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Town keeps preparing for growth

BY SEAN JACKSON
Staff Writer

With the town and county continuing to have residential growth on their radar screens, some local residents are not so confident the growth will happen smoothly.

One Edenton couple, for example, is already questioning whether a proposed large subdivision southeast of town will reap only benefits.

In a letter inside today's *Chowan Herald*, John and Radi Westpfahl question whether or not the town will be able to accommodate the services needed for the Hayes Farm subdivision.

Specifically, the Westpfahls wonder if the Town and Edenton and Chowan County can handle the increased need for water, sewer, police, fire and trash services.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said both governments should be able to handle the needs associated with the project, which is slated to bring more than 500 homes and apartments to the area.

Knighton said the developers — Strawberry Hill Land Management LLC — would build their own wastewater treatment plant.

"Obviously," Knighton said, "those new homeowners should pay for that."

In addition, both the town and county charge tap-on and impact fees that should pay for any upgrades to their sewer and water systems.

"Actually," Knighton said, "we'd make a profit from the project."

Chowan officials have said that the county has enough water capacity for the Hayes subdivision.

Trick OR Treat



From left, Tinkerbell and Cinderella, a.k.a. Kate and Emma English, both 5, make a special appearance with their dad, Chris English, at Edenton Baptist's Trunk or Treat on Saturday. More than 100 kids turned out last night for Trick or Treat downtown to gather goodies from local merchants.

Edenton woman's charge upgraded

Camden sheriff alleges King helped son in slaying

BY SEAN JACKSON
Staff Writer

An Edenton woman's is now facing a first-degree murder charge for the slaying of a Camden County man earlier this year.

The Camden County Grand Jury returned an indictment against Elizabeth King, 52, last week. She and her 17-year-old son Scott Daniel have been charged in the murder of a Camden County man this spring.

Both King and Daniel were arrested in late August. She was initially charged with accessory to murder. Under the new charge, she is being held without bond at Albemarle District Jail in Elizabeth City.

King and Daniel have been charged with the slaying of Robert Durwood "Bobby" Mansfield, 61. Mansfield's body was found in a Camden field by a farmer this spring.

"New evidence shows that King was directly involved with the murder," Camden County Sheriff Tony Perry said. He declined to elaborate further.

An autopsy revealed that Mansfield died from multiple injuries to the head.

Perry has declined to discuss what type of weapon was used in Mansfield's murder.

Camden Sheriff's officials allege that King and Daniel drove Mansfield into rural Camden and beat and bludgeoned him to death on April 12.

Reached Monday, Daniel's attorney, Edenton lawyer Sambo Dixon, declined to comment on how King's indictment

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Commissioner Goodwin remembered by friends

BY EARLINE WHITE
Staff Writer

The election signs have become a sad reminder of the vacant seat Wayne Goodwin has left behind.

After months of fighting declining health, County Commissioner Chair, Goodwin, who was running unopposed to retain his seat in the November election, passed away last Wednesday at the age of 59.

He leaves behind many friends and family.

Down-to-earth politician

Goodwin began his official political campaign in 1984 as a commissioner, but long before that was working to improve his community.

"Back in the early 80's, Wayne was spearheading

the construction of a softball field next to Tiny Boy's store (on Hwy. 32) and was seeking money from the county to purchase a fence. So he got together a petition and took it before the county. He got his funding.

"It's kind of paradoxical because after he became commissioner he hated petitions," county manager and friend, Cliff Copeland, said.

"But Wayne really impressed me as a commissioner, and was one of the best I ever worked with, because he quickly realized that you can't please everybody.

"And he always stood his ground, even if what was best for the county was controversial," Copeland added.

It was that common-sense, down-to-earth approach that earned Good-

win respect, 18 years as county commissioner and two terms as elected chairman.

A firm decision-maker

Outside of the political arena, Goodwin gained many friends by remaining true to his word.

Longtime friend, Richard Bunch said, "Wayne taught me a great lesson in life: Make a decision, don't just stand there or be unable to decide, make a decision. If it's the wrong decision you can always ask for forgiveness.

"One case in point, a Red Cross Blood Drive Wayne was chairing needed some major repair work to the driveway to the building.

"Instead of waiting for a meeting or putting a committee together Wayne took the leadership role and did the repairs himself.

"The next day the Blood Drive took place and a goal of 50 units was surpassed with 120 units being collected. Needless to say, without the repair job any blood would not have been collected.

"I will miss his friendship, but it is his leadership that I will miss the most."

High school friend, Nancy Morgan, agreed that it was Wayne's bottom-line approach to things that made him so popular.

Morgan remembers a time when one of the county schools had a plumbing problem and Wayne's eagerness to fix the problem himself.

"The superintendent came to the Board and asked what could be done. Wayne, who hadn't been on the Board long, said, 'I haven't seen it yet. Who can go under there with me to look at it?'"

"Wayne was like that. He grew up poor, struggled to



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make a living, raised his family like everybody else — that's what made him a good commissioner.

"And he did go underneath that building and fix the problem," Morgan laughed.

A dependable friend

Louis Nixon served along-

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