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Budget woes likely to cost COA services

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Between the College of The Albemarle's need for more local funding and Chowan County's budget crisis, there are concerns about the community college's future here in Edenton.

In a Nov. 17 joint meeting, COA officials informed Chow-

an County Commissioners that the college would require funding for a campus consolidation, as much as \$5.6 million for the school's preferred option, and the annual budget restoration of \$81,000. County leaders



Hurdle-Winslow



Rascoe

informed college representatives that money remains tight, but that it would work with the school to seek alternate funding. Where that funding might come from is uncertain, as is the future relationship between the county and college.

But, days after the joint meeting both parties were dousing any hint of a strained relationship. "Our goal is to reach a workable scenario to move all programs, faculty and staff from the current administration building to the Edenton-Chowan campus site in a manner that is positive for all involved," said Lynn Hurdle-Winslow, dean of the Edenton

campus, on Friday.

Hurdle-Winslow said the college welcomed the opportunity to continue to pursue an "open dialogue" with the county and other partners currently housed at the former D.F. Walker school site.

Those partners include the Edenton-Schools, Parks and Recreation and the D.F. Walker Alumni Association.

Also on Friday, Peter Rascoe, county manager, echoed

those sentiments.

"I would hope that we could work out an agreement with some sort of reduction in services," Rascoe said.

"The College of Albemarle is an asset to the community and I'm concerned that is getting lost in the rhetoric," he added.

Richard Bunch, executive director of the Edenton

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County appoints new DSS director

By Ritchie E. Starnes
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On Friday, the Chowan County Department of Social Services Board approved the hiring of W. Clifton Hardison as its new director.

Hardison, 52, has been the deputy director at Martin County's department of social services for the past 5 1/2 years of his 10 1/2 year tenure. It was that specific experience that separated Hardison from three other finalist, according to Mary Rhea Jones, board chairman.

"He's really got the experience under his belt," Jones said. "He had more experience than any other candidate."

"We are mightily excited that he accepted," she added.

Hardison said Monday that he is excited to begin the post, which begins Jan. 1.

"I'm very excited and honored that the social services board chose me," Hardison said. "I've always liked Edenton, its downtown area, and the surrounding water."

Chowan County has been without a DSS director since June when the former director, Ben Rose, left for Cabarrus County. Because of the county's budget shortfall, the position was subject to a six-month hiring freeze.

Jones said she warned Hardison of the current financial challenges facing the county.

Hardison downplayed the county's budget woes.

"Every agency has unique challenges, but I don't expect anything different that other DSS agencies face," Hardison said.

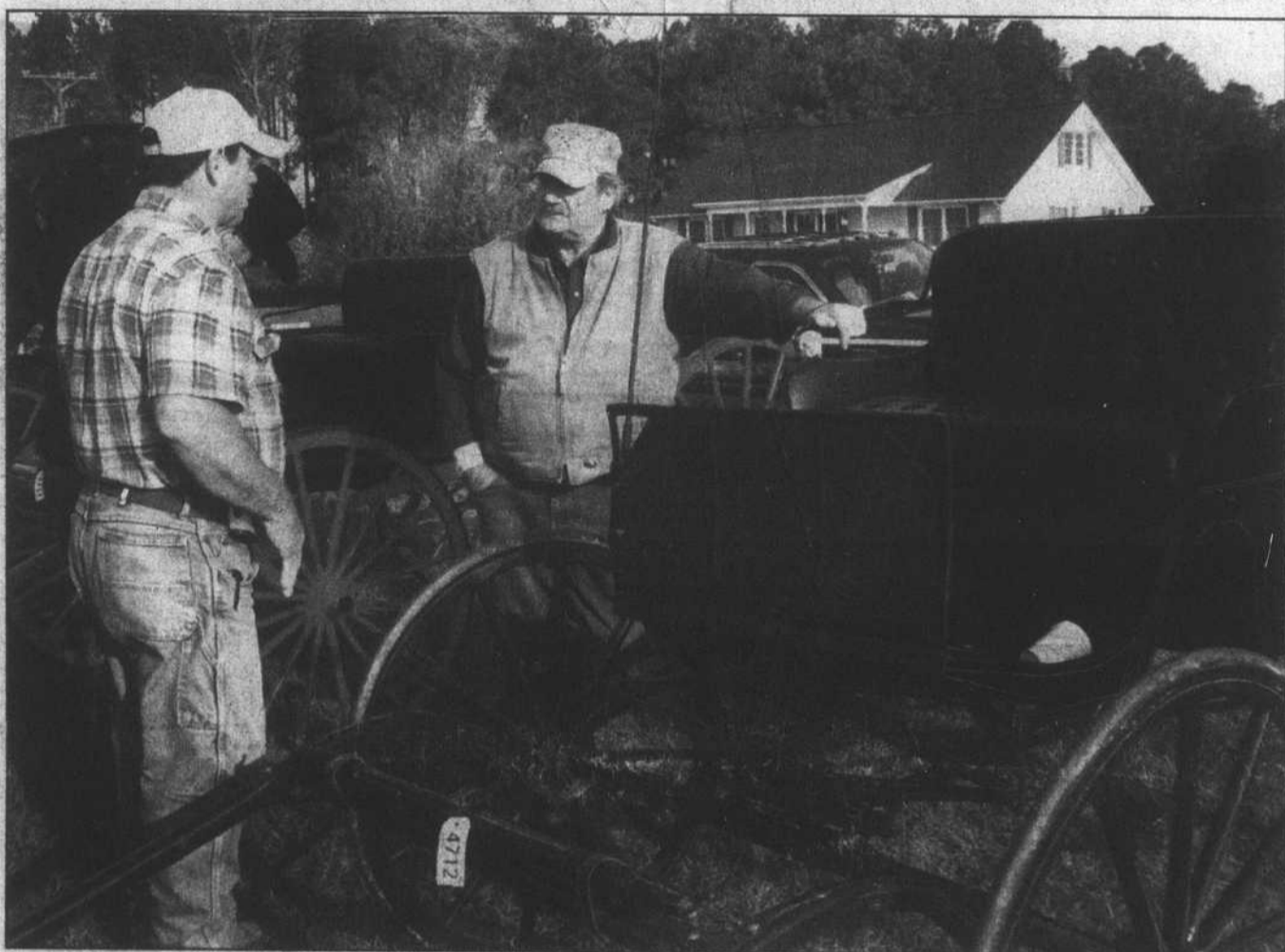
"I'm looking forward to going to work and doing the best job possible for Chowan County," he added.

Hardison joined Martin County's DSS as a child support agent. He also worked with the Washington Police Department.

Jones said the DSS board plans to make a formal announcement about Hardison's hiring at its Dec. 15 meeting with a reception for his arrival to follow in January.

Hardison and his wife of 31 years have four sons.

Buggies gone to auction



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Collectors-turned-bidders milled around the farm of Worth Hare, where his collection of horse-drawn buggies and antique farming tools and implements were available per Saturday's auction.

Buggy collection ends with auction

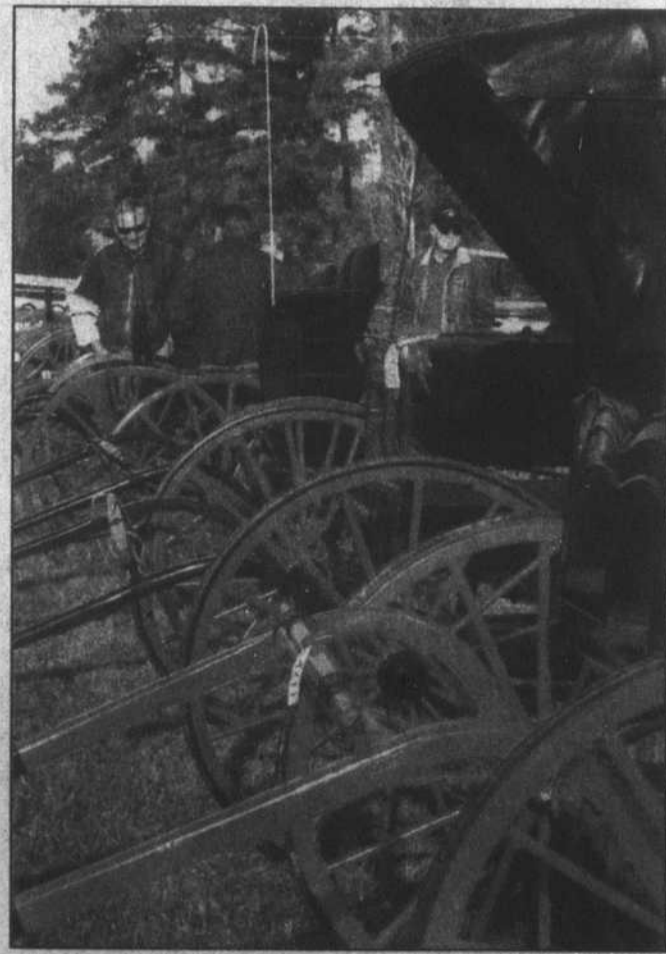
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It was a scene one would expect to see in Pennsylvania - horse-drawn buggies, plows and seeders lined side by side in the dewy field. Kerosene lamps, tractor seats and riding disk harrows dating from decades ago saturated the remainder of the fenced-in plot. On Saturday, collectors from throughout the northeast and Tidewater region pulled up alongside the white pickets for Worth Hare's auction of such American remnants.

Whether they were there to buy, to look or to reminiscence (after all, the majority of the spectators could recall Sunday carriage rides), it was the buggy collection that drew bidders from all over.

Among the buyers was Franklin, Virginia Mayor Jim Councill who came to buy one (but took home two) buggies made by the Franklin Buggy Company.

Behind his wide sunglasses, Councill remained cool as the price veered upward. He nodded his head, with nearly no motion at



all, upping the bid. Battling Councill for the buggy was a phone-in bidder. The red, black leather, gently used one-seat buggy quickly

climbed beyond \$1,000 before it was discovered the phone-in bidder was none other than Councill's friend making sure one carriage

Several horse-drawn buggies belonging to collector Worth Hare are seen on display at an auction at Hare's farm, Saturday.

went back 'home.'

Councill laughed later about his friend running up the price and wondered what he was going to do with two buggies - he only needed one. Councill said he had scoured the country looking for a buggy for the foyer of the newly renovated Franklin Buggy Company building. A fellow town employee heard about the Chowan auction, but apparently forgot that Councill said he would go.

Lloyd Winslow of Halifax County knew exactly what to do with his two-seat buggy - take his wife on a ride. And Mack Winslow, though he tried, wanted to be able to take a Sunday afternoon ride as well.

But riding in style comes at a price. The most popular buggy sold for \$3,600. And that price was too high for Winslow.

Two decades worth of

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State award eludes Smith

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GREENSBORO — Montgomery County Schools Superintendent Donna C. Peters was named the 2010 A. Craig Phillips North Carolina Superintendent of the Year, edging out fellow nominee Edenton - Chowan County Schools Superintendent Allan Smith.



Smith

Smith joined the other nominees at the Nov. 17 award ceremony in Greensboro. The nomination marked the second time that Smith had been

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Reported stolen van victim charged

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An Edenton woman who reported that her van was stolen and later fished out of the Pamlico Creek has been jailed on multiple charges that she staged the theft to collect on the insurance, according to police.



Wilson

Edenton police charged Tamika Renee Wilson, 33, on Nov. 18, the day after divers located her 2000 Ford Windstar van in more than 20 feet of water near the Bolton Bridge on Mexico Road, according to police Chief Jay Fortenberry.

Wilson has been charged

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This Sunday, November 29
10:30 am Family Life Center
Edenton United Methodist Church
225 Virginia Road - 252.482.3269

"EYES OF FAITH"
A service celebrating the life and music of famed gospel hymnist Fanny Crosby.
A dynamic multi-media presentation and music by three choirs of the church.

Celebrations
Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors

Join us at 9:30 for a Pancake and Sausage breakfast in Fellowship Hall; this will be a great service to begin the Advent Season. You're all invited!

Three choirs, including Symphonies of Praise children, will sing such Crosby hymns as "Blessed Assurance" and "Jesus is Tenderly Calling Me Home." Program under the direction of Celebrations worship leader Brian Smith and music director Bruce Lee.