's Carolinas Campaign and those sites east of Salisbury," Nicholls said Tuesday morning. "We are very pleased to see our community be a part of that."

Nicholls noted that signs denoting specific areas that are part of the program are now in place.

"The Battle of the

Albemarle Sound sign is located on the Edenton Harbor waterfront," Nicholls said. "This site shares with Civil War enthusiasts a description of the three-hour battle involving the ram Albemarle, some of the Albemarle sailors who were in the Union Navy, and the many men from Edenton and Chowan County who answered the call to duty in serving the Confederacy." She said that of particular interest was Captain Badham's Edenton Bell Battery, Company B, Third Battalion, N.C. Light Artillery.

"The War on the Chowan River sign that is also part of the program is located at the J. Robert Hendrix Heritage Park and Cannon's Ferry Riverwalk area," Nicholls added. "It gives an overview of the U.S. Navy vessels which



Photo courtesy of Nancy Nicholls/Chowan Co. TDA

The J. Robert Hendrix Park and Cannon's Ferry Riverwalk area have joined the Edenton Harbor waterfront as two of the sites featured on the new North Carolina Civil War Trails Campaign.

patrolled the Chowan River from its mouth in North Carolina to Franklin, Virginia. This part of the river became

the boundary between Federal-occupied counties to the east and Confederate-held counties to the west." Nicholls said the sign also highlights the role played by the Union gunboats Shawsheen, Lockwood and Underwriter "and how they successfully defended the river side of the fort at different times."

When asked how the sites were selected, Nicholls said the selection process focused on the following criteria: (1) important and significant historically, located meeting the criteria as part of the N.C. Civil War Program - easy public access, parking, etc.; (2) not typically recorded in basic broad histories accessible to the average reader; and (3) the site must be within view of a public stop.

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Edenton pair charged in alleged area sale of cocaine

Police say suspects selling cocaine here, across the region

BY CHRIS WHIPPLE
The Daily Advance

The Elizabeth City Police Department arrested a pair of suspected "mid-level" drug dealers last week who they believe have been selling large amounts of cocaine in the region.

Arturo Baeza Calzads, 34, of 312 Church St., Edenton, and Teresa Lopez Morales, 28, of 811 Cabarrus Street, Edenton, were both charged with trafficking cocaine and maintaining a vehicle to facilitate the use or sale of



Calzada

uled for a first appearance in Pasquotank County District Court on Monday. At the time of his arrest, Calzada was out of jail on a \$200,000 bond.

The arrests were the culmination of three months of investigation by local, state and federal agencies, according to Capt. G.F. Koch of the ECPD. Calzada and Morales were taken into

custody without incident just before midnight Thursday in a parking lot on Ehringhaus Street. Approximately six ounces of cocaine — roughly the weight of a bar and a half of soap — was seized from the suspects, Koch said.

As of Friday, both suspects were being held at Albemarle District Jail in lieu of posting \$500,000 bonds and were scheduled for a first appearance in Pasquotank County District Court on Monday. At the time of his arrest, Calzada was out of jail on a \$200,000 bond.

The suspects are "mid-level dealers" who circulated large amounts of cocaine in Edenton, Hertford and Elizabeth City, he said.

Officials are hoping to use the arrests to nab larger traffickers, he said.

"We are always working toward the larger dealers," Koch said. "Calzada may have been supplying a dozen street dealers, so it will make a difference out on the street. But there are still a lot more of them left to get."

The investigation was initiated by the Elizabeth City Police Drug Unit.

Man had prior arrest here

An Edenton man charged by Elizabeth City Police last week in connection with alleged drug trafficking had been arrested by police here in early November on charges of selling drugs and fake ID's.

During the raid Edenton police seized more than a pound of marijuana, cocaine, two illegal firearms, and hundreds of forged Social Security cards.

He was placed under a \$200,000 secured bond.

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Cleaning up environment a concern

Chowan County receives N. Carolina Clean Water Funds for Industrial Park

BY EARLINE WHITE
The Chowan Herald

Chowan received part of the final round of funding from the state's 1998 Clean Water Bonds, a \$800 million infrastructure package crafted to create jobs and clean up the environment in rural and distressed areas of North Carolina. So far, the bonds have served more than 2.6 million businesses and households. Chowan County is to receive over \$300,000 in supplemental funds to assist in cre-

ating new water and sewer lines to Airport Industrial Park.

Calling the bonds "one of the most important pieces of legislation in state history," Senate President Pro Tem Marc Basnight said in the press release dated Feb. 22 that the economic impact of the projects funded will ripple through the economy for many years to come.

"When you stop to consider the jobs created, the communities revitalized, the many lives made healthier—it is a

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Greasy clogs in town's sewer pipes prompt call for public awareness campaign

BY SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald

Seeking to stem the tide of grease clogging town sewer pipes, the Edenton Town Council has launched an awareness campaign to educate residents and business owners about proper disposal techniques.

Once it makes its way into sewer lines, grease causes the clogs the town pays to repair. Council's Utilities Committee Chairman Willis Privott would like to see that costly flow decreased.

"We have been ... having a lot of prob-

lems with the sewer lines because of the grease ... that is accumulating," he said.

Last month, Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said the town could do a better job of enforcing its grease-trap ordinance that addresses how restaurants dispose of used grease.

She said 30 letters had been sent to businesses "that fell under the category of needing a grease trap."

Residents could also be sent "fact sheets" describing proper grease-disposal methods. Knighton said any instructional materials to be distributed could be printed in English and Spanish.

For ticket information please contact:
Cleo Griffin at 482-1290 or Robert Halsey at 482-2525

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Eat in or Take out!