

Mystery focuses on Civil War era

We will not be at the library from Dec. 24-26 and we will also close Jan. 1. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday from all of us. We have reduced the prices on our used books to \$1 per bag. That applies to both paperbacks and hardbacks. Stock up!

Dead March is the first in a new mystery series by Ann McMillan set in the Civil War. A young white widow, a free black woman, and a British correspondent join forces in Richmond in 1861 to solve suspicious deaths.

A writer uses actual events as the basis of a crime novel in *Instruments of the Night* by Thomas H. Cook. Judge Deborah Knott fears that her nephew may be involved in arson in *Home Fires* by Margaret Mason.

Orson Scott Card's *Future on Ice* is a showcase for Science Fiction short stories. *The Gilded Chain* by Dave Duncan is of the sword-and-sorcery genre. A young knight's adventures take him to an ancient isolated city where he will strive to fulfill a heroic prophecy.

Two romances: *Daughter of Fire* (She's Merlin's secret daughter and possesses second sight) by Quinn Taylor Evans and *Shadow and Silk* (A man who has taken a vow of celibacy meets the woman who will melt his heart) by Ann Maxwell.

Someone in *Haunting Rachel* in Kay Hooper's new novel of romantic suspense. Is it her fiancée she believes ten years ago? Or is it a man pretending



Check it OUT

Rosalie Boyd

to be her guardian angel? Hints of CIA escapades and political plots plague Rachel when she returns to her seemingly tranquil family estate in Virginia.

AG-Man's Journal is non-fiction, told by Buck Revell who spent thirty years in the FBI as a key player, investigating the JFK assassination, Watergate, and the Iran hostage crisis among others. He also worked with Congress to pass laws that will help in the comprehension of suspects at home and abroad.

The Native American narrator of *Power* feels torn between her ancestral traditions and her Westernized mother in Linda Hogan's novel of the Taiga people.

Barbara Jordan: American Hero recounts the events in a groundbreaking career of the woman who was the first African-American woman elected from the South to the U.S. Congress. She distinguished herself on the Hill, but symptoms of multiple sclerosis forced an early retirement from politics. She continued a less strenuous schedule, teaching at the University of Texas and lending her support to causes in which

she believed.

New audiotapes for holiday traffic jams: *The Dancing Floor* by Barbara Michaels (unabridged), *Pleading Guilty* by Scott Turow, *Point of Origin* by Patricia Cornwell, *Dragon* by Clive Cussler, *You Belong to Me* by Mary Higgins Clark, and *The Golden Rule of Schmoozing: The Authentic Practice of Treating Others Well*.

Looking Back

Tom Brokaw's *The Greatest Generation* pays tribute to America's citizen soldiers who preserved the freedom we know today. George Bush says, "Serving in World War II, I was a tiny part of something noble."

Servants of the People: The 1960's Legacy of African American Leadership acknowledges the leaders who rose during the Civil Rights movement. Thurgood Marshall, Whitney Young, Fannie Lou Hamer and others are given credit for their pivotal roles in this well-researched book by Lea E. Williams from Bennett College in Greensboro.

People's Century: Ordinary Men and Women Who Made the Twentieth Century, the companion volume to the PBS series, and *The Century* by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster both utilize first-person accounts and archival photographs to bring life to the century's most significant events. You can visit www.TheCentury.com to participate in CBS's ongoing Century project.



WOMENS' CLUB JOINS TOY DRIVE

The Fannie A. Parker Women's Club joined 'Operation Santa Claus', a local toy drive for disadvantaged children, and donated a number of presents for last Saturday's 'A Day With Santa' held at D.F. Walker Elementary School. Here, (From left) Roxie Satterfield, Ruth Spencer, Julia Boone and Ruth Frinks wrap some of the club's presents. (Staff photo by Sean Jackson)

COA to sponsor free GED classes here

College of the Albemarle is offering free GED classes in Chowan County starting in January.

GED and AHS classes are available at COA's Chowan County Center for those who would like to earn their high school equivalency certificate

or obtain a high school diploma.

Enrollment guidelines for Basic Skills have changed. Students, regardless of educational attainment, may attend Basic Skills classes to study an area in which they feel they need help. No cut-off scores are required for enrollment.

Classes will be held Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in room 110. Further details are available by calling the Chowan County Center at 482-7900.

Evans starting Public Servants program

Being committed to community involvement, the Evans Funeral Home in Edenton has

put into place a program that it wholeheartedly hopes it will never have to use.

The Public Servants program is designed to provide a complete funeral service for any member of the Edenton Police Department, Chowan County Sheriff's Department, Edenton

or Chowan County Fire Departments, Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad, North Carolina Highway Patrol, Division of Motor Vehicles, Wildlife Officers, ABC Officers or any other member of the law enforcement community who refer to the program.

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