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545 new people call  
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## Young heart patient helps those like her

Lindsey Bunch has heart surgery, raises money for research, too

BY EARLINE WHITE  
Staff Writer

When she was two years old Lindsey Bunch told her mom that her heart was "beeping" too fast.

Six years later the "beeping" reached over 200 beats per minute.

This past September, at the age of eight, Bunch became a survivor of Wolff-Parkinson-White syndrome, a rare form of supraventricular tachycardia, which affects between 0.1 and three percent of the population.

Nearly 80 percent of people with symptoms have them first between the ages of 11 and 50.

In February, only five months after her heart surgery to correct the problem, Bunch was among the top fundraisers for the American Heart Association through Jump Rope for Heart.

A condition cited in the news for causing the sudden death of athletes on the court or on the field, supraventricular tachycardia or SVT is a condition in which the electrodes of the heart misfire and cause the heart to beat too fast.

It caused Bunch, an active young girl on the soccer and basketball recreation leagues, to become fatigued even while sitting still.

For many the condition is controlled by medication, and for Bunch medication worked for a while.

But one night at home nothing seemed to work.

Bunch's parents remained calm as they called the doctor and, as he instructed, dunked Bunch's head in the sink filled with

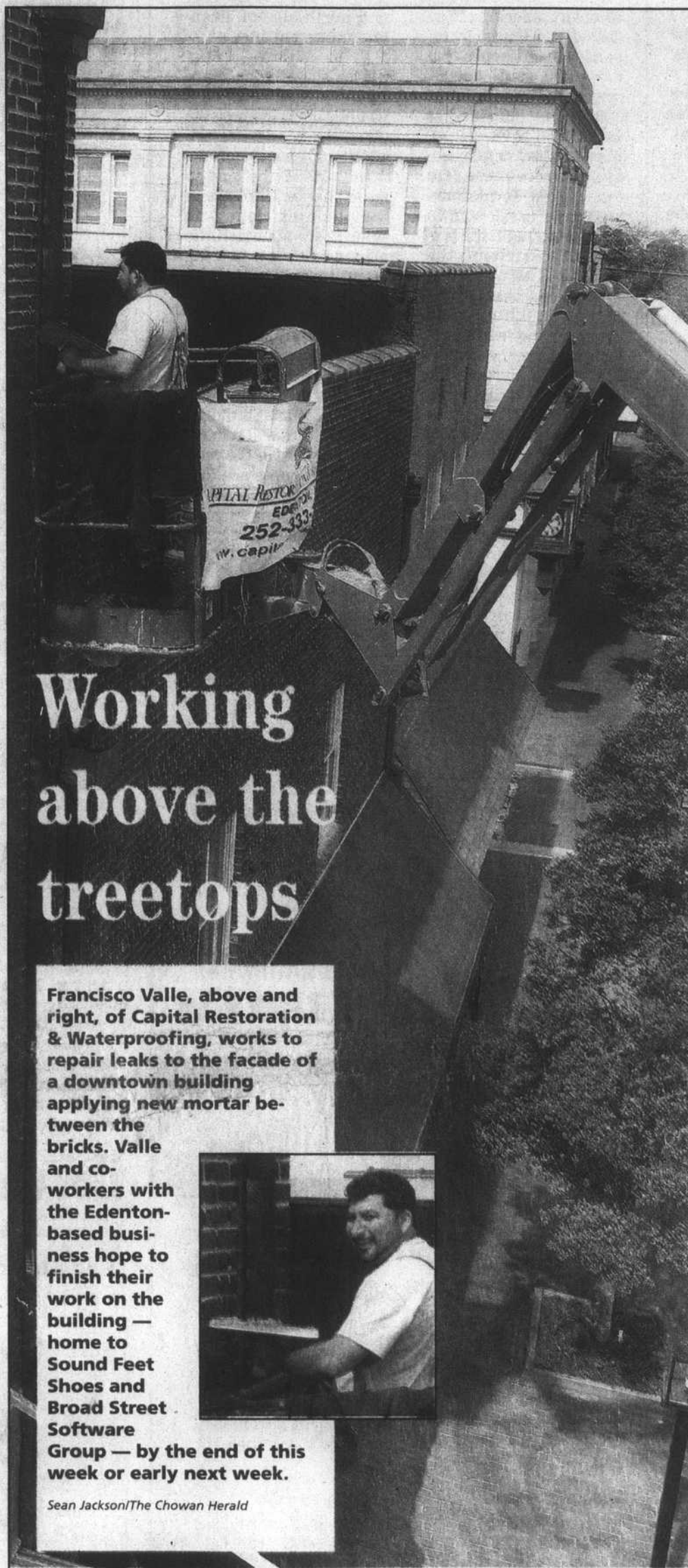


Bunch

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Bunch joins her classmates in Jump Rope for Heart fund-raiser.  
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## Working above the treetops

Francisco Valle, above and right, of Capital Restoration & Waterproofing, works to repair leaks to the facade of a downtown building applying new mortar between the bricks. Valle and co-workers with the Edenton-based business hope to finish their work on the building — home to Sound Feet Shoes and Broad Street Software Group — by the end of this week or early next week.

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## OLF PROPOSAL

# Officials say airfield won't fly near here

Perquimans County still on Navy's list, but not likely to become airfield, some say

BY SEAN JACKSON  
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Local officials think Perquimans County will win its battle to keep a Navy airfield from landing there in the wake of a meeting in Hertford last week that drew nearly 800 opponents of the plan.

While the Navy has tapped Washington County as its preferred site for an outlying landing (OLF) field for its new Super Hornet fighter jets, Perquimans was recently put back on the list of possibilities.

Last week's meeting in Hertford was between Navy officials and local residents, with both sides stating their cases for or against the proposed OLF.

"I personally think the Navy is heading straight for Washington County," Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland said.

Copeland, who attended the meeting at Perquimans County High School, said the Navy appears to have changed its mind little since a similar group of plans was released several years ago.

Richard Bunch, Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce executive director, agreed with Copeland that the Navy hasn't wavered from its initial plans to build the OLF near Roper in Washington County.

"I think the Navy determined the site for this OLF years ago," he said.

Edenton Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton is taking a similar position.

"I do get the sense that the Perquimans site is attractive to the Navy," she said, "as a back-up to Washington County."

Opponents of the Washington County site say the airfield would harm nearby Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. The refuge is home to thousands of waterfowl each winter.

Bunch also attended the March 21 meeting in Hertford, as well as a similar public hearing in Windsor the night before.

He thinks the Navy's case is no stronger now than it was several years ago.

"There is no way you can build a major airport there,"

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Copeland



Knighton

### Upcoming OLF public hearings

- Beaufort Community College, Washington, N.C.: Tuesday, 7 p.m.
- Vernon James Research Center, Plymouth: next Wednesday, 7 p.m.

# Chowan among northeast counties enjoying steady growth

## Census data show county population still on the rise

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Editor

Chowan County added 545 new residents between 2000 and 2006.

That increase, reflected in a recent U.S. Census release, boosted the county's overall

population to 14,695, for a 3.9 percent increase.

With several planned residential developments in the works, Edenton Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton and County Manager Cliff Copeland predicted those numbers will only continue to climb.

"The U.S. Census report confirms what our studies have been projecting, a steady increase in population in Edenton and Chowan County," she

said. "Obviously, this 3.9 percent increase is very good news for us," Copeland said. He added that he believes the actual number of new residents is probably higher than what census figures reflect.

Knighton and Copeland both said that local officials continue to plan carefully in order to make the transition a smooth one.

"Every day we are all working hard to make sure that as

we grow, we will provide the citizens of our community with high quality services," she said.

"I often wondered about the fact that Edenton's population has basically stayed the same for generations. That is going to change over the next 10 years," Knighton observed.

Copeland added that the infrastructure here, including Chowan Hospital and the wide range of services it offers, will surely complement opportuni-

ties for continued growth.

The news was also good for Camden, Perquimans and Pasquotank counties, which all demonstrated steady growth.

Camden's population rose to an estimated 9,271, increasing by 2,386 people, making it the second fastest growing county in the state since the 2000 census.

In Pasquotank, the popula-

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## Growth by the Numbers

Population increases in local counties between 2000-2006

Camden	2,386
Chowan	545
Pasquotank	4,694
Perquimans	969



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