

Members of the Green Beret Sport Sky Diving team from Fort Bragg, NC will featured at the Scout Fare in Edenton March 6.

Edenton Scouts to play host for '99 Scout Fare

Albemarle District Scouts from seven counties and beyond will visit Edenton March 6 to participate in Scout Fare '99. On the basis of the strong success achieved last year, Albemarle District Commissioners' staff asked Pack 164 from Edenton to host the event again this year.

Assisted by Troop 164, organizers said, Pack 164 has risen to the challenge. The Troop and Pack will host a repeat for this exciting but bigger and better event at the American Legion Post 40 throughout the entire weekend.

Many Scouts will arrive Friday, March 5, to set up their patrol campsites because this year's Scout Fare will be the site of the annual Freeze-O-Ree, a winter camping experience. This camping event signals the start of the Albemarle District Scouts' 1999 camping calendar.

The gates to Scout Fare '99 will open to the public (admission is free) at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. There will be many new exhibits and activities added this year, along with many returning favorites from 1998.

There will be an Antique/Hot Road car show hosted by Troop 164.

New this year will be the BASS Casting Kids Competition, hosted by the Elizabeth City Bassmasters. BASS is the largest freshwater fishing organization in the world. For the past seven years, the BASS Anglers Sportsman's Society has conducted this program which has touched more than one million lives nationwide. The contest will be open to both boys and girls in two age categories, 7-10 and 11-14; however, only the first 100 to register will be allowed to compete. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Another exciting addition this year will be the Raleigh-based North Carolina Museum of Natural Science's "Meet the Animals." The staff and animals are scheduled to arrive at Scout Fare around 10:30 a.m. "Meet the Animals" will be presented several times throughout the day until 3 p.m.

Returning this year will be the Green Beret Sport Sky Diving Team from Fort Bragg, NC. The team drove all the way from Fayetteville, NC last year only to have to turn around and go back without performing a single jump due to adverse weather conditions. Jump time for this year has yet to be precisely determined, but organizers said it should be around 11 a.m.

Also returning this year will be DJ Don Evans of Chowan County. Evans, the Backroads DJ. Other attractions will include Frankie "Red Hawk" Connors, Vice-Chief of the Tuscarora Tribe, Junius Britton's antique weapons collection, Albemarle Gauge 1 Railroaders, Edenton Fish Hatchery along with the Great Dismal Swamp and Alligator National Wildlife Refuge.

Other planned displays are

being provided by local law enforcement, NC Department of Motor Vehicles, NC Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and NCSHP.

American Legion Post 40 will serve a barbecue lunch with advance and on-site tickets available for \$5 a plate. The Sons of the Legion will have hot dogs and hamburgers for sale as well.

The highlight of the day will be the Pinewood Derby for the Albemarle District Cub Scouts. That event gets underway at 1:30 p.m.

Troop 164, Pack 164 and the Albemarle District of Boy Scouts of America wish to extend an invitation to everyone to join them March 6 for a day of free admission to events filled with fun, education and excitement.

Mill

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contributing member of the Edenton Historic District, eligible buyers can also take advantage of an up to 40 percent tax credit on a sizeable portion of the purchase price, as an added incentive.

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Relay

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At the time her cancer occurred, Partin said, "I told myself I was too busy to stop what I was doing, and wasn't that that foolish, because it almost cost me my life."

Because she waited to seek treatment, Partin said, her initial prognosis was grim. She was not expected to live because the tumor in her body had continued to grow.

"Please be alert to your body. Heed the warning signs and respond appropriately," she said.

"No one believes in education more than I do," Partin said as she encouraged Relay volunteers to spread the message among their friends, co-workers and families that they, too, need to educate themselves about cancer, and also to support efforts like the Relay to raise funds for research and more educational initiatives.

Partin said she was clearly one of the lucky ones. And, she added, with more funds for treatment and education, the odds of survival for others will continue to climb.

"I imagine everyone here knows someone who has had cancer, and some who have died. One in three people will have cancer; the good news is that more than half of those diagnosed will survive," she

said. "I just couldn't believe the level of commitment that those volunteers sustained over a 24-hour period," she said.

Partin said that these days, she takes a much more active interest in her health.

"I have never been as healthy and as conscious of what I put in my body as I am today," she said. She added that while she doesn't always get her "5 A Day" (the number of servings of fruits and vegetables that medical experts recommend eating each day to protect against cancer), she does make the effort.

Partin added, "Some day we may not have to talk about this or have these Relays, but right now you're doing an incredible job, and I salute you for it."

The local Relay for Life is scheduled to take place in May at the John A. Holmes High School Athletic Complex in Edenton. Anyone interested in participating is urged to contact Dawn Hare at 482-3218.

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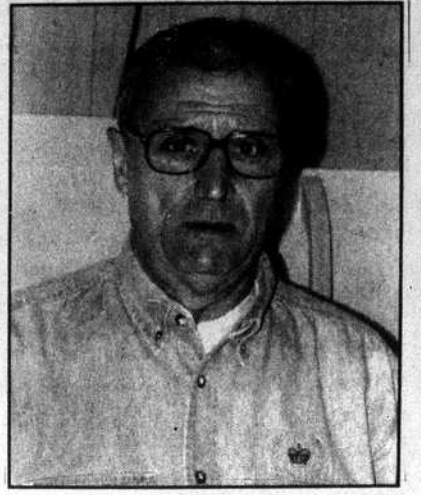
For one former Edenton resident, the inaugural Pilgrimage to town and county homes contained one unforgettable element: the opportunity to drive a group of guests to the sites on the tour.

The only hitch was, he was just 15 years old.

"We walked out to the car and they handed me the keys," said Erie Haste, a guide on the 1949 Edenton Pilgrimage tour. "I did not hesitate. I jumped behind the wheel and took off. I drove all day long with no license."

Haste, who now lives in Hertford and owns a hardware store there, said that the opportunity to tool around Edenton and Chowan County was the chance of a lifetime for a 15-year-old. He and the visitors he was assigned to escort had nothing but fun during the tour, said Haste.

"I was not arrested," said Haste jokingly. "It was just a real good tour. We met at what was the Joseph Hewes Hotel (now the Chowan County Office Building) and each guide was given places to take each



Erie Haste

group." Although it has been nearly 50 years since Haste had his adventure on the first Pilgrimage, he said that the success of that tour spawned the following tours, including the 50th Anniversary Pilgrimage slated for April 16-17.

Haste said that the current tour should be even more appealing to visitors.

"A lot of things have been restored that were not there (for the Pilgrimage) in 1949," he said. "People prepared their

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