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— Drag racing legend Don Garlits rips through OBX Speedway Sports, B1

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## The Steamers—through a child's eyes



Sean Jackson/The Chowan Herald

Kevin Yokley, sons Tate and Owen, from left, and wife Jennifer, applaud Edenton's Nick Nosti for scoring the Steamers' first run during a 2-1 win over the Columbia Blowfish Monday. For the Yokleys of Macedonia Road, the game was their first of the season. Tate had been talking about going to the game for three weeks.

By SEAN JACKSON  
Staff Writer

Steamers pitcher Robert Flanagan was busy mowing down Blowfish hitters.

While the hard-throwing lefty was working almost effortlessly through the Columbia, S.C. lineup, brothers Tate and Owen Yokley were cheering Edenton's starter on.

"I hope he strikes them all out," eight-year-old Owen said.

A high, sizzling fastball from Flanagan elicited a "Yes!" from Tate, 5.

Sandwiched between their parents — dad Kevin and mom Jennifer — the brothers were taking in their first Steamers game of the summer. (Edenton downed visiting Columbia, 2-1.)

Kevin Yokley said he brings the fam-

ily to Historic Hicks Field for at least one game each summer.

Monday night's contest was held under a mostly clear sky, with a waxing half moon and mild air temperatures.

For the Yokleys, it was perfect. It was the treat they'd been waiting for.

With dad's job keeping the family from coming to any game except for a Monday night date, the Yokleys had to wait.

The calendar finally rolled around to their night.

"Tate's been talking about it for three weeks," Yokley said.

While his brother hopped up from his grandstand seat to chat with a friend, Tate scrunched his face and watched as Flanagan worked through a scoreless seventh.

Having just nabbed a T-ball trophy

of his own, did Tate think the Steamers were up to par?

"Yeah," he said.

Mom agreed.

"They look really good," she said as the Steamers improved to 11-2 in the North Division race, padding a four-game lead.

The brothers took a few breaks to trot with either mom or dad to the concession stand.

They brought back Airheads candy, bottled water, popcorn and the occasional bag of peanut M&Ms.

Mom and Dad said the whole family looks forward to their night at the ballpark.

"They love it," Jennifer Yokley said as Tate stifled a yawn — still smiling — just before the seventh-inning stretch.

## ELECTION 2007

# Terry Waff pitted against Steve Biggs

Edenton Town Council has first contested race since 1995



Biggs



Waff

By SEAN JACKSON  
Staff Writer

For the first time in a dozen years, the Edenton Town Council has an election race.

Realtor Terry Waff is challenging council incumbent Steve Biggs for one of two at-large seats on the panel.

Waff is currently a member of the town Planning Board.

Biggs, chairman of council's Administrative Committee, is Bertie County's economic developer.

Biggs is serving his third four-year term. He defeated incumbent Maria Crumme in 1995, during an election which had three races — two for council seats, one for mayor.

He did not respond to requests seeking comment for this story.

Waff declined to answer questions this week, saying it was "not a good time."

Sambo Dixon is running unopposed for reelection to his Second Ward seat for a full third term. He was appointed by council in 1997.

Jimmy Stallings filed to return to his First Ward seat for a third term. Stallings is also running unopposed.

Mayor Roland Vaughan is also seeking another term in office, also without opposition. Vaughan was elected to his office in 1995.

Residents have until Oct. 12 to register to vote. One-stop voting begins Oct. 18. The election will be held Nov. 6.

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## Northeast N.C. grows as popular second home spot

by Earline White  
Managing Editor

Carol and Larry Brim never thought about moving to Edenton. That is until their grandchildren came along.

They, like their grandchildren, decided that they wanted a playhouse — a place to get away from a tiresome life spent sitting in Raleigh traffic.

So they looked around in the country, then settled in what they call "the cozy house," a quaint two-bedroom cedar-shaker house in Edenton.

With a swing set in the back for the kids and a garage full of tools for Larry, the Brims couldn't be happier.

Second homes accounted for 36 percent of all residen-

tial property sold in the U.S. last year, according to the National Association of Realtors.

The proximity to the rivers and beaches make eastern N.C. a prime destination.

There's a little bit for everybody in Chowan. Those who don't mind a nice, quiet drive can journey through the country to the big city. Those who love the water need go no further than out their front doors.

"Those looking to buy a second home typically visit two or three times before deciding this is the place for them," Nancy Nicholls with the Chowan County Tourism Development Authority said.

"There's a mix of those choosing Edenton as a second home spot and those

who want to make this their one and only," Nicholls added.

Sarah Tynch with Century 21 Top Sale Realty in town agrees that Edenton and Chowan County may find a new niche in the second home market.

"Because Edenton has gotten such good press coverage for its historic district, people often inquire about moving into the downtown waterfront area," Tynch said.

Just recently Tynch assisted a young couple from Maryland in finding a second home.

"Right now they are coming every vacation and every long weekend they can get away. They know it will be 10 or more years before the possibility of making this their permanent resi-



Carol and Larry Brim have made Edenton their second home away from the bustle of Raleigh.

dence comes to fruition," she said.

Realtor Cindy Twiddy Small agreed that Chowan County has become a destination for those about to retire, but not quite yet.

"Several of our clients are

from the Chesapeake and Suffolk area and are tired of city life," Small said.

"Many of our clients are buying second homes two to 10 years before retirement just to have it," Small said.

Cub Scout Pack 164 invites everyone to join us for a Pinewood Derby. "Seasoned" Scouts as well any boy who is interested in joining us, come on out and join the fun.



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Where: American Legion Post 40

When: Saturday, July 28 at 10:00 a.m.

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