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Chowan campus given first designated scholarship

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Managing Editor

Harriette Howard remembers her late husband, Al, as a man of great character with a passion for making a difference. And she and her family have chosen to make sure his desire to help others becomes his living legacy.

The Howard family recently approached College of the Albemarle to express interest in offering the first endowed scholarship for a student attending the COA Edenton campus. And they had very specific

ideas about the type of student they would like to see receive it. To qualify, a student must reside in Chowan County, maintain at least a 3.0 grade point average, and be a veteran or the dependent of a veteran.

Al Howard, or Captain Howard, as he was known by most locals, was himself a veteran of the United States Navy. His distinguished Naval career, his wife noted, spanned more than 33 years. Following his retirement from the Navy in 1974, she said, "He devoted his life to his community and to protecting its natural re-

sources."

Howard led efforts to monitor water quality and to clean up algae blooms that threatened to choke local waterways as a member of the Chowan River Restoration Project. But he didn't stop there. He also served for several years as a volunteer for the Governor's One on One Program which provides positive adult role models for at-risk youth. And, he served on the Edenton-Chowan Airport Commission.

His service on the advisory

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Harriette Howard, left, talks with Lynn Hurdle-Winslow, center, acting dean of the COA Chowan campus, and Sandra Ray, right, from the COA Foundation.

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COA

OLF steering committee meeting here

Navy puts other area counties back on the table

BY SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald

The U.S. Navy's proposal to revisit previously rejected sites for a jet landing field in Bertie and Perquimans counties is befuddling to Edenton and Chowan County officials.

The Navy published notice last week that it intended to reconsider four North Carolina sites for the outlying landing field for its new Super Hornet fighter jets. The Navy tapped land in Beaufort and Washington



Copeland

counties for its preferred OLF site in 2003, ending two years of speculation about what location would be chosen.

Opponents of that site — on rich farmland and within miles of a national wildlife refuge — have been battling the Navy in federal courts shortly after that decision was made.

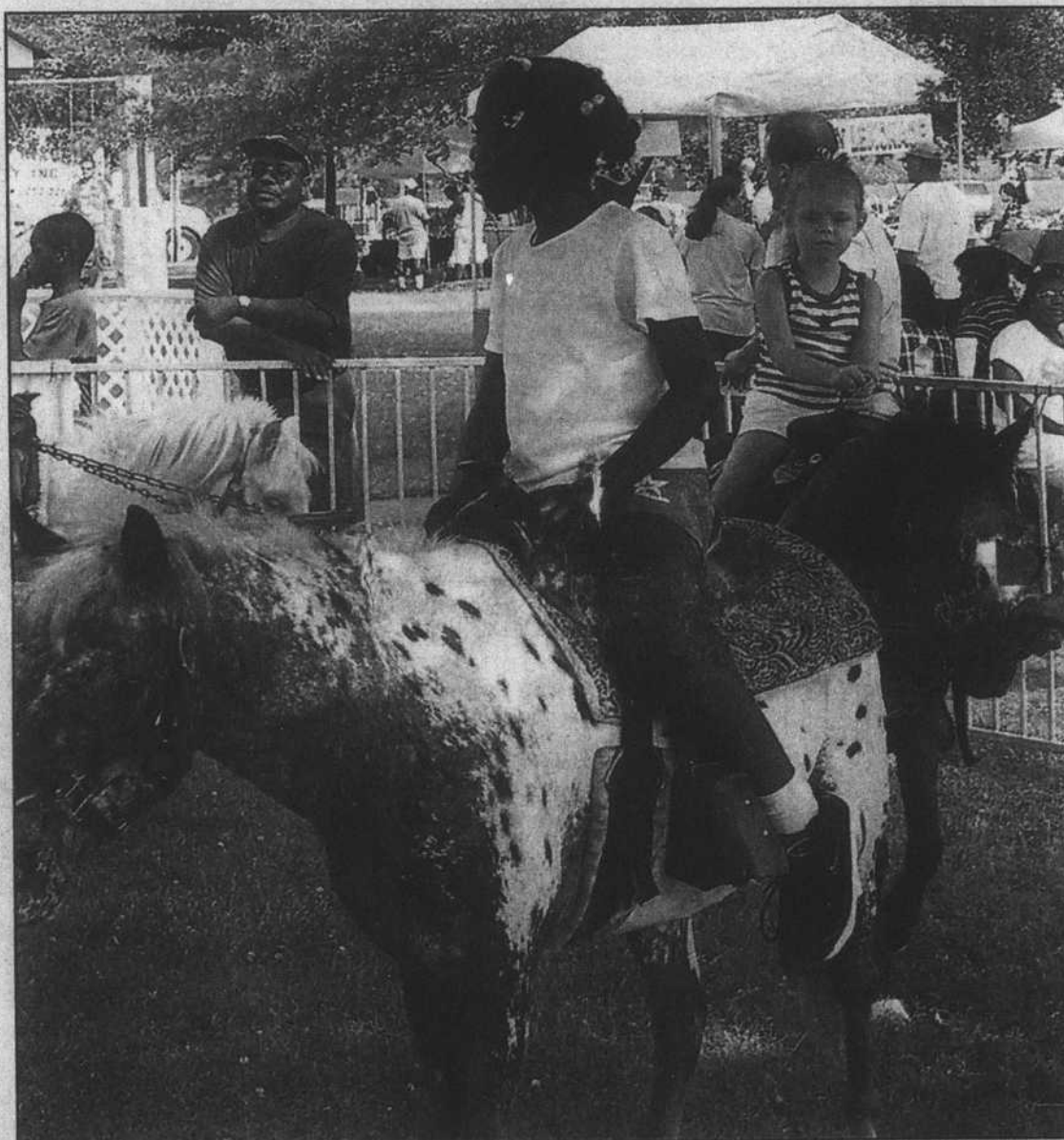
Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland indicated he was perplexed by the Navy's latest move.

"I just think it's another misstep by the Navy to land the OLF," Copeland said Tuesday.

He and Edenton Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton both said this week that they intend to continue to support a previous site on the list in Craven County that was rejected by the Navy.

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READY FOR THE FOURTH



Chowan Herald file photo

To the delight of kids and adults alike, it's almost time for the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club's annual Fabulous Fourth of July festivities at the downtown Edenton waterfront. In addition to North Carolina's largest over the water fireworks show, the day's events will include a tribute to our armed forces as well as lots of food, fun, crafts, games for children and Steve Hardy's Original Beach Party. The Fabulous Fourth will get underway at about 4 p.m. with fireworks planned after dark. Also on the Fourth, the Edenton Tea Party Chapter DAR will host a reading of Declaration of Independence at 10 a.m. in front of the Joseph Hewes monument. (See related info on page 3-A)

Plat approved for Sandy Point development

BY SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald

What once was a sleepy shoreline straddling the Albemarle Sound Bridge should soon become a bustling, vibrant residential community just south of Edenton.

Developers of the proposed Sandy Point subdivision received approval of a preliminary plat for the planned community by the Chowan County Planning Board on June 21. Roughly 1,500 homes — including condominiums — are slated for the 930-acre site being developed by renowned design firm Duany Plater-Zyberk. Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk and Sam Young, president of The Fund for Sandy Point North Carolina, LLC, were on hand for the meeting with the planning board last week. About 50 residents and local officials also attended the meeting.



Young

Plater-Zyberk said the planned community would mesh well with nearby Edenton and its popular historic district. Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland said last week that Sandy Point would have a strong, positive impact on both the town and county. Edenton and Chowan will see residential growth in the future, he said.

"This is the kind of growth any community in the nation would desire," Copeland said of Sandy Point.

Copeland does not expect the community's new population or infrastructure to adversely affect the existing community. Plans are for Sandy Point to have its own water system, and it could aid the county's efforts to install a sewer system in southern Chowan County.

"Frankly," Copeland added, "(Sandy Point) demands little of county services."

The majority of homeowners at Sandy Point are expected to be residents buying retirement

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The office of *The Chowan Herald* will be closed Monday, July 4. Deadline for submissions will be 5 p.m. June 30.

Edenton men face drug charges after Elizabeth City bust

Several already have other cases pending

From Staff Reports

Four Edenton men were arrested in an Elizabeth City restaurant parking lot Wednesday afternoon while they allegedly were in the middle of a drug deal.

In addition to the suspects, agents with the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Drug Task Force seized 27 grams of cocaine, two vehicles, \$14,000 in cash, a small amount of marijuana and a Springfield .40 caliber semi-auto-



Faircloth



Powell



Skinner



Walton

matic handgun.

Pasquotank Sheriff's Deputy William Williams said the drug bust came after task force agents received a tip that a large drug deal was about to take place.

Agents located the vehicle they had been warned about, a black 2003 Chevrolet Tacoma, in the parking lot of Bojangles restaurant on Ehringhaus Street at

about 1:30 p.m., Williams said.

After noticing what appeared to be a drug transaction between occupants of the Tacoma and a 2000 Toyota Avalon, agents moved in and arrested all four men without incident, Williams said.

Each suspect was charged with a host of drug charges, including conspiracy and trafficking, and

all were being held at Albemarle District Jail in lieu of secured bonds of between \$600,000 and \$800,000.

The arrested include:

- Michael Brock Faircloth, 27, of 319 S. Broad Street No. 6;
- Bashiri Olygbaia Powell, 25, of 123 W. Carteret Street;
- Gregory John Walton, 39, of 710 Adams Street; and
- Terrence Skinner, 30, of 121 W. Carteret Street.

According to Sheriff's Deputy Joe Tade, Walton and Powell were out on bond on weapons and drug charges in New York City at the time of their arrest.

Edenton Police Chief Greg

Bonner is also familiar with the four men.

"They've all been charged by this office before," he said Monday.

According to Chowan County court records, Skinner is awaiting trial on cocaine-possession charges in Chowan stemming from a 1994 arrest.

Powell's past charges in Chowan include assault, drug and resisting arrest.

Faircloth was charged with possession of cocaine earlier this year, and his past charges include possession of marijuana, traffic violations, assault with a deadly weapon, trespassing, and resisting arrest.

Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club 26th annual Fabulous 4th of July fireworks Entertainment for the kids Steve Hardy's Original Beach Party