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## County saves \$700K+

### N.C. lawmakers OK Medicaid relief for Chowan, others

By Earline White  
Managing Editor

Chowan County can expect to see a savings of more than \$700,000 per year from recent legislation to bring Medicaid relief to N.C. counties.

Taxes previously paid by all 100 N.C. counties for Medicaid can now remain in the individual counties, County Manager Cliff Copeland said.

Residents may see their tax dollars going into a reserve for local emergency services and school construction, for example.

But Copeland declined to comment on where the extra money would be spent.

"The commissioners have not discussed the issue," Copeland said.

The local board of commissioners decide how to allocate revenues.

"We will have to give up some money to get some, but what we're giving up will outweigh what we'll be losing," Copeland added.

To offset the relief, the state legislature took funding from the counties' corporate sales tax (ADM funds) — nearly \$75,000 — that is used for school construction.

If N.C. counties accept the Medicaid relief, the counties have the option to raise their sales taxes by a quarter-per-

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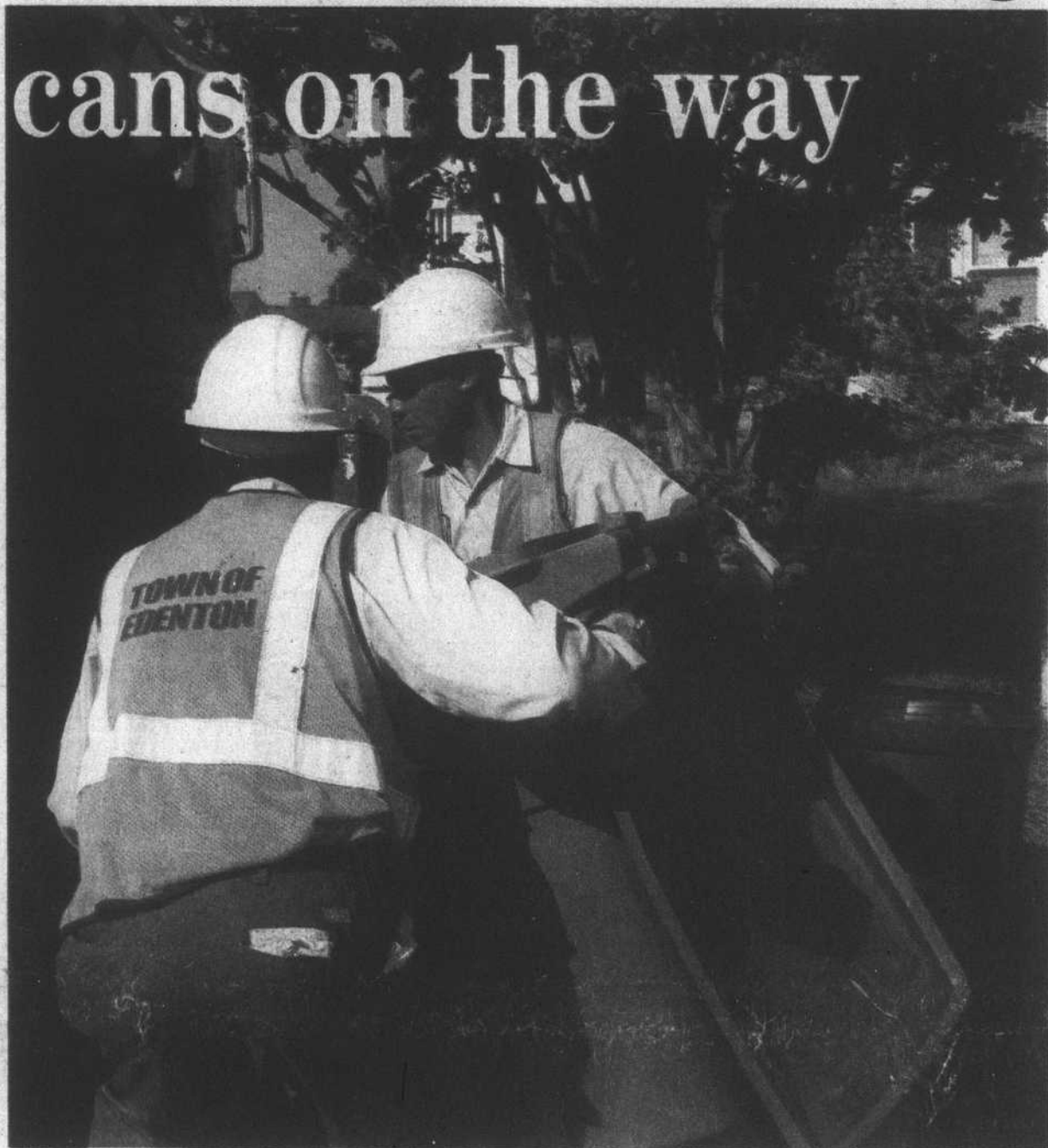
The *Chowan Herald* office will be closed Monday for Labor Day. The deadline for classified, ad and editorial submissions is tomorrow at 3 p.m.

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## New, larger recycling cans on the way



Sean Jackson/The Chowan Herald

**Town sanitation workers Gene Eason, left, and Lionel Rankins pick up trash in Morris Circle Tuesday morning. Edenton officials hope new recycling cans will decrease the amount — and cost — of the town's trash collection. One of the actual cans is shown below.**

By Sean Jackson  
Staff Writer

Get ready for the blue cans. Town officials are gearing up to bring in 500 new recycling cans, with hopes of boosting residents' efforts to recycle.

The new cans would hold from 40 to 64 gallons of recyclables, and would have lids and wheels much like the larger garbage cans many residents use. They would replace the smaller bins the town already provides for recycling.

"We already have had requests from citizens who use the small bins," Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton told town councilors Monday night.

The new cans should arrive in about 10 weeks, public works official Jimmy Patterson said.

Residents will have to sign agreements with the town, stating they will use the new cans for recycling, and that they'll return them if they move out of town.

Knighton said Chowan County

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## Class of 2011 takes next step to bright future

By Earline White  
Managing Editor

A new generation has entered the halls of John A. Holmes.

Shaped by unparalleled advances in technology and dramatic events at home and abroad, Generation Next, as they are dubbed, are optimistic about their lives and their future, even at 8 a.m. on the first day of school.

#### A different era

The class of 2011 has grown up with personal computers, cell phones and the Internet.

They do not remember rotary phones, record players or Ronald Regan.

They use technology like text messaging to keep in contact with friends, and social networking sites like Facebook and MySpace to make new ones.

"The students today are



Simpson Leary Evans Scovens

from a different era," Marjorie Hollowell, 9th grade World History teacher said, as she used her starboard to project the classroom rules on screen.

But the students' aspirations are just like any other class ever to go through the doors of Holmes.

They want to be challenged in school, get a good-paying job, have a family and make a name for themselves.

#### Preparing for the future

Corey Scovens, 15, formerly of Baltimore, walked through the doors of his new high school for

the first time Friday during freshmen orientation.

Nervous and excited, Scovens sat in the back and surveyed what would be his homeroom class and teacher.

History may not be his strongest subject but he looks forward to being challenged this year.

"I want to gain as much knowledge as possible this year," Scovens said.

Scovens realizes that it will be the subjects in which he is weak, not those in which he can make good grades easily, that will help him on the road to success.

Scovens hopes to enter the music industry after attending Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Ga., he said.

Yernita Leary, 16, keeps her head on her desk.

She said she'd rather be sleeping, but knows coming to school and putting forth an effort will solidify her path to becoming a surgeon.

"I'm good at math and science, but better at basketball and football," Leary smiled.

Leary too hopes to move to Atlanta and find a good job and a nice house.

#### Getting adjusted

Timid at first, Dasmine Simpson, 14, walks through her homeroom class door nervous about meeting her teachers.

Her friends assure her it will all be OK.

She quickly opens up when asked what she

wants to do with the rest of her life.

She knows for sure that she wants to study nursing at ECU. By lunch, Simpson feels right at home at her new school.

Nathan Evans, 14, can't wait for PE.

If he could have one class all day long, he'd choose PE, he said.

Evans is among the minority who plans to enter the workforce immediately after high school.

"My dad's an electrician and I've been working with him a little so I'll probably help him," Evans said.

Of last year's graduating class, 9 percent said they would enter the workplace after commencement, 50 percent said they would attend a four-year school, 39 percent said they would attend a two-year school and 2 percent would enter the military.

Have a great  
Labor Day!  
Monday forecast: Sunny, 86

## ELECTION 2007 Biggs, Waff favor pool in town

First in a series  
By Sean Jackson  
Staff Writer

Town officials have struggled with hopes to bring a public swimming pool to Edenton in recent years.

The two candidates for the Town Council's only contested race this fall think the idea is still viable, and could provide valuable recreation to kids and other residents.

The following is the result of question-and-answer sessions *The Chowan Herald* had with incumbent, at-large seat Councilman Steve Biggs and challenger Terry Waff.

Biggs gave his responses during a telephone interview, while Waff responded to the Herald's questions through e-mail.

**The Chowan Herald: What do you think the town could do to bring a public pool to Edenton?**

Biggs: "As a member of the county recreation advisory committee [as council's liaison to that panel], we are working with University Health Systems itself to bring a ViQuest [pool and wellness center to Chowan Hospital]. I'm sure the town would do anything to help further this along. It's not just a pool to learn how to swim in, it's also for cardio rehab patients. People could pay a fee to join, kind of

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The election will be Nov. 7. The deadline for voter registration is Oct. 12.