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Copeland: Town to put the brakes on illegal left turns

'Waiting game' on closure

BY SEAN JACKSON
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Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland isn't sure how a nearby U.S. Navy jet base's unstable future will affect plans to site a training airfield for pilots in Washington and Beaufort counties but like everyone else in the region, he's watching the situation unfold with great interest.



Copeland

"It's a wait-and-see game at this point," Copeland said in reference to the national Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission's orders that Oceana Naval Air Station comply with its orders or face possible closure.

The BRAC Commission has threatened to shut down Oceana, located in Virginia Beach, Va., unless the state of Virginia and Hampton Roads cities eliminate homes, shopping centers, and other development surrounding the Atlantic Seaboard's master jet base.

Residents around the base have haggled with Navy officials over noise from jets. Residential growth has been allowed by the City of Virginia Beach to encroach upon the base. Oceana has been tapped to receive two of 10 squadrons of Super Hornet fighter jets that would use the proposed outlying landing field in northeast North Carolina.

"It was a classic case of having your cake and wanting to eat it, too," Copeland said of Virginia Beach's apparent moves to have both the economic benefits of a large air base and exploding residential and commercial growth within the same area.

"Virginia Beach did this to themselves," added Copeland, who is a member of a local committee of government officials established to formally oppose the siting of the OLF near Roper.

Copeland said that committee has no plans to meet in the near future, while federal and Navy officials wrangle over Oceana's future. Copeland said it could be March before the federal government determines if Virginia officials

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Making streets downtown safer

BY SEAN JACKSON
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Seeking to put the brakes on motorists crossing double-yellow lines to park in downtown Edenton, the Town Council is revving up plans to create an ordinance banning such left-hand turns.

The town has received complaints in recent months about near vehicle accidents on South Broad in the business district. During its meet-

ing on Aug. 22, council directed police Chief Greg Bonner and Town Manager Anne-Marie Knight-on to draft an ordinance that would allow police to issue tickets to drivers who cross the solid yellow lines.

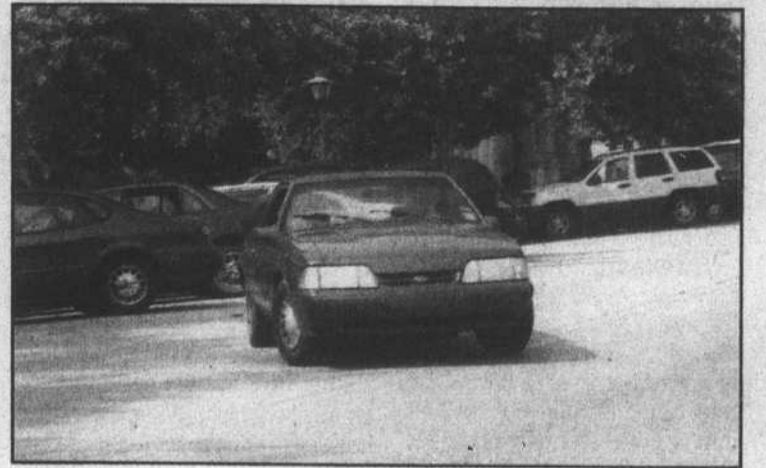
Councilman Jimmy Stallings applauded the efforts to make the streets of Edenton safer.

"Not only is this behavior dangerous to pedestrians and other drivers," Stallings said during council's meeting last week, "but it is also seen as 'jumping ahead or breaking in line' of other drivers who correctly drive to the monument

(at the end of Broad Street), make a U-turn and find a parking space on their respective side of the street."

The police chief and town manager are supposed to bring a first draft of the ordinance to an upcoming council meeting. Chief Bonner said his police officers would be on the lookout to begin issuing warning tickets to motorists who are making the dangerous left-hand turns. Bonner said that type of warning to drivers would begin the education process for motorists who cross solid yellow lines

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Staff photo by Susan Moore, Chowan Herald Intern

Motorists making illegal left turns across double yellow lines downtown will soon be ticketed by police.

APPETITE FOR LEARNING



Contributed photo by Glenda Jakubowski/Edenton-Chowan Schools

D.F. Walker Elementary School students Adrian Arellano, left, and Matthew Collins, right, enjoy the first school lunch of the year. Nearly 2,500 students and 400 Edenton-Chowan Schools employees greeted the new school year Thursday.

New administrators join school system

BY GLENDA JAKUBOWSKI
Contributing Writer

Edenton-Chowan Schools welcomed several new administrators this year to Chowan Middle School and to John A. Holmes High School.

New to the position, but certainly not to the school is Wendy Korbusieski, who will serve as an assistant principal at Chowan Middle School.

Korbusieski taught math and science at Chowan for four years before assuming her new duties.



Korbusieski

"I am honored and humbled to have been chosen to serve Chowan Middle School as an assistant principal," Korbusieski said. "My educational philosophy, both personally and professionally, is deeply rooted in learning through experience and reaching the heart before even considering reaching the mind. I believe that is what Chowan Middle School is all about."

Korbusieski was a North Carolina Teaching Fellow at East Carolina University. Her husband, Todd, is an assistant principal at John A. Holmes High School. They have two children: Evan, age 8, and Brianna, age 4.

Also joining the ranks of assistant principal at the middle school is Stacy Leggett, who taught social studies and math at Williamston High School for five years before joining the

Bulldog team.

"I'm excited to be a new member of the Chowan Middle School family," Leggett said. "Chowan has a remarkable group of teachers, teacher-assistants, custodians, cafeteria workers, clerical staff, bus drivers, counselors, and administrators. I look forward to working with all of them and meeting all of our students and their families."

Leggett received her Master of School Administration de-

gree from East Carolina University, and her MA in history and a BA from Mississippi

College. She is a pianist at Williamston First Pentecostal Holiness Church.

"I was very fortunate to be able to hire two very competent assistant principals," said

Chowan Middle School principal Willie Koonce. "While their responsibilities are different

(to some degree, we all operate as a team. They are great communicators, love children and believe that all students can learn and be successful."

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Leggett



Lyons

New treatment is proving beneficial

Stimulating nerves speeds patient recovery

BY EARLINE WHITE
The Chowan Herald

"I woke up about 6 weeks ago, went to the bathroom to shave, looked into the mirror and said 'Oh my God, I must have suffered a stroke,'" Sam Garrin said as he sat in Chowan Hospital's Outpatient Rehab Wednesday morning undergoing a procedure to stimulate weakened facial

nerves.

Garrin sat against the wall in a chair, with a cup of water at his side. Resting on his 7th cranial nerve near the ear (the nerve itself branches near the ear and spreads extensively across the face to the eye, cheek, upper and lower lip and chin) and on the throat, were sets of electrodes. Betty Onufrak, Speech Language Pathologist with Chowan Rehab Services, monitored the strength of the pulsing electricity stimulating the nerves damaged not by a stroke as Garrin initially thought, but by Bell's Palsy.

Bell's Palsy, a condition that causes facial weakness, affects approximately 40,000 Americans every year. Like most, Garrin had no warning of what was to happen overnight while he slept. In a few people symptoms such as a dry eye or tingling around the lips occur, but take a few days to be recognizable as Bell's Palsy. Warning signs such as neck pain or pain in or behind the ear may also occur but are seldom recognizable, especially in first-time cases.

Bell's Palsy is best described

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Roulac facing felony charges in shooting

By SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald

And Edenton man cleared of a 2003 murder here nearly a year ago was charged in connection with a shooting in Suffolk, VA on Saturday night.

Leon Roulac III, 23, of the 100 block of Oakdale Drive, was charged with aggravated malicious wounding, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony, felony eluding police, and reckless handling of a firearm. He is being held without



Roulac

bond in Western Tidewater Regional Jail. According to published reports, Roulac was arrested after 20-year-old Lamont Cradle was shot on the 200 block of Sparrow Road in the Chuckatuck section of Suffolk around 9 p.m. Saturday.

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Shrimp by the Bay

Chamber Director Richard Bunch (standing) talks with guests at this year's Shrimp By the Bay. Hosted by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, the fundraiser was held on the grounds of the Chowan Golf and Country Club.

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