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## OLF PROPOSAL

### State GOP backs No-OLF movement

BY SEAN JACKSON  
Staff Writer

An Edenton-drafted proposal to nix a U.S. Navy airfield landing in this area has support from the North Carolina Republican Party.

The state GOP's executive committee approved a resolution Sunday to oppose an outlying landing field, also called an OLF, in sites targeted by the Navy in counties in northeastern North Carolina.

"I was just overwhelmingly impressed with the groundswell of grassroots sentiment behind this resolution," Linda Daves, N.C. GOP chairwoman, said of the resolution passed Sunday in Charlotte during her party's state meeting.

Chowan County GOP chairman Bob Steinburg drafted the resolution passed by state Republican Party leaders in Charlotte several days ago.

Steinburg things the groundswell of support from county GOP officials across the state could persuade North Carolina's two Republican U.S. Sens. Richard Burr and Elizabeth Dole - who have both recently opposed the Washington County option - to reject the other sites in the northeast.

Both Dole and Burr have suggested that the Craven County site is a more acceptable option.

With congressional leaders' recent moves to reject funding for the Navy's top selection in Washington County, Steinburg hopes North Carolina's grassroots groundswell will convince Dole and Burr to take a more public, official stance against an OLF coming this area. Dole is up for reelection in 2008. Burr will be on the ballot in 2010.

"It's going to be interesting," Steinburg said. The OLF opposition from Chowan and surrounding counties is a "powerful" sign, Daves said, of the unity of opposition against the Navy's plans to site an OLF in Washington County, within miles of Pocosin Lake National Wildlife Refuge.

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## Grads embark on new paths

### STAY OR GO?



Carter



Barham

BY EARLINE WHITE  
Managing Editor

**A**FTER THEY walk across the stage at Friday night's commencement they know where they are going, geographically at least.

Ryland Elliott and Lee Ann Lawrence will be going to UNC-Chapel Hill this fall; Kim Carter and Rachel Barham will be staying in the area and attending ECSU.

From a school of five hundred, where they've spent their entire educational careers alongside life-long friends, to schools where they may know practically no one, all four know they are on the brink of something big, but how big they are not sure.

"It's going to be weird to

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Holmes seniors nab record scholarship total.

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The Chowan Herald salutes Class of 2007.

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look over at the desk beside me and not see Marvin [Bonner] who I've had in all my classes," Lawrence - who plans to study biology, she thinks - says. "The first week I'm going to ring his phone off the hook."

Leaving friends and family behind is something that Lawrence is accustomed to for short periods of time - a week up north with relatives, a week or two at cheerleading camp.

Leaving friends and family will be the hardest part, the other students said. Only five other John A. Holmes seniors will be attending UNC-Chapel Hill.

Carter, who will only be 30 miles away from home, in Elizabeth City, feels the same.

"It will be a big change, leaving home. I've only spent one week away on vacation with my relatives. But I called my mom every day. I'm a spoiled brat," she laughs.

Carter plans to study music performance and hopes to land a record deal.

**The students have wants.** One hopes to pledge a sorority, another wishes for clean clothes with no bleach spots. One hopes for a nice, "normal" roommate, another of settling in a new house, rather than a dorm.

It will be a time of drastic change and confusion, but like any traveler at the beginning of a long trek, the students seem ready for it.

Elliott grimaces when asked about the daily trek to class across Carolina's campus of over 200



Lawrence



Elliott

buildings. "I've been there before, and orientation will help, but ..."

"And we're pretty much homeless until they tell us where we're staying," Lawrence says of dorm assignments. "I hope I get air conditioning."

**Leaving the comforts of home** behind, the college-bound kids prepare for budgets and beers, or lack thereof. All four plan to work over the summer to save up for late-night pizzas, but tuition and books will come from another pocket.

Elliott chose Carolina because of the university's upstanding reputation in his desired career choice, nursing. He received several small scholarships.

Lawrence chose Carolina after spending a summer working with Project Uplift, a program designed to lure minorities to UNC-Chapel Hill.

She was awarded a Carolina Covenant scholarship worth more than \$60,000.

With that she is required to maintain at least a 3.0 GPA three years of her stay. "That means no partying for me,"

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## LOCAL BUDGET PLANS

### Home taxes increasing?

Chowan — YES  
Edenton — NO

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

The realty tax rate in Chowan County is climbing by 1.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value in a draft budget for next year.

County Manager Cliff Copeland is recommending that the rate increase from 54.5 to 56 cents in his proposed budget.

Meanwhile, the total budget would climb by slightly above seven percent to \$25.6 million.

The proposed rate hike did not come as welcome news to Roy Kirkman, who has

been trying to sell his home on Gum Pond Road for six months.

"My suggestion to the county manager would be to ask him to cut expenses instead of raising people's taxes," Kirkman said.

"If they keep on raising taxes, they're going to be taking a lot of food out of the mouths of poor folks in Chowan County."

Kirkman said he has dropped the asking price for his home to \$289,000 - well below its assessed value of \$306,000 - but still has had no takers.

The proposed tax increase will not likely increase his chances for making a sale, said Kirkman, who is retired from the military and lives on a fixed income. It is the future of others like himself that has him concerned, he said.

In Copeland's budget message, presented to the county commissioners Monday night, Copeland noted that sales tax revenue for the county "remains extremely flat" in explaining the decision to propose a tax increase.

Among the major proposed expenditures in the budget:

■ Furniture and equipment for the public library expansion, \$240,000, plus \$300,000 to complete funding for the library addition

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Town's proposed budget includes 2 percent electric-rate hike.

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## Hartman, 32, mother, sister, friend passes after battle with cancer

BY EARLINE WHITE  
Managing Editor

In December 2006, Nicole Hartman was given two months to live. The cancer she had fought off so bravely two years prior had reappeared, this time on her lungs.

But cancer could not kill her spirit and Hartman, 32, continued to fight with the same conviction that got her through the first set of treatments -

"I'll do whatever I need to do," she'd say to her family and friends.

Hartman proved the experts wrong, laughing and loving through not two, but six months.

Hartman's body was laid to rest Sunday in Beaver Hill Cemetery while nearly 150 of her closest loved ones sang one of her favorite songs, "I'll Fly Away."

She not only got to spend Christmas with her children, Alyssa, Nicholas

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Nicole Hartman obituary.

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and Kennedy Belle, but Mother's Day as well.

She watched from the dock as Nicholas reeled in dinner, while she held on to Kennedy Belle as she sat alongside Hartman in the wheelchair.

All those who knew her, know that it was for her children that Hartman fought to hang on.

Hartman will be remembered as a loving mother, a caring sister, a truthful daughter, and a confidante.

She was a fighter, a lover, patient, never judging, though often-judged individual, whose spirit will carry on in all those who knew her.

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Hartman

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