

Chowan CALENDAR

What's happening this week...

Thursday - 2/25

ALZHEIMERS GROUP MEETS
The Elizabeth City Area Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. today at the First United Methodist Church, corner of Church and Road Streets, Elizabeth City. Group facilitator is Axie D. White, MSW.

POWELL TO SPEAK
Professor William Powell will be the guest speaker for a special Shepard-Pruden Library program (see story on page 2-A of this edition) that will be held at the Barker House in Edenton Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Friday - 2/26

TENNIS TOURNAMENT
The Edenton-Chowan Recreation Dept. will host a Table Tennis Tournament on Tuesday, March 2; however, you must sign up at the Rec. Dept. by Friday, Feb. 26 in order to participate. For tournament times and other info, call the Rec. Dept. at 482-8595.

GREEN AND GOLD BANQUET
Green and Gold Scout Banquet Friday, Feb. 26 at the American Legion Post 40 in Edenton at 7 p.m. Past Eagles welcome. For reservations, Cub Scout families call Lisa at 482-5667; Boy Scout families call Hardy or Ginny at 482-4209.

Saturday - 2/27

PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOPS
Chowan Arts Council Executive Director Sue Clark will teach puppet-making workshops for children ages 4-7 on Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. until noon and for kids ages 2-5 on March 20, 9 a.m.-noon. Tuition \$5; materials included. Workshops will be held at Swain Auditorium Building classroom. To register, call 482-8005 two weeks before class begins.

CHILI SUPPER
The Chowan Ruritan Club will hold a Chili Supper on Saturday, Feb. 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. For ticket info, call 221-8328.

BENEFIT SUPPER
There will be a Jimmy Winslow Benefit Supper on Feb. 27, 4-7 p.m., at the Jim

"Catfish" Hunter Shop, Center Hill Hwy., Hertford, NC. Tickets for the pork barbecue meal are \$5 and may be purchased from Tommy's Family Restaurant in Hertford.

Sunday - 2/28

LASSITER SWAMP HIKE
For anyone wanting to take a long walk in the woods, this hike, which gets underway at 1 p.m. at Merchants Millpond State Park in Gatesville, NC, is for you. Participants will hike approximately six miles through the woods and fields at Merchants Millpond, hopefully getting to see some of the wildlife in the Park. Wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes; bring water and a snack. Meet at the AB Coleman Picnic Area. Questions? Call (252) 357-1191.

Monday - 3/1

INDOOR SOCCER
The Edenton-Chowan Recreation Dept. will hold Indoor Soccer Registration, March 1-5. Interested persons sign up at Rec. Dept. Questions? Call 482-8595.

Tuesday - 3/2

ECSU TRUSTEES MEET
Elizabeth City State University Board of Trustees will hold regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, March 2, at 2:30 p.m. in the GR Little Library Board Room. Questions? Call (252) 335-3594.

CFS SUPPORT GROUP
Anyone suffering from Fibromyalgia or Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is invited to become a part of this local support group. Next meeting will be held March 2 at 7 p.m. in Chowan Hospital, Classroom B, Edenton. Guest speaker, physical therapist Brenda Leggett. For more info, call 793-3969 (Plymouth) or 482-6242 (Edenton).

MUSTANG CLUB MEETS
The Chrome Pony Mustang Club of Elizabeth City will meet March 2 at 7 p.m., at the Marina Restaurant, Camden Causeway, Elizabeth City. Come join us and help make plans to celebrate the 35th birthday of the Mustang. Questions? Call Mark Cooper, (252) 331-1022 or (252) 264-

4381, or Virgil Griffith at (252) 335-9618.

Upcoming Events

GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE
Girl Scout Troop #683 will hold its annual Cookie Sale Friday, March 5, from 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at NationsBank in downtown Edenton.

SCOUT FARE '99
Scout Fare '99 will be held March 6. Theme: "Scouting...A Gateway to the Future." Pack and Troop 164 will host the second annual Scouting event at the American Legion Post 40 Fairgrounds in Edenton. Event free and open to the public, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 482-4209 or 482-7740.

ANTIQUE CAR SHOW
The Freshwater Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America will host a Car Show Saturday, March 6, to benefit the Scouts of Pack/Troop 164 in Edenton. The show will be at the American Legion on Hwy. 17. Registration free, and all 1974 and earlier model year modified and classic cars invited to participate. Donations will be accepted and donated to the Scouts of Pack/Troop 164. Registration, 9-11 a.m.; Awards presented at 3 p.m. Questions? Call (252) 482-7597 or (252) 297-2033.

NC YOUTH TAP ENSEMBLE
Chowan Arts Council presents the North Carolina Youth Tap Ensemble Friday, March 12, at 7 p.m. at Swain Auditorium in Edenton. Tickets may be purchased from the Arts Council.

MASTER DANCE CLASS
On Saturday, March 13, at 10 a.m. in the Swain Auditorium, Edenton, the North Carolina Youth Tap Ensemble will hold a master dance class which will be open to the public. For info on class fees and/or registration, call the Chowan Arts Council at 482-8005.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS
Chowan County Special Olympics will be held April 30 at the John A. Holmes High School Athletic Complex in Edenton. To volunteer, call Connie Peeler or Carrie Watson at 221-4078.

Beat

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Tangled with this misperception that train service equals transit is a romantic notion about trains that clouds some people's thinking. As Greensboro Mayor Carolyn Allen put it recently, "I grew up in a time when trains were the way you went from city to city. It was fun and exciting." While trains may be "fun" or "exciting," creating "exciting" travel options is hardly a valid reason for spending public money. If it were, subsidizing large ocean liners like the Titanic for trans-Atlantic voyages or offering open-cockpit biplane flights across the state would be valid things for government to do.

Unfortunately, it appears that much of the proposed intrastate rail service will not fill a demonstrated need. Though the state's single existing rail service has the virtue of connecting the state's three largest cities while running through the densely populated

Piedmont, the same can't be said of most of the planned or proposed new routes. It is difficult to imagine a Charlotte-Wilmington line drawing enough riders to cover a substantial portion of its operating costs. The prospects must be regarded as bleaker still for a route from Raleigh to Morehead City (1997 population 7,543), or from Norfolk, VA to Elizabeth City, NC (pop. 17,255) and Edenton (pop. 5,387). Such routes disappeared several decades ago because they were money losers.

Every state dollar that goes to intrastate rail transportation is a dollar that could be spent on other uses or returned to taxpayers. Within the DOT, there is no lack of urgent needs. The agency has found the funds in recent years to repave roads only about half as often as its own guidelines have recommended. As a result, the condition of North Carolina's roads has declined markedly.

The state's bridges are in little better shape. Fully 35 percent were substandard in 1997, ranking North Carolina 45th nationally in bridge con-

dition. And an additional \$95 million a year is needed just to put North Carolina back on track in road paving.

On top of these problems, the state's road construction plans are running badly behind schedule. The state last year was forced to rework its entire road program, delaying many critical projects for years. The shortfall through 2004 is estimated at \$2.1 billion alone — a large sum indeed, but only one-fifth the size of Tolson's rail vision. At current funding levels, the projects already on the books will take a quarter century to complete.

In a world of unlimited resources, intrastate rail service might be worthwhile. But we do not live in such a world. If a route can pay its own way, then it should be pursued. North Carolina, however, cannot afford to provide expensive services that few people will use.

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write rules and make committee assignments.

That's OK. It would keep them out of other mischief. Session limits carry dangers. Defenders of the status quo can use them to stall reform and the drive for quicker action can lead to a concentration of power.

But those potential dangers appear, after 1998, to be far less serious than the already demonstrated dangers of an Assembly that just won't finish its work.

Coffey

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member of the congregation. Hannibal Badham attended the Gale Street Baptist Church, and he built its house of worship about 1895. He also built a school on East Gale Street, where Evelina Williams Badham taught. Hannibal

Badham was a trustee of the school.

One of the most notable homes ascribed to Hannibal Badham is the "eclectic Queen Anne" house he built for his son, Hannibal Badham, Jr. in 1900, about the time of the younger Badham's marriage to Janie Sawyer, Butchko speculates. Another son, Miles Badham, was employed for many years as a carpenter for the Norfolk and Southern Rail-

road. The Badham men built many other houses, including homes for Miles, and for Hellen Badham Blair, and the John R. Page Lodge.

There were many other African-Americans whose work as craftsmen contributed to the architectural fabric of Edenton. In an appendix to his book, Butchko identifies many of the builders, black and white, who left a legacy in wood and brick.

Effective Teacher Training focus of COA class

College of the Albemarle's Continuing Education Division will offer a course in "Effective Teacher Training" beginning in March.

The class will be held Thursdays, 6-9 p.m., March 4 through May 13, and will meet in Room A-223 at the Elizabeth City campus. The cost of this class is \$35. A

social security number is needed to register.

For more information, call the Continuing Education Di-

vision of the college at 335-0821, extension 2250.

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	99¢ Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	75¢ Sausage Biscuit	99¢ Egg McMuffin	99¢ Sausage McMuffin w/Egg	99¢ Sausage & Egg Biscuit	2 for \$2.19 Bacon, Egg & Cheese Biscuit	2 for \$2.29 Egg McMuffin
	\$2.99 20 Piece McNugget	\$1.29 Hamburger Happy Meal	\$1.19 Big Mac	\$1.29 Hamburger Happy Meal	\$2.49 Large Sandwich & Large Fries Big Mac or Quarter Pounder w/cheese	\$1.19 Fish Filet	\$1.19 Quarter Pounder with Cheese
	4 pm - 9 pm	4 pm - 9 pm	4 pm - 9 pm	4 pm - 9 pm	4 pm - close	4 pm - 9 pm	4 pm - close