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Home sales stay flat as building permits rise

BY SEAN JACKSON
Staff Writer

While building permits continue to increase in Edenton and Chowan County, the sale of homes isn't on the upswing, a local realtor said.

Building permits have nearly doubled over the past five years, with 1,451 being issued last year. Only 1,313 were issued two years ago.

But Janet MacKenzie, owner of Albemarle Sound Realty, said sales haven't risen as sharply.

"Sales in Chowan County are still rather flat," MacKenzie said, "but I have noticed an increase in the number of calls in the past week from buyers about our area."

MacKenzie said the steady climb in permits for new homes is likely due to the fact that land-owners have recently decided to build on property they've owned for years.

"A majority of people who purchase land do not build right away," MacKenzie said. "They either buy it for the future to build on, or have to save up money in order to build."

State officials have predicted that the town of Edenton will see a rise in its population — from 5,000 to 7,000 — over the next decade. That would increase the population by about 40 percent.

The county is also expected to grow, officials have said, at a slightly lower rate.

Not So New Newlywed Game in Rocky Hock



Earline White/The Chowan Herald

From left, Billy Elliott, Gloria Emmerich, and her husband, Jeff, share a laugh Saturday night during the Not So New Newlywed Game in Rocky Hock. The event raised nearly \$1,400 for the Rocky Hock Ruritans Club.

BY EARLINE WHITE
Staff Writer

Bob Eubanks would have been proud.

There wasn't a dry eye in the crowd at the Not So New Newlywed Game, sponsored by the Rocky Hock Ruritans and Lions clubs Saturday night.

When Valeria Roberts was asked, "if your husband of 47 years, Frank, were to go to Belk Tyler's tomorrow and buy you a bra, what size would he buy," Valeria stumped the game's host by asking "now or back then."

And when Frank learned the correct size of his wife's undergarments his quick shout of "holy mackerel" set the crowd rolling in the aisles. Valeria turned beet red.

Embarrassing questions, hilarious answers

Local couples find out how well they know their partners

It was like that all night long — embarrassing questions and hilarious answers from some of the most well-known couples in Chowan County.

Emmett Winborne, when asked the same question about his wife of 33 years, Phyllis, looked around at the

other ladies as if comparing sizes.

When Phyllis noticed what he was doing, she slapped him on the arm.

Winborne had asked his neighbor, the emcee and host, Tom White, not to embarrass him because his kids were in

the audience.

Too late — his kids were already laughing.

In the end it was only Sandra Bateman, and her husband of 25 years, Li-onel, that wouldn't be returning to Belk Tyler.

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Nearly \$1,400 was raised through ticket and dinner sales for the third annual event, this year held at the Rocky Hock Playhouse.

All of the proceeds will be split between the two clubs and into their respective community outreach programs.

Each year, the Rocky

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Historic Edenton Real Estate Guide in the Herald

U.S. Navy taps area for OLF site again

Easley, Butterfield say Navy should reconsider plans

BY SEAN JACKSON
Staff Writer

State and local officials are disappointed that the U.S. Navy still wants to build a landing field for fighter jets in nearby Washington and Beaufort counties.

The Navy released a new environmental study Friday that taps a 34,000-acre site within miles of a wildlife refuge.

The Navy had previously selected that same site several years ago, spurring objection from residents and environmental groups.

State officials have joined in the opposition this time, including Gov. Mike Easley, who has asked the U.S. Congress to withhold funding for the proposed outlying landing field.

"I am writing to express my frustration and disappointment with the Navy's decision to again identify Washington

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U.S. Sen. Burr pays visit to community, business leaders

Senator touts education as key to future prosperity

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Education, healthcare and the environment have something in common.

All were much on the minds of those attending a breakfast where U.S. Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., was the keynote speaker.

During the Friday breakfast, sponsored by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce, Burr told a group of educators, business and community leaders that he felt good things were on the horizon for the Tar Heel State.

"I've never been more optimistic about our economy," he

declared. "I believe in North Carolina prosperity is right around the corner."

Burr said that community colleges, like College of The Albemarle's Edenton campus, would play a "vital role" in helping to make sure that every student went into the workforce prepared to earn a living.

But he acknowledged it would take more than just a solid infrastructure to keep kids in school long enough to graduate.

He said that many high school students are benefiting from partnerships between their schools and community colleges that keep them interested in the learning process.

In response to a question from the Rev. Jim Huskins on the dropout rate, however, Burr acknowledged that educators can't do it all.

"I think you are asking me if you can legislate parenting, and you can't," Burr observed. "We need to look at ways to keep kids engaged, so they stay in school. That is something we can work on."

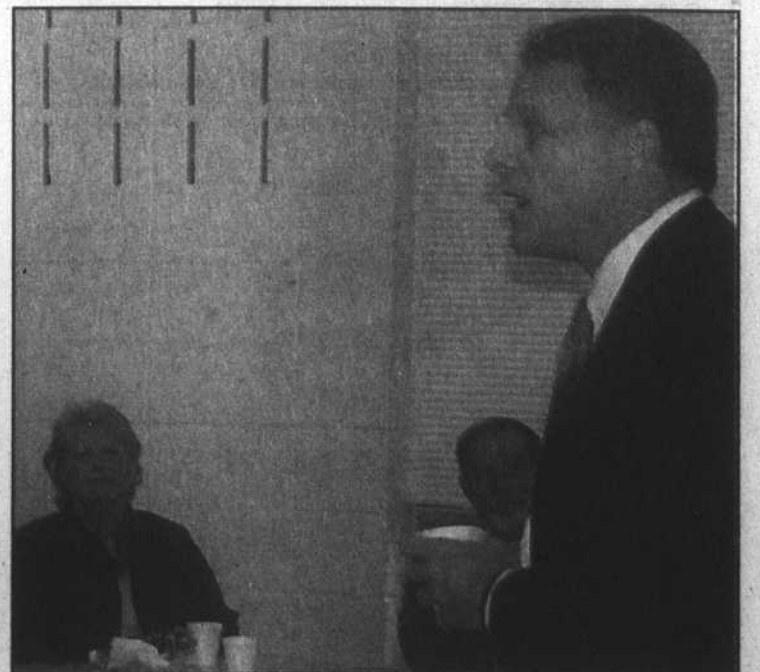
County commissioner Louis Belfield asked Burr what America could do to ease the environmental problems associated with global warming.

Burr noted that it was fuel emissions from cars and trucks that were largely responsible for environmental issues in this country. He said that continuing to work to perfect fully electric cars would offer a real solution.

In the short term, though, he had this advice.

"What we can do is to be better stewards of the earth right now. That would be a very good

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U.S. Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., addresses a group of business and community leaders at the COA campus during a stop in Edenton last week.

Saturday, March 10, 2007
Supper - 5:00PM - 7:00PM
Auction - 7:30PM - UNTIL

Rocky Hock Ruritan Club
CAKE SUPPER/AUCTION
Rocky Hock Community Center

PLATES \$5.00/Person