



## Car slams into tree, kills teen

**Victim not wearing seat belt**

*From staff reports*

He was known for joking around with his customers at the Food Lion in Hertford and for his loud bass music thumping from his green 1999 Ford Taurus as he drove around town.

Food Lion employees were expecting to see Sean Jones arrive at work at 8 a.m. Saturday morning in his favorite ride. After all, he was a hard worker and a dependable cashier/bagger at the local grocery store.

When he didn't show up for work, his co-workers

were saddened to learn that Jones, 19, was killed hours earlier around 1:30 a.m. in a single-car crash in Chowan County.

"He was always very funny, always joking around with customers and with us," said co-worker Ashley Moore, who worked with Jones for about three years. "All of us here are very close, but we're doing OK."

Jones died at the scene of the accident on Yeopim Road about 2.5 miles east of Edenton, according to the N.C. Highway Patrol. He was driving his 1999 Ford east in the direction of his home when he ran off the shoulder and slammed into a tree in the front yard of a

residence, said trooper S.C. Heath. The residents of the house were sleeping, however, they were awakened from the sound of the impact, Heath added.

Neither speed nor alcohol is believed to have been a factor in the fatality, Heath said. A toxicology report is pending. Although Jones was not ejected from the car, he was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, Heath said.

Lee Jones described his son as clean-cut teenager who was killed a week shy of his 20th birthday.

"He was a good kid," said Lee Jones, choking back tears. "He didn't smoke or drink."

Lee Jones said his son belonged to a car club - Unlimited Riders - a group of owners of older, larger cars.

"He was working his way up to a larger car," Lee Jones said.

Sean, a music enthusiast, provided the club with a sound system in his car that reverberated as it passed by, Jones said.

"I was told that he had the best sound system in the club," he added.

Jones lived at 366 Burnt Mill Road in Perquimans County and was believed to be traveling home at the time of the crash.



**SUBMITTED PHOTO**

Sean Jones stands beside his '99 Ford Taurus, showing off his car's sound system. Jones was killed early Saturday morning when his car slammed into a tree off Yeopim Road in Chowan County.

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## Market to take food stamps

**By REBECCA BUNCH**  
*Staff Writer*

Those who receive food stamps from the federal government are now eligible to receive another benefit — the ability to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from the Edenton Farmers Market.

Beginning Saturday, the market will be able to accept EBT (debit) cards issued through the local Department of Social Services.

Vero Brentjens, a co-founder of the market along with other members of the Chowan-Edenton Environmental Group, explained that once the debit cards are swiped she will in turn issue SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) tokens in an amount equal to what the person plans to spend at the market.

"Whatever they get (in food stamps) per month is put on their card as a credit," Brentjens said. "And if they are spending \$10 at the market I will give them 10 tokens so that they can go to the vendor and purchase what they want. And that is the way it works."

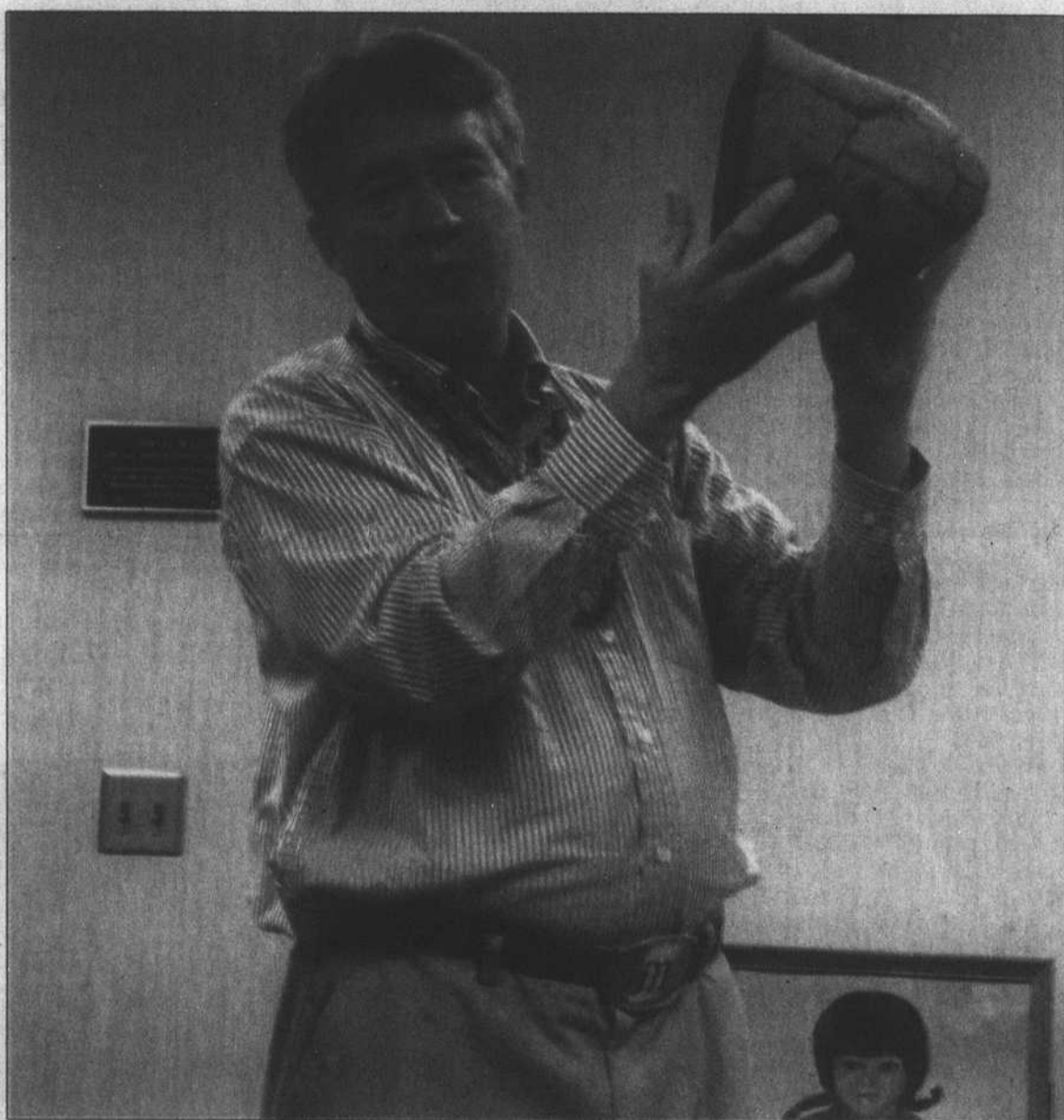
With the economy in such turmoil, Brentjens said, this is an opportunity that is timely for many who are without employment.



**Brentjens**

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## HISTORY ON DISPLAY



**STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH**

David McCall shows a clay pot he discovered as a teenager at an intact Native American village in Chowan County. McCall will be displaying his collection at the Barker House Gallery's exhibit on Native Americans in Chowan County, which opens Aug. 18 with a reception from 4-6 p.m.

### Barker House to exhibit Native American artifacts

**By REBECCA BUNCH**  
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For more than three decades David McCall of Edenton has been sharing and talking about the Native American artifacts he collected as a young man.

Next Thursday afternoon the artifacts will go on exhibit at the Barker House's second floor gal-

lery. A reception is planned from 4-6 p.m. and the public is invited.

McCall said he is pleased to have the opportunity to make the items — and the history behind them — available for public viewing.

"I guess you would call this the bricks and mortar approach to getting the word out," McCall said jokingly, "but it still works."

McCall also makes informa-

tion about his research available on his work website at All Seasons Realty. And he's given programs over the years at the Shepard-Pruden Library as part of its heritage series, and at other venues like the Edenton-Chowan Schools, the Newbold-White House and College of the Albemarle.

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## Tourists evolve to residents, business

**Edenton 14th in 'Most Preferred'**

*From staff reports*

Tourism is a key contributor to how future residents discover communities along the Inner Banks.

An authority on retirement tourism told a group of Elizabeth City citizens and leaders they should consider marketing to attract upwardly mobile, affluent and educated tourists as future residents.

Patrick Mason said his research and Internet feedback indicate that those most interested in relocating to the Carolinas are from the snow states of the Midwest and the Northeast. Mason said other prospects include those who flocked to Florida but who no longer find the rapid growth of the Sunshine State to their liking.

Mason is co-founder of the Center for Carolina Living in Columbia, S.C. He outlined his research during a presentation to the Albemarle Area Committee of 100 last Wednesday at Monteros restaurant.

Because Edenton is often mentioned in such publications as Southern Living, Our State, Country Living, and Coastal Living, tourists and residential prospects make inquiries.

"That always has been helpful to us," said Nancy Nicholls, director of Chowan Tourism. Once retirees

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## Contest seeks county motto

*From staff reports*

If you could capture the essence of Chowan County with a catch phrase, what would it be?

Share your creation with County Clerk Susanne Stallings by Aug. 31 and you could snare \$100 as the first prize entry. County leaders are appealing to the Chowan residents via a contest

in an effort to pen a motto. The motto will then be used on the county's revamped website and letterhead.

Edenton adopted "Prettiest Little Town in the South" after travel writer Wyatt Blassingame coined the description decades earlier.

Chowan County, on the other hand, has no moniker.

"Chowan has never had one," Stallings said. "With our new website, a motto kinda goes with it. We're trying to create an image with something catchy."

Anyone interested in submitting a suggested

motto can mail the entry to Stalling at P.O. Box 1030, Edenton, NC 27932 or by email at [Susanne.stallings@chowan.nc.gov](mailto:Susanne.stallings@chowan.nc.gov). Contestants must be a county resident.

The contests don't stop there. Next month the county plans to hold a similar competition with creating a county seal that also relates with Chowan's characteristics.

Although county leaders do not have control over the area's cablevision provider, franchise agreements are now handled by the state, they are asking

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## AGRICULTURAL EXPO



**STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH**

Visitors at Saturday's Northeast NC Equine & Tractor Expo had the opportunity to see some old-timey tractors and other farm equipment used in years gone by. The event took place on the grounds at the American Legion in Edenton.

