



Glenn Woolard, Warren County 4-H extension agent, holds the Distinguished Service Award presented to him last week by the Warren County Jaycees during their awards banquet at the Lions Den. Shown with Woolard is Jaycee Walter Gardner who made the presentation. (See Other Photos on Page 8B.)

## State Will Erect New Signs Directing Traffic To Lake

### Littleton Road Work Approved

By KAY HORNER  
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Visitors to Lake Gaston and prospective propertyowners have in the past often been frustrated in their attempts to make their way from Interstate 95 to "the lake," with its 350 miles of shoreline bordering three counties in North Carolina as well as two in Virginia.

Thanks to a Lake Gaston real estate firm and a development company, that frustration will be alleviated in the near future.

According to Jack Bishop of Rocky Mount, member of the N.C. Board of Transportation, approval has been granted for erection of signs directing both northbound and southbound traffic on the interstate to Lake Gaston.

Signs will be erected south of Roanoke Rapids directing northbound travelers to Eaton's Ferry Bridge and ultimately VA 903 via U.S. 158.

Southbound travelers will be directed to the bridge via VA 46 north of Roanoke Rapids near Gaston.

Eaton's Ferry Bridge is the only bridge across the main lake.

New signs will also be erected on primary and secondary roads directing travelers to area municipalities and to Interstate 85, which already has directional signs for Lake Gaston.

The request for additional signs was made late last year by John and Marilyn Nelson of Nelson and Harris, Inc., a Lake Gaston development firm, and Caroline S. Corwin, sales manager for Century 21/Lake Gaston Properties.

Ms. Corwin conducted an extensive survey of sites around the lake where signs would be beneficial, Bishop said, and her study led to DOT's consideration of the matter.

Because development on the lake is primarily private with few public access points and no areas on the lake are incorporated, directional signs have been minimal, according to one DOT official.

"We are hoping for a lot of new signs around the lake," Ms. Corwin said this week, "but this is a start, and we are really pleased with the state's initial response."

Bishop estimated the cost of the signs at \$6,658, to include \$5,000 for interstate signs, \$1,442 for green and white guide signs on primary and secondary roads, (Continued on page 2B)



The attention of early-morning travelers along N.C. 58 just east of Warrenton last Thursday morning was taken by this deluge of water pouring from the drainage tile underneath John Riggan's driveway. The county's rivers and streams became

glutted in last week's rainfall, heaviest during a 28-hour period on Wednesday and Thursday when 5.2 inches fell, according to Clinton Capps, official weather observer for the county.

(Staff Photo by Dianne T. Rodwell)

## 16-Year-Old Charged

A Norlina youth faces three counts of breaking and entering and larceny as officials move closer to solving the three recent thefts involving two county

schools, Sheriff Theodore Williams announced yesterday.

Samuel LaWarren Downey, 16, was arrested Friday, April 17. He has been charged with the April 6 break-ins at North Warren Middle and Northside Elementary schools, during which a VCR and microwave oven were taken, and the March 27 break-in at Northside Elementary, during which another VCR was stolen.

Downey has been housed in the Warren County Jail under a \$5,000 bond. His first court appearance was scheduled for today (Wednesday).

According to Chief Deputy Bobby Dean Bolton, investigating officer, another suspect remains under investigation.

### Pow-Wow Is Held Despite Rainfall

In spite of mud and rainy weather, hundreds of native Americans participated in the Haliwa Indian Pow-Wow held last weekend.

Highlighting the event was the tribal election of "Miss Haliwa-Saponi," Miss Erika Shawna Hedgepeth. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donzell Mills of Hollister and Mr. Chester Hedgepeth of Virginia Beach, Va.

According to Masager Richardson, who holds membership on the Council, the Commission of Indian Affairs and the Indian (Continued on page 2B)

### School Festival Plans Announced

Warren County Schools will sponsor its annual "Schoolarts Festival" on Saturday, May 2, according to Mrs. Mary Hunter, Community Schools director.

The festival will be held on the Courthouse Square from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and will feature displays of artwork completed by students during the school year, as well as performances by the band, under the direction of Stanley Baird, and the choruses, under the direction of Mrs. Glendora Powell and Howard Stultz.

"We will also feature displays by the various vocational classes at the high school," said Mrs. Hunter, "as well as 'hands-on' arts activities for children, face-painting and balloon and bake sales."

"We are particularly excited about our professional groups who will be included in this year's festival," said Mrs. Hunter. Scheduled for the day are the Newold String Trio, the Apple Chill Cloggers and the North Carolina Jazz Ensemble, a 17-piece jazz band.

Admission to the festival is free.

## Women May Again Be Jailed Here Sheriff Williams Is Informed

By THURLETTA M. BROWN  
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With certain limitations, women may again be housed in the Warren County Jail.

A letter rescinding the original ban on the housing of women in the Warren County Jail sent to Sheriff Theodore Williams by Thomas A. Ritter, head of the Jail and Detention Branch of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources Division of Facility Services was acknowledged by Warren County Commissioners in their Thursday night meeting.

The correspondence to Williams followed an on-site inspection of the two upstairs cells whose use had been restricted by Byrd in late February.

Although the detention of women is now permitted in the county facility, Ritter's letter cited the following restrictions and confirmed the expectation that:

(1) No adult females be sentenced to the Warren County Jail (i.e. no weekend sentences, 180-day sentences, etc.) Only pretrial detainees incarcerated.

(2) No adult females be confined longer than their first appearance in court. If prior to their first appearance they cannot make bond or are not released at their first appearance, then they must at that point be transferred to an adjoining county to be confined until their final release from court.

(3) The restriction to only Warren County female residents being confined in the jail would still apply in this case.

Both Ritter and Chairperson Eva Clayton complimented the

county on its quick response to correct the leakage problem that had been the basis of the original ban on use of the cells.

Warren County commissioners also approved the plan submitted by Ms. Katherine B. Hilliard, Warren County Community Based Alternatives Task Force head, and approved, subject to budget restraints, the use of \$9,270 in local funds for 1987-88. Of this amount, \$2,760 will be in-kind funds rather than actual dollars.

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## Local Girl Is Selected For Governor's School

Miss Ann Howard Banzet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Edmond Banzet, III of Warrenton, has been selected to participate in the Governor's Schools of North Carolina at Governor's School West from June 21-Aug. 1 on the campus of Salem College in Winston-Salem. Miss Banzet will attend daily classes in Spanish, philosophy, and self and society.

The North Carolina Governor's School is the oldest statewide summer residency program in the nation for academically gifted rising junior and senior high school students. It is operated by the Division for Exceptional Programs in the State Department of Public Instruction.

Miss Banzet, a junior at Salem Academy in Winston-Salem, the oldest girls' preparatory boarding school in the nation still in operation, has compiled an impressive academic record and has participated in numerous extracurricular activities. She is a member of The National Spanish Honor Society, an honor guide, hall representative, and a member of the House Council. In addition, Miss Banzet will be a co-editor of "Grassroots," Salem's school newspaper for which she is currently the features editor. She is a member of Scribblers' Club which produces "Academe," Salem's

literary magazine and a member of the Fellowship Council, Debate Club, Glee Club and Pepper Spirit Club. As a member of the Math Club, Miss Banzet serves as a math tutor. She played on the 1985-86 Salem Academy basketball team. For the past two summers, she served as a governor's page in the office of Governor James Martin.

Having been named to the Honor Roll each grading period, Miss Banzet has attained the highest academic honor for Salem Academy juniors, that of commencement marshal.



MISS BANZET



Lynn Henry, left, chairman of the Warren County Jaycees' awards banquet held last Thursday, presented plaques to: (left to right) William Cox, Outstanding Young Firefighter; Danylu Hundley, Outstanding Young Educator; Jeffrey Bender, Outstanding Young

Farmer; and Curtis Creed of Business Equipment Company of Henderson, Boss of the Year. Not pictured is Brian Judkins who was named Outstanding Young Correctional Officer.