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NC Supreme Court Justice Ervin visits Edenton

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Three weeks before the full N.C. Supreme Court is scheduled to convene at the historic Chowan County Courthouse for two trials, one of its members gave local residents a primer on the court and its functions.

Supreme Court Associate Justice Sam Ervin IV visited Edenton on Monday,

speaking to crowds at two separate sessions held in the 250-year-old courthouse chamber. Ervin explained that the N.C. Supreme Court serves as the court of last appeal in the state, considering whether an error occurred in the prior court proceedings of a case. There is no jury and the court's ruling is made by the chief justice and six associate justices, he said.

Ervin's visit comes as the

full state Supreme Court plans a visit to the Chowan Courthouse on Tuesday, May 9, to hear two cases. The court's visit is timed for this year's observance of the historic courthouse's 250th anniversary.

"It is a great privilege to be here today," Ervin said Monday. "Some folks know that I am a history buff by avocation, so I look forward to coming here. I've read a great deal about Edenton

and Chowan County through the papers of U.S. Supreme Court Justice (James) Iredell Sr. and others when I was in college, so I felt like I knew some of the characters of Edenton back during the pre-Revolutionary and post-Revolutionary times. It is a great honor for me to come to this place where these folks that I have read so much about and have

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STAFF PHOTO BY THOMAS J. TURNEY

Associate Justice Sam Ervin IV speaks at the Chowan County Courthouse, Monday.

County maintenance director charged

From staff reports

Chowan County's maintenance director was recently arrested for a felony assault charge.

Terry Wayne Rose, 48, of the 100 block of Edgewater Drive, Camden, was charged April 19 with felony assault with intent to kill, felony speeding to elude arrest, misdemeanor impersonating a law enforcement officer and misdemeanor resisting, delaying and obstructing a law enforcement officer, according to the Camden County Sheriff's Department. Rose was being held at Albemarle District Jail in lieu of a \$250,000 secured bond.

Chowan County Manager Kevin Howard said as of now, Rose is taking vacation leave while county officials try to sort through this issue. Howard said the county has not taken any disciplinary action at this time or appointed an interim director. Once the county makes a decision, Howard said, it will take care of covering the needs of the department.

Camden Sheriff Tony Perry said Thursday that investigators are working to get to the bottom of "a very complicated situation" that led to three area men facing charges Wednesday night in connection with a vehicle chase that included one motorist firing gunshots.

In addition, two of those arrested were cited for alleged drug offenses.

Perry said in a press release that the men were arrested after Camden deputies received a report of suspicious activity in the Shiloh area shortly after 6:30 p.m. last Wednesday.

Deputies' investigation determined that one vehicle was chasing another and shots were fired by the operator of one of the vehicles, Perry said.

No injuries were reported and the investigation of the incident continues, Perry said. The sheriff said it could be several days before investigators were able to sort out the complex incident enough to release additional information.

The two other men who were

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PILGRIMAGE: GONE WITH THE WIND



PHOTO BY KIP SHAW

Carriage rides were part and parcel of a tour of history worth repeating during the Pilgrimage.

Tour attracts visitors from near and far

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

More than a thousand visitors came for the weekend to enjoy the Biennial Pilgrimage in Edenton, tour officials said.

Tour chair Nell Drees said she heard nothing but positive feedback concerning the two-day event. She said those she spoke with were particularly impressed with the special

events planned to coincide with the tour.

"It went very well," she said. "And there was a lot of enthusiasm shown by those taking the tour and enjoying the other events planned to coincide with it."

Drees spent Friday, the first day of the tour, greeting visitors to the historic 1767 Chowan County Courthouse that is celebrating its 250th anniversary this year. She also offered

cupcakes provided by Leslie Lippincott, chef of the College of the Albemarle Culinary Arts program taught at the Edenton campus. Drees said they were very popular with those who came.

"Saturday I went to all the houses on the tour," she said. "Everyone I spoke with provid-

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Lessons learned from ladies, homes

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Having never taken the Pilgrimage tour, I saw it as an opportunity to learn not only about local history, but more importantly to offer my daughter a chance to see lovely homes and meet some of the ladies of Chowan County.

Since 1949, the Edenton Woman's Club has organized the tour of the area's grandest homes. As such, ladies from 14-year-old Arabella Dixon to Virginia Wood have long pro-



PHOTO BY KIP SHAW

Greenfield owner Virginia Wood talks to guests about her home, where nine generations of the family have lived during the last 250 years.

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Rep. Jones talks goats, Afghanistan

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Congressman Walter Jones Jr., R-NC, spoke to the city's Rotary Club about how the war in Afghanistan is of money, time and resources.

"One of my biggest frustrations is that staying in Afghanistan. It is a waste of the taxpayer's money and a waste of our military," Jones, a member of the House's Armed Services Committee, said last Thursday at St. Paul's Episcopal Church's parish hall.

Jones has introduced House Bill 1666 which aims to revisit whether the nation should continue to pursue its ambitions in Afghanistan - 16 years after hostilities started following 9/11.

"The bill says that after 16 years that congress must debate on the future of Afghanistan,"

Jones said of the bi-partisan bill that has Democrats' sponsorship. "We've been there for 16 years and not one thing has changed. Nothing. It is a tribal nation. I don't think any one can change that, quite frankly."

Jones said most members of congress were not serving in 2001 when military force was authorized.

"For me personally, if nothing else, even if you agree that we should stay in Afghanistan, members of Congress should after 16 years have a debate to discuss the future of Afghanistan and our involvement," he said. "There are over 320 members of congress right now in Washington who were not there in 2001 when we passed the authorization of military force under President Bush to go into Afghanistan. They have never been part of that debate on the future of Afghanistan, but they should be part of the debate."

Jones talked about goats given to Afghanistan as it relates to the growing national debt which was around \$19.8 trillion as of Wednesday, according to a flyer he distributed not only to the Rotary Club, but during his time with local leaders at the Chowan Chamber of Commerce. The federal government spent \$6



JONES

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COA targets Edenton-Chowan budget

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Daily Advance

The College of The Albemarle Board of Trustees have directed staff to balance and "rightsized" the budget at COA's Edenton-Chowan campus to prevent further losses in state funds.

The board, during its meeting last Tuesday, also formalized the previously announced plan to relocate the electrical and HVAC

(heating, ventilation and air conditioning) trades programs from the Edenton-Chowan campus to the main campus in Elizabeth

City. The electrical program will be moving this fall and HVAC will move to Elizabeth City in the fall of 2018.

Trustee Roger Lambertson made the motion to move the two programs to Elizabeth City and to balance the budget in the coming fiscal year. The motion passed unanimously.

COA officials noted that the relocation of the two programs was no secret,

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Ag program eyed

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Daily Advance

As College of The Albemarle scales back programming at its Edenton-Chowan campus, Chowan officials are pinning their hopes for the campus' future largely on the prospect of landing an agriculture curriculum program.

Chowan Commissioner Patti Kersey, who was sworn-in Tuesday as a new

COA trustee, said she's excited about the prospect of the Edenton-Chowan campus hosting COA's future agriculture program.

Both the Edenton campus and COA's main campus in Elizabeth City have been mentioned as possible sites for the planned agriculture curriculum. Two other curriculum programs — electrical and

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