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Dickens retires from school system after 20 years Community, C1



I love my teddy bear Mary Pat Perry wins Fun Ad with 100 bears

Thankfully yours ...

Marie Bullock's 7th grade students

share their list of "Thanks" this holiday

I am thankful for my

me to be the best I can

This message m

grandmother left mean

I see a lot of

My point is

that I'm thank-ful my family is

We may have

fusses and

fights but we

poor people out

be by passing my grad and going to college.

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#### More people in church?

Spanish Mass at St. Anne offers faith for new population

Inspiration, C10

State specialist

repair by Town

Repairs to collapsed sewer line

took nearly a week, actual work

State environmental specialists say the Town

of Edenton took longer than expected to make re-

pairs following a recent sewage spill, and should

The spill was caused by a collapsed cross mem-

Wayne Bryant, an environmentalist with the

ber that poured 11,250 gallons of sewage into

state division of water quality in Washington

County, said that the Greenville sewage system

It took Greenville officials not a week, but a

"It only takes a few hours to (make such a) re-

When asked what caused the week-long delay,

Town Manager Anne Marie Knighton explained

that in order to complete the repairs a large cast-

The contractor hired for the job, she said, did

"We could have gone elsewhere to get the pipe,

but because of the location we needed someone

who could get in there, do the repair and get out

- someone who knew what they were doing,'

The cause of the spill was two rotten cross members that span Belvedere Swamp which col-

lapsed, dumping 60 feet of pipe into the water and

discharging thousands of gallons of waste into

failed should be inspected every six months,

Knighton said that the pipes are inspected

The pipe in question had in fact been visually

inspected by Town employees the Tuesday prior

to the failure and showed no indication of what

Bryant is recommending a reexamination of

"There should be no problem determining

weak wood," Bryant said. "We all see grandma's

porch and the weak boards on it and think,

was to come, Knighton said.

the inspection process.

Wooden cross members such as the ones that

single day, to repair the damage, Bryant said.

reexamine their inspection process.

Belvedere Swamp earlier this month.

suffered a similar spill a few weeks prior.

only a few hours, officials say

BY EARLINE WHITE

pair," Bryant noted.

iron pipe was needed.

Knighton said.

the ecosystem.

Bryant said.

not have the materials in stock.

Staff Writer

expected quicker



# Holiday's trying time for caregivers

BY REBECCA BUNCH Editor

Making sure family members who are coping with physical, mental and emotional illnesses feel needed and part of the everyday life of others in their household is a challenge in the best of circumstances.

The approaching holidays can add to the tension.

In fact, the North Carolina Family Caregiver Support Program recommends that families planning for the holidays acknowledge that circumstances have changed and adapt celebrations accord-

They advise that meaningful holidays can still be enjoyed if

■ Note the effect of the environment and activities on your loved one.

Observe a normal routine. To decrease anxiety and agitation in your loved one during the holidays, as much as possible keep his/her routine the

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## Holiday closing

The Chowan Herald will be closed all day Thursday to allow staff to celebrate Thanksgiving with family and friends.

The office will be open Friday until 3 p.m. to accept submissions of ads, articles and photographs for next week's edition.

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This is why I'm so thankful for her. Ciara Revell

lot to me.

still love each ily gets together and we thank God for what he has done in our lives and we pray that others can see that they don't need to take life for granted because life is short.

When we finally realize that Thanksgiving is about giving thanks, it might be too

**Enid Goodman** 



In life there are things that we have and don't deserve so we take them for granted and don't realize it.

When we sit down and eat dinner we don't think about the people who haven't got a dinner time, who go to bed hungry every nigh

When Christmas comes we get tons of things but whine be-

cause we didn't get that new X Box.

But what about the people in the world who don't get anything at all but don't complain? In reality, that makes us 10 times more selfish than people who have to do without.

So I'm thankful for all that I have even though I may not get that new X Box. At least I'll get

So, how about you? Will you think about others next time you start to complain?

Robyn Carter



There are good things and there are bad things that happen in life.

When one of those bad things come up you just got to let it go and move on with life.

something bad happens I do just that. That's why I say even still I am thankful.

Jabazz Long

### should I really step on that — it's the same thing See SEWER, Page A2 ➤ Chowan Hospital has prominent role in community

BY REBECCA BUNCH Editor

close to 500 people.

Chowan Hospital is the largest employer in our community, providing jobs for

It contributes \$18,340,332 a year in salaries, wages and benefits to the local economy.

And, it has consistently been ranked in the upper 90 percent range in patient satisfaction in national surveys.

As it approaches its 60th birthday in March 2007, the hospital continues to strengthen its technology, services and programs.

"In keeping with our goal of providing our community with the latest in technology. we have renovated and expanded our radiology department," Hospital Administrator Jeff Sackrison said.

"And, we have purchased a nuclear medicine camera to aid in diagnosing heart disease."

"The hospital has also acquired a new Lightspeed CAT scanner," Sackrison said. "This technology will enhance (the results of) current routine exams, and assist our staff in making non-invasive diagno-

Its outreach programs include a women's healthcare program, LifeSpan Women's Health, which sponsors an annual Women's Health and Wellness Fair that includes free health screenings as well as informational booths and wellness events on the hospi-

Friday, Dec. 1, 7:30 pm

Saturday, Dec. 2, 7:30 pm

Its second annual "Go Red" Tea, designed to bring attention to heart disease awareness and prevention in women, will take place in February.

A relatively new endeavor is quarterly newsletter, "Today's Healthy Outlook," that is being inserted in The Chowan Herald.

Chowan Hospital also maintains a solid commitment to the health and well being not only of adults but children and teens as well.

Anti-smoking efforts are directed at high school students, while local middle schoolers are educated about the dangers of obesity and diabetes.

And at the elementary school level, children are See HOSPITAL, Page A2 ➤



Family Birthing Center staffers Selma Boucher, RN (sitting) and Mary Frierson, CNA II (standing) comfort newborn Michael Macharias Blount Jr. born Nov. 20.

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