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FOOTBALL

Team ends losing skid in upset

TENNIS

Squad sends six to state tourney

Community must help stop gangs

Next public forum set for Nov. 1

By Sean Jackson
Staff Writer

Efforts to curb gang-related crime in Edenton and Chowan County are working, Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin said.

But more community involvement is needed to keep those efforts successful, he added.

"If we don't get the community behind us," Goodwin said, "we're not going anywhere with this."

Goodwin was one of 25 people on hand for a gang task force meeting in Edenton last week.

Task force members discussed a recently completed assessment of the issues the town and county have had with gangs for the past two-plus years.

Although 80 gang-related incidents and arrests occurred in that span, most of the crime involved "wannabes," not bona fide gangs, consultant Linda Hester has said.

Goodwin said his deputies and town police officers have worked hard to curb those crimes over the past year.

"I think we're doing a lot of things in the right direction," he said. "It's not a gloom and doom situation. We've got a long way to go, but we've got a lot of success stories."

Officials have confiscated manuals from students that spell out how the California-based Bloods and Crips gangs operate, Goodwin added.

Deputy Ken Townsend, the resource officer at John A. Holmes High School, said he has confiscated notes passed between students that describe what local graffiti means.

Task force member Ben Rose agreed that good work is being done to stem the problem.

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Caught up in FISHING



Sean Jackson/The Chowan Herald

From left, Tabitha Benfield, Zacy Mitzke, 10, and Matthew Winebarger, also 10, fish for "the big one" during Saturday's free fishing event at the Edenton National Fish Hatchery. The event was held to try to reduce the overpopulated catfish stock.

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Four-year-old Caleb Bunch peered into the ice chest where the recently caught big striper swished around in a little bit of pond water.

Other kids from Cub Scout Pack 164 crowded around to take a peek at the 10-pound-plus fish hauled in by Matthew Winebarger.

The kids were taking part in a free fishing event at the Edenton National Fish Hatchery early Saturday.

"She has a belly full of eggs," Winebarger said during a brief break in casting for more lunkers.

Hatchery director Stephen

Jackson said the pond had been stocked with striped bass, bluegill, largemouth bass, catfish, various perch, and a few mullet.

The fact the sun stayed behind the morning clouds helped the young anglers, Jackson said.

"[The fish] like it when it's darker," he said. "They feel safe."

Hatchery staff supplied all the tackle, bait and fishing rods the kids would need, though some brought their own gear.

"They provided everything we needed," Scout leader Ricky Winebarger said. "All we had to do was show up at 7 o'clock."

Minnnows proved to be the

most popular bait among the 30 kids. A few parents also joined in the fun.

Renzo Benavides patiently awaited his first catch an hour into the event.

"I got a nibble," Benavides said with a shrug. "But I didn't pull it in fast enough."

Ryan Tunney caught his first-ever fish — a bluegill.

"He's having a good time," his mom Julie Tunney said as Ryan tossed another minnow into the water, trying to haul in one more fish on the day.

Jackson, the hatchery director, said the only surprise of the day was that the large and abundant catfish weren't biting.

"For some reason, they're not hungry."

Moore honored for lifetime of work

Local historian says she's blessed to have spent much of her life in Edenton

Special to Chowan Herald
By Linda Jordan Eure

Edenton resident, Elizabeth Vann Moore, 95, was honored last week with a lifetime historian award for her regional and local work.

The award was presented by Harry Warren with the N.C. Maritime History Council during its 17th annual conference held last week in Edenton.

"Moore's work in documenting the history and architecture of important structures in Edenton has earned her the respect and admiration of scholars throughout North Carolina," Warren said.

Among her worthy accomplishments is her preparation and research for all nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for the Town of Edenton and Chowan County, including three National Historic Landmark properties.

Moore's hallmark is researching primary documents to reveal factual accounts of the history of the Albemarle region to take the place of legends and myths resulting from generations of embellishment.

She has devoted six decades to research, to writing, and to providing a wealth of information



Moore

which has been used in numerous publications about the area's past.

A humbled Moore said that

she was delighted to find people interested in getting back to the facts. "My greatest blessing is living in Edenton," Moore said.

William S. Powell, Moore's mentor and friend, was present for the presentation. Powell is professor emeritus of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

His many books include North Carolina through Four Centuries, which won the 1989 Mayflower Cup for nonfiction.

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The scholarship and significance of Moore's research and writing have been recognized by the Cannon Cup of the Historic Preservation Society of North Carolina, lifetime achievement award of the Edenton Historical Commission, North Carolina Society Award, and establishment of the Elizabeth Vann Moore Biennial Series for Preservation Studies in 1999.

Moore received her B.A.

from UNC Chapel Hill in 1933 and M.A. from Columbia University in 1938.

She taught at All Saints College in Vicksburg, Miss. 1934-1936 & 1938-1939, and at St. Catherine's School in Richmond, Va. 1939-1942.

She worked as a specifications clerk for the Navy during construction of the air base at Edenton 1942-1943 and American Red Cross home services officer in Edenton 1944-1947.

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