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Regulator Marine's
Joan Maxwell
chosen as the BPW
Woman of the Year

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"I'm not sure the public will respond well to some Johnny-come-lately."
— Eddy Goodwin



Democrats consider challenge to unopposed Republican

By Vernon Fueston
Contributing Writer

In a surprise move that drew fire from the Republican opposition, local Democrats announced tentative plans to mount an opposition candidate in the second district commissioners' race.

If the Democrats enter a new candidate after the primary elections have been completed, he would have to run as unaffiliated, not as a Democrat, according to Rebecca Lowe of the county's elections office.

To get on the ballot, Democrats must raise a petition signed by at least 4 percent of the district's 4,210 voters.

The 169 signatures required would have to be gleaned from the district's Democratic, Republican and unaffiliated voters.

The new Democratic candidate would face Republican Eddy Goodwin. Bill Gardner, Jr., a Republican, currently holds that seat.

Gardner, a Republican, was beaten in Chowan County's primary elections, May 6, by Goodwin, 323/208. It was the first Republican primary held in memory.

No opposition candidate had been named by the Democrats to run against Gardner before the primary elections. Now that the Democrats are facing Goodwin, a non-incumbent, they are

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MEMORIAL DAY 2008 We remember



Tom Salak, veteran of the 5th and 10th Special Forces served in Vietnam.

Story & photos by Vernon Fueston
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More than 250 people attended the American Legion Post 40's annual Memorial Day Service Monday.

The sky was clear with just enough breeze to flutter the flags now and then as veterans, young and not so young, gathered to honor the nation's veterans.

The public was invited to sign a register with the names of departed veterans. Almost everybody entered a name.

Beside the veterans memorial two vets paused to look down at their feet where memorial bricks listed the names of the county's fallen veterans.

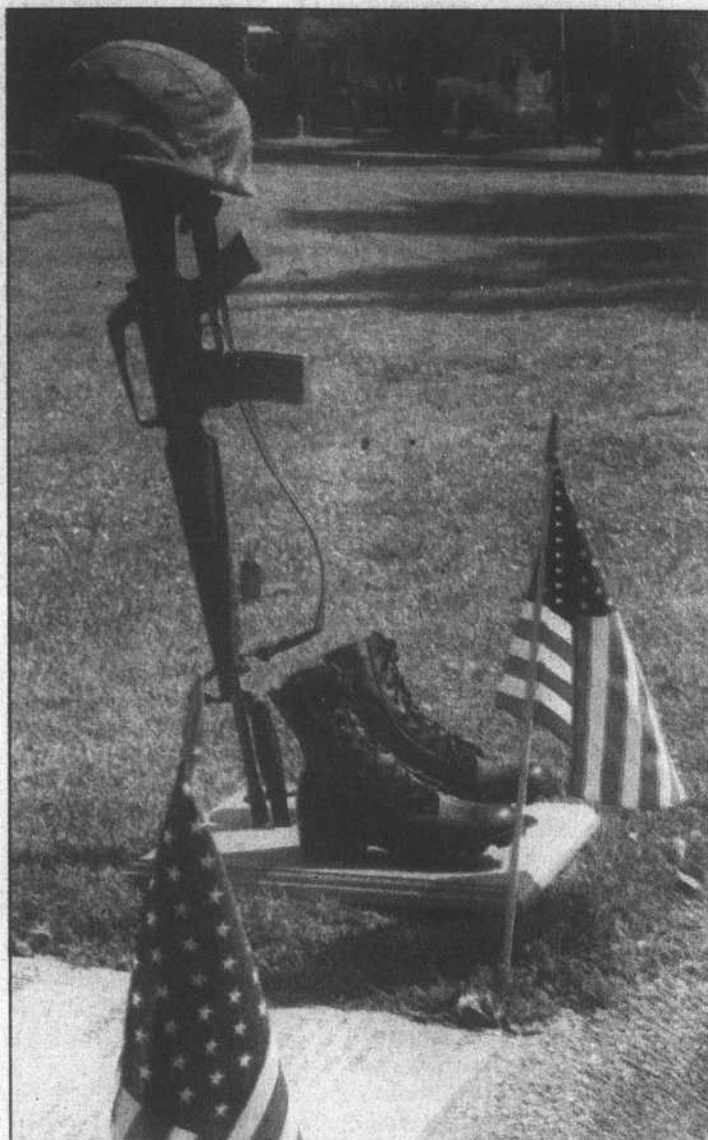
As they read the names, they spoke in quiet tones.

And in attendance were veterans of all ages.

Some wore baseball caps with their unit names or simply the branch of service in which they served.

There were caps or insignia from the Second World War, Korea, and Vietnam. Others had fresher memories.

They laughed, they greeted friends, and here and there, they paused to remember those who



The Fallen Soldier memorial on display at the ceremony.

could not attend.

Commander Ken Staab of Edenton's American Legion Post 40 reminded the crowd that regardless of how individual Americans might feel about their country's present conflicts, for America's fighting men and women, the debate is immaterial.

They do their job for us.

There were wreaths laid by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, The Sons of the American Legion, Ameri-

can Legion Auxilliary, and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Billy Nixon read a poem, "Uncommon Soldier," Tracy Smith, associate pastor at Rocky Hock Baptist Church, sang the national anthem and Lt. Col. Cindy Davis, USAF/Ret. made a speech.

Then taps was played by buglers Roy Mollendopf and Larry Privott as the flag was raised from half staff to full.

New park on hold until grant approval

By Rebecca Bunch
Staff Writer

The town's plan to purchase land for a proposed park located off of Hwy. 32 South will have to wait for now.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said the town has learned that its project was not among those selected for funding by the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund during its first round of picks last Friday.

However, Knighton said, the town's application will be reconsidered during a second round of selections scheduled to take place in July.

The \$500,000 PARTF grant was one of two applied for by the town to help pay the \$897,000 asking price for 14 1/2 acres of land owned by Edenton Realtor John Dowd and his brother, Tim, where the park would be located.

"The (PARTF) grant requires a match," Knighton said. "We applied for a grant to the NC Clean Water Trust Fund for the match and additional funds. That grant application totaled \$684,000."

Coke Avenue bisects the two tracts of land — one, 9 1/2 acres and the other 5.1 acres where the park would be established.

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Maxwell named BPW's woman of the year

By Rebecca Bunch
Staff Writer

Regulator Marine President and co-owner Joan Maxwell has been named the "Woman of the Year" by the Edenton Business and Professional Women's Club.

Maxwell accepted the award from BPW President Julia Hassell during a dinner Thursday evening.

Maxwell said the honor came as a surprise.

"I was completely blown away," she said, "and deeply honored to have been thought worthy of this award."

Maxwell, a native of Fairfield, N.C., is one of four children. She graduated from Mattamuskeet High School and earned a degree in history from UNC-Chapel Hill.

She and her husband Owen met and married here while they were both working for the Rich Management Co.

In 1988, they began their own boat-building company, Regulator Marine.

Ten years later, the Maxwells were named the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce Businesspersons of the Year.

That same year, Regulator Marine was named the state's Outstanding Small Business by the *North Carolina Business* magazine.



Maxwell

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Gas, food on the rise

Schools systems hit hardest with increasing milk, transportation costs statewide

By Rebecca Bunch
Staff Writer

While motorists fret at the gas pump, those who prepare meals for schools and senior citizens in our community are worried too.

Karen Tynch, director of nutrition for the Edenton-Chowan Schools, said that the cost of food and supplies such as napkins has increased over the last year anywhere from 5 to 35 percent "depending on the item."

The Edenton-Chowan school system's Child Nutrition Program spent \$34,000 more in food and supplies from August to December than it did during the same time period last year, Tynch said.

"When we did milk bids last summer," she added, "prices went up 35 percent. With that increase we anticipate (we will have) spent \$25,000 more for milk this school year than the previous year."

As a result, the price a child pays for a meal at school rose from \$1.50 to \$1.75.

Tynch said there are no plans so far to raise prices again prior to the beginning of school next fall, but added, "We will be watching our expenses very closely to see if prices need to be increased."

Seniors holding their breath

Someone else who is watching food prices closely is Darlene Harrell, director of the senior nutrition program for the Albemarle Commission.

That program provides 450 meals every week-day to senior citizens in a six-county area that includes Chowan, Camden, Currituck, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans.

She said that at present the commission is nearing the halfway mark in a two-year contract it has with Golden Corral to prepare meals for those counties.

Harrell said so far the restaurant chain has not asked for an increase in the amount stipulated in their contract for meals preparation.

"We have been very fortunate," she said. "So far, we have not sustained any increases with our meals, and we have not lost any of our Meals on Wheels volunteers due to rising fuel costs. I'm holding my breath and hoping that continues to be the case."

Harrell said that voluntary donations are accepted to help pay for the costs of those eating lunch at the Chowan Senior Center and other nutrition sites run by the commission, but that the commission is not allowed to charge specific amounts for meals due to the provisions of the Older American Act passed by Congress.

So, the center must depend on state block grants, as well as county funds and donations, to operate its programs.

"Chowan County has been very generous" in its support of the program, Harrell said.

On the road, or not

Motorists, on the other hand, are having to cut costs elsewhere in order to pay ever higher gasoline prices. One way they are doing that is staying closer to home.

According to a AAA Carolinas press release, for the second straight year no increase in holiday travel was anticipated over the Memorial Day weekend. AAA estimated that over 805,000 North Carolinians — roughly the same number as last year — were expected to travel more than 50 miles from home during the weekend.

The press release also noted that since Easter, the price of gasoline has jumped 51 cents a gallon, setting record high prices at the pump nearly every day.

According to AAA Carolinas, since this same time period last year the price of gasoline in North Carolina has risen 64 cents a gallon.

Still, AAA Carolinas predicts the much-dreaded \$4 a gallon for gasoline in the state will not happen.

"While upward pressures may increase gasoline prices this summer, no one can predict the countervailing effect of travelers motoring shorter distances and daily gasoline conservation practices," the release says.

Yard Sale 8 am - 1 pm
All other Events 11 am - 2 pm
200 Bandon Rd., Arrowhead Beach, Edenton

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SATURDAY, MAY 31ST

Multi-Family Yard Sale • Bake Sale • BBQ Plates • Pony Rides

All proceeds to benefit: Bandon Chapel Women of the Church, Men of the Church and United States Equine Rescue League