



School deputy Matthews also bus driver, EMT and more, 1B

RAIN DAMPENS REVENUE PICTURE AT CHOWAN REGIONAL FAIR

■ However, fair officials pleased with new midway

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

About 14,000 area residents attended this year's Chowan County Regional Fair, fair officials said.

Fair Board President E.C. Toppin said that including the free admission given to schoolchildren and senior citizens, paid attendance totaled just under 10,000.

Toppin said that with the fair being rained out Wednesday night, revenue from the weeklong event totaled about \$2,000 less than last year.

Toppin said that a bright spot during the event was the new midway from Big Rock Amusements.

"The midway was fine," Toppin said. "Everybody liked the rides. They especially liked the lighting system that Big Rock used at night. It was great."

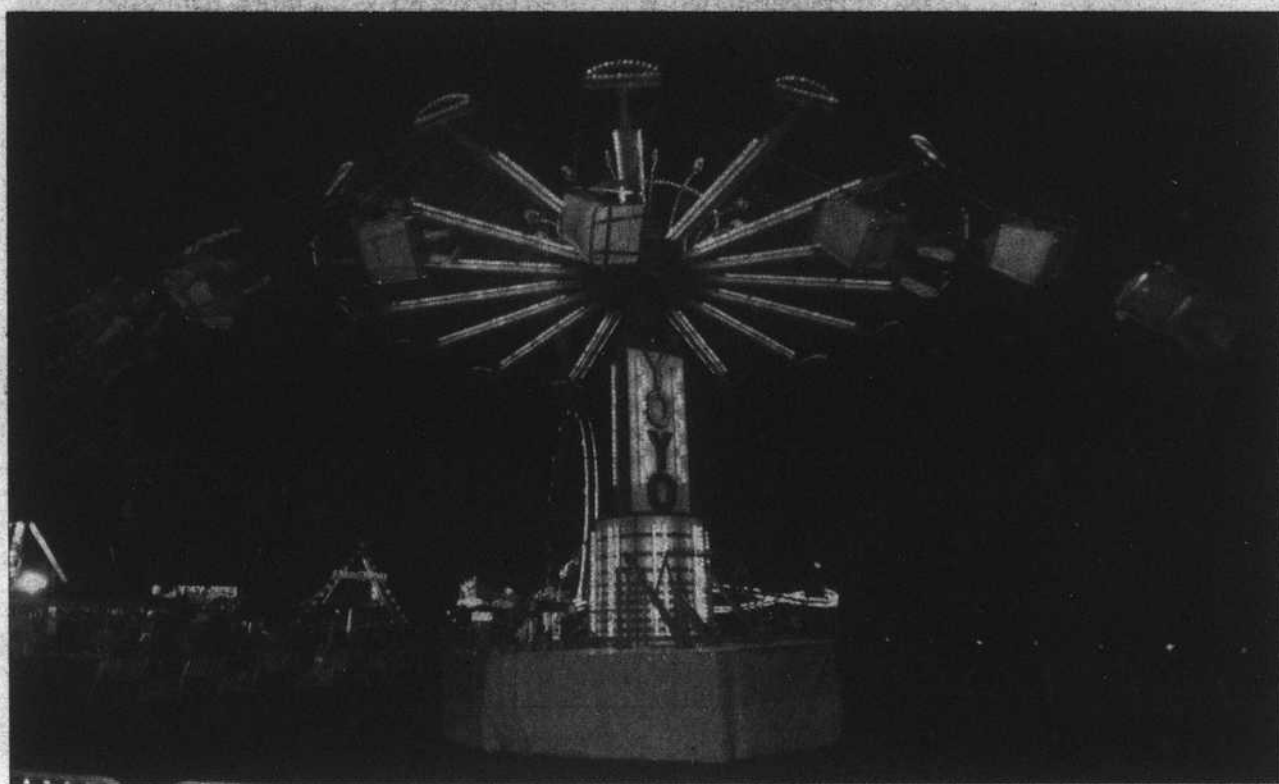
Toppin said the fair board was scheduled to meet Oct. 15 to begin making plans for next year's fair. He said a decision would be made at that time about whether to continue using Big Rock to provide its midway.

Toppin's wife, Brenda, who serves as secretary to the fair board, said that 2,528 exhibits were entered this year.

"We gave out about \$8,000 in premiums to those that entered the various categories," she said.

Chowan County residents who were big winners for their fair exhibits included:

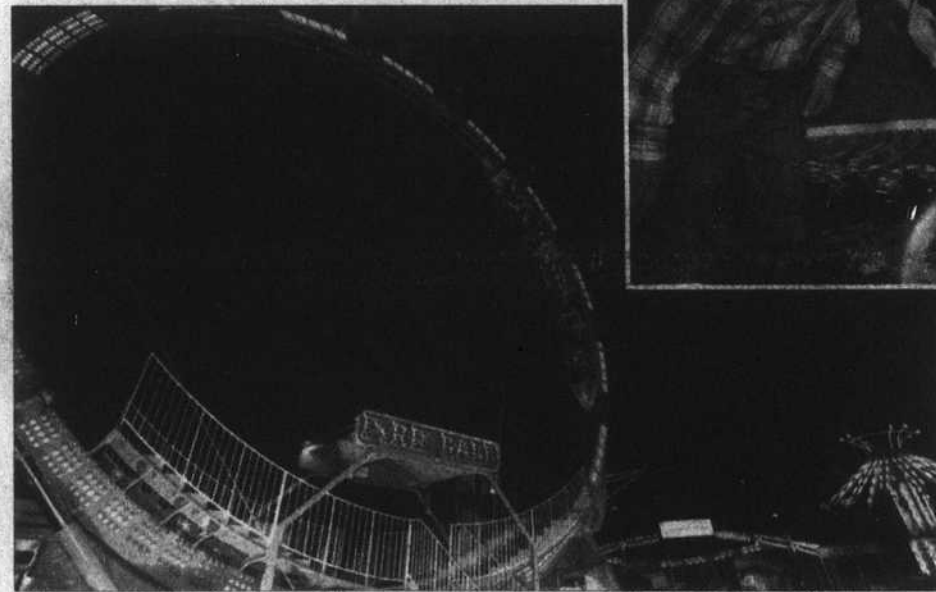
- Noah and Sarah Sawyer of Edenton
- Annie Bemby of Edenton
- Jim Droze and Family of Edenton
- Petra Van Zyl of Edenton.



This attraction called the YoYo was among the many rides featured in the new midway at this year's Chowan County Regional Fair. See more photos from the fair at DailyAdvance.com.

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Jim Arneberg (right) has one his dogs, Mimi, jump over a barrier during a dog show he and his brother perform called Kountry K-9, at the fair, Thursday, Sept. 26. Visitors (below) have a blast on the Fire Ball, Thursday.



Sting nets 65 drug charges

From staff reports

The Edenton Police Department began making arrests Thursday as a result of a 10-month undercover operation known as "Operation Fall Harvest."

This covert operation was conducted as part of the ongoing commitment to reduce crime and improve the quality of life in the Town of Edenton by targeting street level drug sales. Warrants have been obtained on 10 individuals with a total of 65 criminal charges.

Operation Fall Harvest was initiated with cooperation and information from the citizens of Edenton.

The following agencies provided assistance: The Chowan County Sheriff's Office, the Elizabeth City Police Department, the Rocky Mount Police Department and the State Bureau of Investigation.

Anyone with information concerning the location of the wanted subjects below should contact the Edenton Police Department at (252) 482-5144 or (252) 482-4444.

The individuals and charges are listed below:

- Anthony C. Askew, 32, of 108 Reginald and Mary Ave., Edenton; charged with two counts of possession of cocaine, three counts of possession of marijuana and cocaine with intent to sell and deliver, three counts of selling and delivering cocaine, and selling marijuana within 1,000 feet of a playground
- Shakitta Necole Walton, 37, of 172 Waterlily Loop, Edenton, charged with two

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Playground Ball to benefit pediatric rehab program

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Editor

The pediatric rehabilitation program at Vidant Chowan Hospital is growing, and the Chowan Hospital Foundation is offering the public a way to support the program with its upcoming Playground Ball.

The black-tie-optional ball will be Nov. 8 and will include a live auction. Tickets are \$100 per person and information is available at 482-6314.

"We're excited to be able to participate in this," said Ginny Waff, director of the

Chowan Hospital Foundation.

The hospital ball is being billed as The Playground Ball, with proceeds benefiting the pediatric therapy playground.

Waff said the Foundation expects the ball to be a beautiful experience, with a huge tent set up at the waterfront.

Kristy Worrell, the hospital's rehab manager, explained that the pediatric rehab program started seeing kids in 2012. The program has grown, and in the most recent quarter the therapists saw more than 40 kids



for multiple visits. Worrell said the hospital administration expects and hopes that the rehab program will continue to grow. "We've certainly seen significant growth in just two years," Worrell said.

PHOTO COURTESY KELLY HERR

A youngster who is undergoing therapy in the pediatric rehab program at Vidant Chowan Hospital enjoys time in the therapeutic playground at the hospital.

Before Vidant Chowan offered the services, parents were driving to Greenville, Elizabeth City and Norfolk. The local program provides access to care for the local area.

Children are coming from across the area, including not only Chowan County but also Hertford, Bertie, Perquimans, Pasquotank,

Washington, Camden, Currituck and Gates.

Parents are bringing children to receive therapy for numerous conditions, including autism, developmental delay, fine motor coordination delay, gross motor problems, sensory processing disorder, handwriting deficits, cerebral palsy and brain cancer.

Worrell said the parent of a first-grader who receives occupational therapy and speech therapy at the hospital had said the therapists had made more of an

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Negotiations continue on store space

From staff reports

The owner of the Chowan Crossing Shopping Center said this week that he would like to get a new tenant in the former Farmer's Foods site - but he added there is nothing to announce at this point.

"We're very interested in getting somebody in there," Terry

Reeves said Monday.

Reeves said he could not comment further on the situation.

Edenton Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said in an email statement to the Chowan Herald this week that the town is doing what it can to assist in recruiting a grocery store - but the negotiations are being handled by the property owner.

"I get asked a lot - 'What is the Town doing to get another grocery store?'" Knighton said. "I know people are frustrated and want a choice of where to buy groceries."

Knighton's statement indicated that this current situation with the grocery store had been unlike any other retail recruitment process that she had been involved with during her tenure in Edenton.

"Normally we have a landlord that needs our help recruiting a tenant to fill empty space," Knighton explained. "Landlords ask the Edenton Chowan Partnership to recruit a tenant, provide demographics, convince the client to come here and sometimes write grant

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Lawyer to lose law license for 5 years

BY WILLIAM F. WEST
 The Daily Advance

A former local attorney will be suspended from practicing law in the state for at least five years after the N.C. State Bar accused him of electronically sending obscene pictures of himself to clients.

Christopher Rahilly, of Edenton, received notice of the action after appearing before a three-member panel of the Bar's Disci-

plinary Hearing Commission, Bar Clerk Dottie Miami said last week.

A written order against Rahilly will first have to be prepared and officially served on him, and once Rahilly receives the document,

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