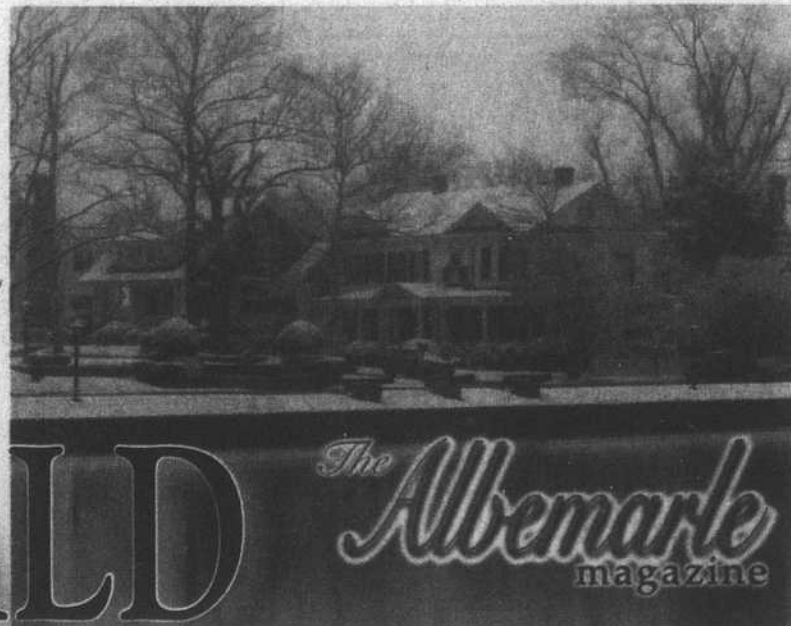


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Developer defends plans for Lowe's in Edenton

By Sean Jackson
Staff Writer

Developer John Wheeler said he never promised to bring a Farm Fresh Supermarket to his Edenton shopping center.

But last night he did promise that his revised plans for Edenton Commons would benefit the town and Chowan County.

Wheeler and members of his development team were among a contingent of people who spoke to the Town Council during a tense public hearing at Swain Auditorium.

Of the more than 100 people on hand for the hearing, roughly a third had signed up to speak.

"This is an interstate location that will not compete,

but will compliment downtown," Wheeler said. "We're creating jobs and creating dollars."

Not everyone was convinced.

"We're trying to figure out if this is a good thing for our community," Councilman Sambo Dixon said.

The public hearing was still underway at press time.

Wheeler said the previous owner of the property had a deal with Farm Fresh, but that his firm never did.

"Farm Fresh said Farm Fresh is coming," he said. "We don't lie, and we don't bait-and-switch."

Wheeler said Edenton Commons could create more than 300 jobs — most of those part-time.

In addition, the center

Developer touted economic, job gains from proposed project

Some councilors questioned if its benefits outweighed its risks

would attract new shoppers from surrounding counties, a market Edenton currently doesn't serve, he said.

Mayor Roland Vaughan questioned if the shopping center would harm the downtown business district. "That's my concern," Vaughan said.

VETERANS DAY 2007

Families honor local fallen heroes



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From left, Etta Hurdle Bateman, Alene Dale Hollowell and Erma Jernigan Slade, sisters of local fallen soldiers, were on hand for the unveiling of a new monument Sunday afternoon.

By Earline White
Managing Editor

Etta Hurdle Bateman, 93, held a single red rose in her delicate hands.

She made her way warily from her chair to the front of the crowd to place the rose on a new monument honoring her brother, William M. Hurdle, and the many other Chowan County soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Bateman lingered briefly after the Veterans Day Ceremony ended and its 300 or so attendees went their separate ways.

Perhaps she was saying a prayer for her brother. Or perhaps she was praying for those families going through the same thing her family did so long ago.

"It was not the politician, philosopher, poet nor journalist that gave birth to this nation. It was the soldier with a rifle," said Maj. Gen. (ret) Joe W. Rigby with the U.S. Army, speaker at the annual Veterans Day Ceremony.

"Soldiers are ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances. They are warriors and benefactors; the most potent weapon a country can have.

For a nation to be successful there must be people to protect its borders, way of life and friends overseas. When others turned away it was the soldiers who answered the call.

The United States is still the land of the free because of the brave," Rigby said.

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Biggs credits voting record for victory



Biggs



Waff

By Sean Jackson
Staff Writer

Steve Biggs won election to his at-large Town Council seat a dozen years ago by unseating an incumbent.

Last week, Biggs fended off his first challenger, Terry Waff, in a tightly contested election.

While most voters polled Nov. 6 were mum about their choice, two voters said they opted for Biggs because of his experience.

Biggs said he'd hoped voters would consider his record of service on council, including the fact he's voted for a tax increase just one time in his three terms.

"Hopefully," he said, "they liked what I have done in the past. The people themselves saw what they wanted, what they already had, and decided it was worth keeping."

Biggs edged Waff by slightly more than 20 votes, garnering just more than 51 percent of the 700-plus votes cast.

Waff said she enjoyed running for elected office for the first time. She has been a member of the town Planning Board for the past two years.

"It was a learning experience and I got to meet and talk with a lot of really nice people and made new friends," she said. "I consider that winning."

Early in her campaign, Waff said Biggs had a conflict of interest serving on council while working as the economic development director for Bertie County.

Councilman Jerry Parks said he didn't consider Waff's statement mud-slinging.

"I am unaware of any negative aspects of the Waff campaign," Parks said.

Biggs agreed.

"I thought it was a good-run campaign," he said of Waff's bid for his at-large seat.

"I tried to stick to the issues at hand," Biggs added, "as to what I felt, and what I'd heard other people say, was good for the Town of Edenton."

With another four-year term set to begin next month, Biggs said he wants to focus on improving the town's infrastructure — especially sewer services and streets.

"We've got some problems," he said. "And that's because our infrastructure is old."

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Charlie Daniels entertains crowd of 3,000

By Earline White
Managing Editor

It's been a long time since any one local spot hosted such a large number of good ole country boys (and girls) at one setting.

Whether it was black, white, clean, dirty, ten gallon or kiddie size — there was a never-ending display of cowboy hats Sunday night. But none quite so large as that of country legend, Charlie Daniels.

Patriot and recipient of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Public Service, Daniels took the stage at the American Legion Post 40 Sunday night with nearly 3,000 people hollering him on.

He fiddled away for nearly two hours delivering exactly what the people wanted to hear — rock to western swing, many of his hits including, "The South's Gonna Do It (Again)" and a sampling from his newest album, Deuces, released last week.

It was an extra special night for 11-year-old Joshua Saver who got a chance to meet the award-winning musician and get his autograph.



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Shaver was shy at first but speechless after Daniels told him to keep practicing his guitar playing, even after his fingers get a little sore.

Shaver's mom admitted that her son's favorite band was Rascal Flatts, but after the Charlie Daniels' Veterans Day show, Shaver may have changed his mind.

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