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Five years later

Local residents share their feelings and fears

BY EARLINE WHITE
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Five years have passed but the possibility of another terrorist attack on America still resonates loudly in the minds of local citizens.

On Sept. 11, 2001, classrooms across the country tuned into live broadcasts, watching in disbelief as the burning World Trade Center and the Pentagon were struck by hijacked, terrorist-laden planes.

Phone lines in New York were jammed — mothers calling their children, husbands calling their wives — anxiously waiting for an answer on the other end.

For months people across America dug through the debris and breathed in the dirty air.

Some people still turn to the sky with dread.

"What came out of the attacks were national efforts, community emergency response teams," Patty Madry, Chowan County Emergency Management coordinator, said. Even the smallest of communities across the country have trained for disasters such as 9/11 and how to respond effectively.

"I feel that in the event of something large happening we are now in a bet-

ter position to go and assist," Madry added. "Everyone knows who to take orders from, what their role is, and every department trains monthly — at least — for a possible worst case scenario."

Billions have been pumped into our military and homeland security, but do locals feel that, as a country, we are better prepared for another disaster such as 9/11?

Beneath the expression of mixed feelings, residents told *The Herald* that they do not feel any safer today than they did five years ago.

Cady Dail, 15, was in fifth grade when the attack took place. Five years later she sat in class and shared a national moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives during the tragic events of that day.

Despite the reassuring words offered by government officials, she is scared that the events of 9/11 could happen again.

Her fears are coupled with the fact that she, like many in the state, has a relative soon heading to fight in the war against terrorism.

Trey Johnson was too young to remember the attack (he was only five at the time) but has seen the images replayed over and over on TV. He said that he doesn't feel very safe from possible attacks and worries about his father who flies often.

His mother, Amy, was shocked by just how deep a mark the images of 9/11 left

on her son.

"We were watching *King Kong* and at the end of the movie Trey turned to me and asked if Kong was going to be killed by a plane. I wouldn't have even thought of that at his age."

Some praise the efforts put into place so far to make the nation safer but echo concerns about America's level of preparedness.

"I think the military is stronger now," Robbie Sykes said, "but homeland security areas like trains, airport terminals and shipping docks — I don't think we are as prepared as we could be."

Matthew Williams, 18, agrees. He flew from Raleigh to Buffalo a few days after the latest airport security breach resulting in a temporary ban of all liquids on planes.

Williams traveled with his girlfriend whom he said had several liquid substances in her carry-on bag including makeup remover and a soda. He wonders how many more people got through security checks with illegal items.

"No, it [the government] is not doing all it can and we are no safer, despite what they say," Williams said.

"It definitely has me thinking before I fly," Leonard Moon, 17, said. Moon's aunt was among the 2,749 who perished in the World Trade Center bombing. Another aunt lived in Manhattan at the time but has since left in order to leave it in the past, Moon said.

Teen's mom said slain man abused her

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A Camden County man killed this spring may have abused the mother of the Edenton teen charged in the man's death, court records show.

Elizabeth King, the mother of the Edenton youth, had a protective order taken out against Robert Durwood "Bobby" Mansfield of Camden County, alleging that he verbally abused her and demanded that she have sex with him and his friends.

King, of Edenton, has been charged with accessory to murder in Mansfield's death. Her son, 17-year-old Scott Daniel, also of Edenton, has been charged with murder.

Both are jailed in Elizabeth City.

"He has caused a lot of emotional stress to my children," King, 52, said in her October 2005 complaint against Mansfield.

"My children are very disturbed," she said. "I am very scared of him."

Nearly six months later, Mansfield's body was found in a Camden field by a farmer. Medical examiners have said he died after being beaten in the head and stabbed.

Camden sheriff Tony Perry has declined to reveal what type of object Mansfield, 61, was beaten with. Perry also has not disclosed a motive for the murder.

King said she broke up with Mansfield prior to filing charges against him, adding that he had been verbally abusing her, "over and over again."

That abuse included phone calls during which Mansfield demanded King have sex with him and his friends, King alleged.

King also said that Mansfield had threatened to have her arrested for breaking and entering if she didn't comply with his demands. She had the protective order dropped a week after filing it in Chowan County.

King said she had been engaged to Mansfield in 1977, according to court records. She also said she suffers from general anxiety disorder.

Daniel is a senior at John A. Holmes. He played varsity football for the Aces, starting at fullback and playing on the defensive line for head coach Bob Turner.

Daniel and his mother were arrested in Edenton last month. Their next court appearance in Camden is set for Sept. 22.

Daniel is being represented by Edenton attorney Sambo Dixon.



King

Do you feel any safer?



Maxine White, 64
No, it's rough. And they [the government] are taking a lot of time and money away from people who need it.



Bobby Barnette
We are not as prepared as people think we are. The government doesn't do anything but blunder.



Jimmy Mintz
I think we are more prepared than we were, but now it's such an inconvenience that I don't fly anymore.



Javonte Brown, 18
I feel like it could happen again and this time be even worse.



Tiffany Johnson, 15
I am still scared to get on a plane.



Nicholas Bond, 15
I feel safer. Security [at airports] is 10 times more extreme.

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Local officials teaming with ECU staff to tackle growth issues

Collaboration will result in creation of 10-year plan

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Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Director Richard Bunch said Tuesday the creation of a proposed 10-year plan for the community will present a "great opportunity" to chart the future.

His organization is partnering with town and county officials, the board of education and Chowan Hospital, as well as the general public, to craft the plan.

The first step in the process will be holding a series of public meetings to seek comments from local citizens in order to identify goals and objectives for growth between

now and 2010.

Representatives from East Carolina University's Regional Development Services and Center for Survey Research will serve as moderators for the meetings.

The first such gathering is planned for Monday, Sept. 18, at College of the Albemarle's Edenton campus. The meeting will take place at Building 4 at 5:30 p.m.

The second meeting will be held at the Northern Chowan Community Center at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26.

Refreshments will be available at both meetings.

Bunch said that after the public meetings and the gathering of information through citizen surveys, he believes that task forces will be named to further study the areas of interest that have been identified.

"This approach will provide us with a good strategic

study," Bunch said, "that we can use as a guide for the future."

Bunch noted that a similar plan developed 10 years ago with the help of ECU officials proved extremely valuable in guiding local growth.

"Using the plan as a guide, we accomplished most of the objectives spelled out in the plan," Bunch said in a news release issued by the university. "We hope to continue that momentum with a second plan."

"In the new plan, we will have some of the same key topics from the first plan along with some new areas of focus such as Smart Growth, residential development as an economic development tool, job loss and growth and other workforce issues," he said.

Anyone with questions about the initiative can call the Chamber at 482-3400.

Restructuring won't reflect any drastic changes, Smith says

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Superintendent Allan Smith does not anticipate having to restructure the before and after school daycare, but is waiting for more data before making a final decision.

The before and after school daycare operated at White Oak and Walker schools closed last year with a \$23,000 deficit. Last month the school board asked for more information on why and how to get the revenue and expenditures in line.

One prospect to make the program once again self-supporting was for parents to pay for a spot in the daycare rather than for the number of days used (\$10 per day), as had been done in the past.

Carmellia Nickens, director of the school-affiliated program, argued that the parents who use the program are those that do not have a regular work schedule such as substitute teachers, temp workers. Nickens foresees that mandatory pay would place hardships on an already struggling class.

"There will be no changes to the program at least until the end of the month," Smith said. "That will give Carmellia time to recruit numbers. And we want to give the parents using the program time to make arrangements (if a restructuring were to take place). We also have an obligation to the staff."

Currently the daycare program operates at both elementary schools and is staffed by

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