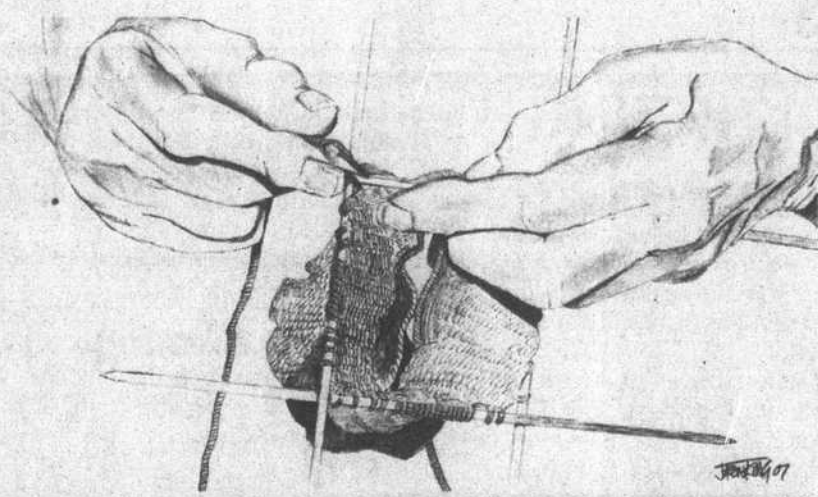


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Group to Lowe's: Forget Edenton

\$5,000 committed to oppose 'big-box' retailer

By Connie Sage
Contributing Writer

Concerned that Edenton will lose its small-town charm, two local men have launched a grassroots campaign to try to keep Lowe's

Home Improvement Center — or any other "big box" store — out of Edenton. Lowe's is one of two anchors proposed for Edenton Commons, a 38-acre shopping center on N.C. Highway 32 North.

Plans for the 40-store complex were submitted to the town last week by developer Wheeler Interests of Norfolk, Va. Mark Reilly and Julien Mordecai on Saturday began raising money to boost

public awareness of the impact that Lowe's could have on downtown.

Within three days, a dozen residents had committed \$5,000, according to Reilly, which he said may be used to hire an attorney to fight the proposal, or for a consultant to look into economic ramifications a shopping

center might have on downtown Edenton homeowners and businesses.

"We're asking the town to make a decision in a rational manner about Edenton Commons and the implication that it has for the unique nature of the town," said Reilly, an art dealer and retired computer software

executive on West King Street. "We want to be seen as progressive," he said. "At the same time, we want to preserve the very values that brought and have kept us all in Edenton."

Anchors for the proposed retail complex are Lowe's

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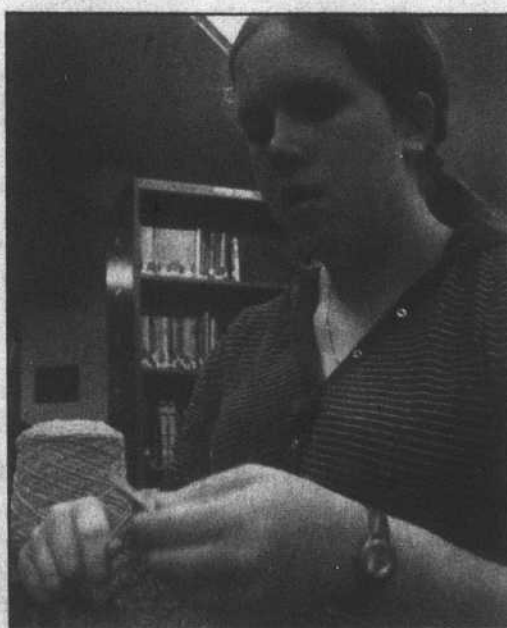
By Earline White
Managing Editor

While her classmates played with their cellphones and their iPods, Jennifer Argent, 15, sat on the sidelines this past summer at band camp, knitting gloves.

Freshmen would pass her by, giving her quizzical looks. They said "You really are a granny!" and she'd laugh.

She doesn't mind the jokes. She admits that she is a grandmother in training.

"When I get my permit I want to start a knitting club," Argent said, "and call it the FGA — the Future Grandmothers of America."



From left, Holmes students Jennifer Argent and Jenni-Lea Slattery work on their knitting techniques.

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learned to knit. He would sit in class all day and knit. "By the end of the year he had a nine-foot-long scarf and better grades. It was a special case, but you've got to try different things to get through."

Trying new things is something Argent's first-year Spanish teacher, Barbara Cavanagh, is willing to do.

Cavanagh is intrigued by the craft and is hoping to learn how to knit from her student who carries a couple of projects along with her.

"She can do whatever she wants with her hands as long as she's speaking Spanish," Cavanagh said.

"I wouldn't say it's an obsession," Argent laughed. Wearing her second finished piece, a small

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Town OKs industrial park growth

By Sean Jackson
The Chowan Herald

Local officials expect an expansion of Edenton's industrial park to create new jobs.

The Town Council unanimously approved Phase II of the industrial park, located next to Northeast Regional Airport.

Officials did not say what type — or how many — jobs the expansion could create.

The 76-acre site connects with the current park, where development began about nine years ago.

That existing park has already created nearly 400 jobs, Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Richard Bunch said.

"Right now, this will

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Stitching new skills

Washington High School in Norfolk.

"It's a way to keep busy and out of trouble," Slattery said of knitting — something her former librarian taught her.

When she transferred to John A. Holmes she had no idea that she could bring knitting needles to school. Now she is never without them.

While sitting in the li-

brary, Slattery works on part of a light blue and purple blanket that will be knitted and purled into an afghan for her mom.

"You have to do whatever you can to get through to kids," said Catherine Baker, math teacher and advisor with the high school's newly found knitting club.

"And some kids need to

have something in their hands. Knitting is very calming. By concentrating on one thing like knitting, it opens the mind for others," Baker said.

Jessica Ordenez, biology teacher at Holmes and crotcheter, agreed.

"Back at Eastern Randolph High School where I used to teach, we had a crochet club. I had one student who was ADHD and he

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OLF panel to review new sites

By Sean Jackson
Staff Writer

Local officials are guessing that a panel appointed by the governor will not review a previously proposed Navy airfield site within 25 miles of Edenton.

That airfield site — in Washington and Beaufort counties — has been staunchly opposed by area residents for several years.

The grassroots opposition was joined by state and federal officials, prompting the Navy to review other sites. Gov. Mike Easley has reactivated a panel to aid efforts in locating the Navy's touch-and-go airfield in North Carolina.

"I assume that the Navy,

or this new committee, will not be reviewing the sites listed in the last impact statement," Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland said.

"But we should know more in the coming weeks," Edenton Mayor Roland Vaughan said the move is in the right direction.

"I think it appropriate for the governor to re-activate the panel to check for alternate sites for an OLF in North Carolina," he said.

Like Copeland, Vaughan still opposes an airfield coming to Washington and Beaufort counties — within several miles of a national wildlife refuge.

"I have not changed my opinion that an OLF in



the Northeast is not a fit and should be located elsewhere," Vaughan said.

The six potential new sites include two each in Camden and Gates counties.

Easley has joined local officials in trying to keep the airfield away from the refuge.

"The Navy has agreed to

reopen consideration of information about possible alternative sites," Easley said in a news release in advance of the panel's first meeting yesterday.

Opponents have said the site near Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge would pose a hazard to migratory waterfowl and jet pilots.



It's Fair time!

The 60th annual Chowan Regional Fair kicks off Tuesday, with gates opening at 4 p.m. The fair runs through Saturday, Sept. 29. Tickets are \$10 in advance, \$12 at the gate.

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