



Staff photo by Sean Jackson

U.S. Sen. **Richard Burr**, at left, talks with Regulator Marine's **Al Partin**, assembly supervisor, and **Wyatt Lane**, national sales manager, during a stop in Edenton last Wednesday.

Senator pays a visit to Edenton business

Burr's visit part of NENC tour

BY SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald

U.S. Sen **Richard Burr** visited Edenton last Wednesday in the middle of a weeklong swing through northeast North Carolina.

Burr, R-N.C., met with local government and business officials at Regulator Marine for about two hours on Aug. 31, including a roughly 45-minute

visit of the plant.

Burr appeared impressed by the success the boat-building company in east Edenton has had in recent years.

"Business is excellent for us right now," Regulator co-owner **Joan Maxwell** said.

Burr also commented on the recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina which slammed Mississippi, Alabama, and Louisiana on Aug. 29.

"(The Senate is) conscious of what's happening down there," he said.

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Local teacher travels to South Korea

Stabbing suspect found in Va.

Baker apprehended after high-speed chase

From Staff Reports

Edenton police have arrested a former Edenton woman on charges stemming from the January stabbing of her then-boyfriend, **Stephen Hollowell**.

Patricia Baker, 24, was picked up in Norfolk, Va. after an alleged high-speed car chase and was later transferred to Edenton, where she was arrested on Sept. 1 after being interrogated by police Detective **Aaron Davidson**.

Baker was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, and attempted first-degree murder. She is confined at Albemarle District Jail in Elizabeth City under a \$250,000 secured bond, a police official said Tuesday.

A police official said Baker's next court date would likely be in November.



Baker

"(We) stand ready to pay it forward."

- Edenton Town Manager **Anne-Marie Knighton**

Local Red Cross units respond to disaster

With the memory of Hurricane Isabel still fresh, area agencies, businesses respond to calls for assistance

BY EARLINE WHITE
The Chowan Herald

After Hurricane Isabel ripped through Chowan County, it was with the help of many volunteers, local and from other states, that signs of recovery came quickly. The same is proving true for areas of the Gulf Coast where Hurricane Katrina displaced over 500,00 and cut power to 2.3 million, but more help is needed.

A US disaster with few rivals, Katrina has caused many agencies to react to the call for help. The American Red Cross has collected over \$21 million (with \$15 million coming from individual donations through its website) to help with recovery. Locally the Greater Albemarle Area Chapter of the Red Cross is working to recruit volunteers to be trained to go into the disaster torn areas of Louisiana and Mississippi as well as working to raise money for those who lost all their possessions.

"Training will be intense," **John Gillis**, Executive Director of the local Red Cross said. "We'll be sending people down for three weeks, all expenses paid, to help with recovery. They will be performing mass care, mass feeding-it will require long hours. It will be hot, muggy—not a picnic. But it will make a difference—helping even one person makes all the difference," Gillis said. The American Red Cross will continue serving in the area providing food, new clothing and shelter for as long as it is needed.

Because transportation in the af-



Photo from Red Cross website

Around the country, Red Cross volunteers like the one pictured above are deploying to the Gulf Coast to assist in Hurricane Katrina's recovery.

ected area is a problem, relief efforts are encouraged in the form of monetary donations to the American Red Cross or the Salvation Army. Organizations, businesses and communities are pulling together to collect money. "I urge all North Carolinians to reach out to organizations providing assistance related to this disaster, or to contact local churches, charities or civic groups which have information on relief effort," Senator **Richard Burr** said in a press release last Thursday.

Edenton Town Manager, **Anne-Marie Knighton**, said that "I am confident that this country will help these communities rebuild. I know that many of our citizens will never forget the help and the kindness that was extended to

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"It's wrong to take unfair advantage"

- State Attorney General **Roy Cooper**



Staff photo by Sean Jackson

Local motorists crowd the Duck Thru in Edenton as rumors spread of a possible gasoline shortage late last week.

Area citizens face sticker shock at the gas pump

Gas supplies are back up to near normal, but prices remain high

BY SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald

Ridiculous. Incredible. Unprecedented. Criminal. Outrageous.

All words used to describe skyrocketing gas prices since Hurricane Katrina rocked three Gulf Coast states on Aug.

29, knocking out pipelines that funneled gas to the Carolinas.

After weeks of climbing prices, the cost for gas hovered around \$2.55 a gallon in Edenton and Chowan County on the morning of Aug. 30. By the following morning, prices had jumped 25 cents, and to nearly \$3 by closing time on Aug. 31. Prices continued to surge, hitting a record-high of around \$3.40 by Thursday, prompting motorists to flock to the pumps to fill their tanks before a

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Cigarette tax hike aims to curb smoking

BY EARLINE WHITE
The Chowan Herald

Last Thursday smokers throughout North Carolina felt the impact of the legislature's decision to increase the state's lowest-in-the-nation cigarette tax from 5-cents-a-pack to 30. With an increase of 25 cents on September 1 and an additional 5 cents on July 1, 2006, the NC cigarette tax brings the number to 41 out of 50 states that have increased their cigarette tax since 2002 in the hope that people will quit smoking. This is the first cigarette-tax increase in North Carolina's since 1991 and still dramatically lower than the national average of 92.3 cents a pack.



"Smoking rates are certain to decline"

-**Jean Bunch**
Chowan Regional Healthcare Foundation

According to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, an anti-tobacco group, for every 10 percent increase in the price of cigarettes, a reduction of youth smokers by about 7 per cent takes place. Also, overall cigarette consumption is reduced by approximately four percent for every 10 percent increase in the price.

Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in North Carolina. Each year more than 11,900 lives are lost, costing the state \$2.26 billion in health care bills. The 2003 N.C. Youth

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NC Lottery could bring up to \$500k for schools

Deadlock broken with surprise vote, Lt. Gov. **Purdue** breaks tie

From Staff Reports

Passed last Wednesday by a vote of 25-24, North Carolina's upcoming education lottery will benefit schools statewide and could generate approximately \$500,000 for Chowan County annually. Governor **Mike Easley** praised the lottery saying that the biggest winners in the lottery are the people of North Carolina.

Schools in District 4, which includes Chowan, Bertie, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton and Perquimans counties, as well as counties statewide, are due to receive funds based on student population (ADM) and effective tax rates, among other factors.

According to Chowan County Manager, **Cliff Copeland**, the funds are to be used primarily for debt service, maintenance and repair and school construction. "The funds generated for

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