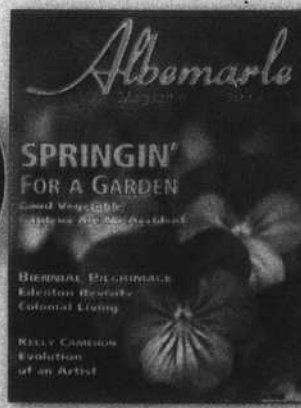


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Golden LEAF awards \$1.4M, instead of \$2M

Schools to get \$1.11 million

By RITCHIE E. STARNES Editor

The Golden LEAF Foundation announced last week that \$1.4 million has been awarded to fund four economic development projects in Edenton-Chowan, \$600,000 less than expected. That shortfall has some leaders mounting an

effort to recoup lost funding.

Eleven project finalists learned Thursday afternoon that only the top four ranked by a stakeholders' review team will receive funding per Golden LEAF's Community Assistance Initiative. Two of the projects are earmarked for Edenton-Chowan Schools for a combined award sum of \$1.11 million. Other Golden LEAF recipients include the Edenton

Chowan Partnership and Chowan's Tourism Development Authority (TDA).

The school system fared as the most significant beneficiary with proposals that ranked first and third among those seeking funds. In addition to



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approving the system's 1:1 learning initiative that ranked tops among the review team, Golden LEAF board members voted to give the project an extra \$150,000 above its original request. The learning initiative will instead receive

\$827,500, which calls for implementing more technological devices in the classrooms.

Golden LEAF also allocated \$285,000 toward the schools' secondary STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) curriculum.

"We are extremely pleased to have received funding for the secondary STEM curriculum and the learning initiative grants," said Superinten-

dent Allan Smith. "Both projects are designed to expand learning opportunities and to better prepare students for life after high school."

Despite the economic windfall, local leaders preferred that Golden LEAF fund all of the \$2 million the non-profit first slated for Edenton-Chowan.

Town Manager Anne Marie Knighton said she

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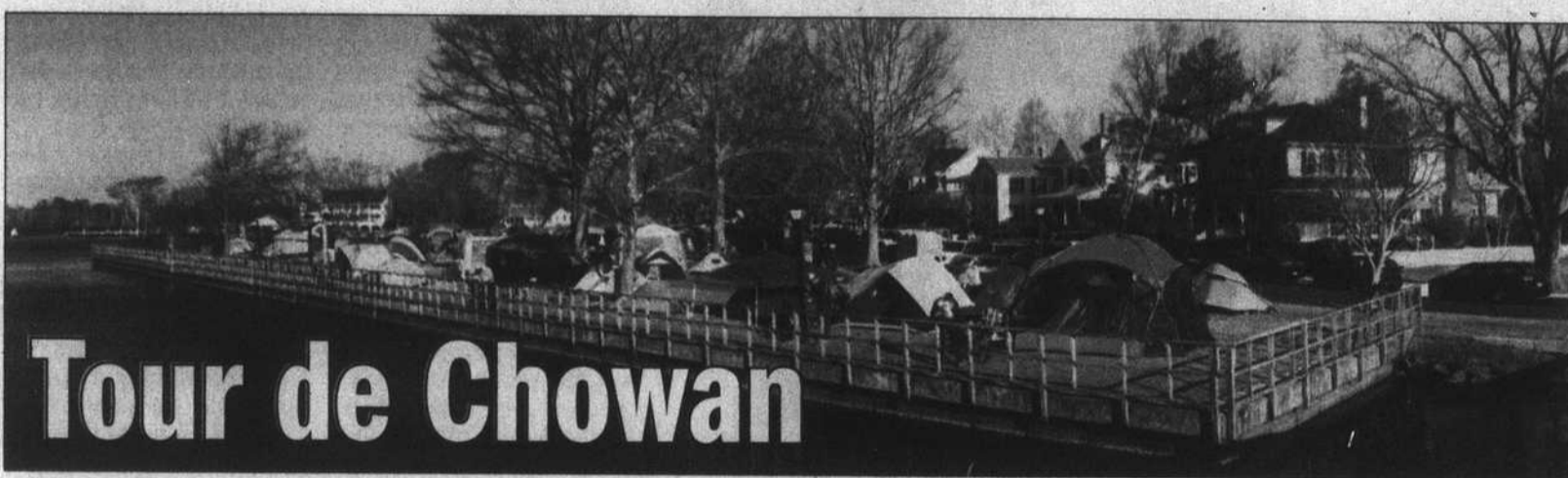


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Tour de Chowan

Many of the 1,211 cyclists in town for the Spring Ride camped at the Edenton waterfront during the weekend event.

Cyclist dies on Spring Ride

Victim, 80, was an avid rider

By RITCHIE E. STARNES Editor

An 80-year-old bicyclist participating in the weekend's Cycle North Carolina Spring Ride died of an apparent heart attack while touring the Chowan countryside, authorities said.

Hugh C. Carrington of Annapolis, Md. perished around noon Saturday while riding along Indian Trail Road in the eastern part of Chowan County, according to Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin. Carrington, who was riding in a group of cyclists that included his wife collapsed during the trek.

"We had just stopped at a rest stop where he was walking around and talking," said wife Donna Carrington from her home Monday afternoon. "We had resumed riding when I heard a friend scream."

Carrington said she turned around a found that her husband had collapsed from his bicycle.

A doctor, also cycling, stopped and immediately performed CPR, she added. Two other medical professionals who were riding also stopped to help before paramedics arrived.

"He was breathing louder and harder than normal. He never regained consciousness," Carrington said.

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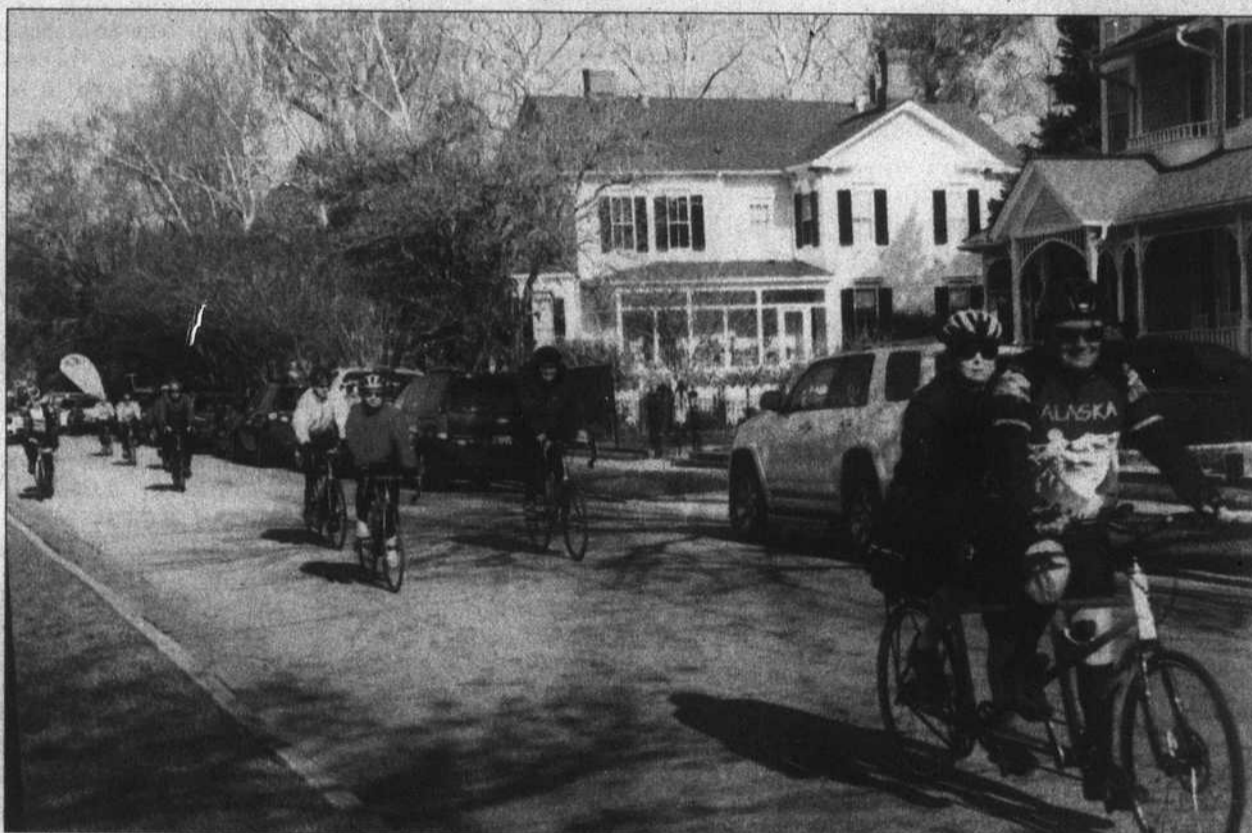


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Bicyclists tour the streets of Edenton during Cycle North Carolina's annual Spring Ride. Edenton is one of three hosts for the event.



Congressman: 'Stop policing the world'

Jones says political scandal forthcoming

By RITCHIE E. STARNES Editor

Congressman Walter Jones prefers that the United States military stand down from its perpetual world policing — a break that would help slow out-of-control defense spending while also allowing time to rebuild its national security.

That was part of the Republican's message when he spoke at an Edenton Rotary lun-

cheon, Thursday. Jones, R-NC, did not mince words when he said America's prolonged involvement in war in the Middle East continues to contribute to a near \$17T US debt, which also carries interest of \$1 billion daily.

Data distributed among Rotary members showed that the war in Afghanistan has cost taxpayers \$623 billion and another \$8 billion per month. The war in Iraq cost taxpayers \$812 billion.

"Stop policing the World! It's

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PHOTO BY RITCHIE E. STARNES
Congressman Walter Jones, R-N.C., addresses Edenton Rotary, Thursday. Jones talked about the need to withdraw troops from the Middle East and stop "policing the world." He calls America's funding of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan crippling to the national debt and ability to fund domestic matters.

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E&R rejects 9 property disputes

Albemarle Boats must pay \$15K

By RITCHIE E. STARNES Editor

County officials rejected all nine of the property owners challenging their tax bills during an annual Equalization and Review hearing.

Eight of the disputes directly relate to property values set during the last revaluation eight years ago compared to perceived values in a downturned economy. The property owners argued that their values are not consistent with the current market. One business argued that the county's tax office contributed to its tax delinquency, therefore, Chowan should absorb half of its debt.

"I think the county shares some responsibility here," said Scott McLaughlin, owner of Albemarle Boats, at the April 1 hearing. "We feel Chowan County has some joint ownership here."

McLaughlin advised county commissioners that in 2009 his newly acquired company sent in the proper tax payment only to be informed by the tax department that the company had overpaid. Albemarle Boats then responded with a revised payment of less.

Then, he said, the company received a tax bill in 2012 for an amount similar to his original payment along with charges of penalties and interest.

"If the original information had been received and processed we wouldn't be



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