

Chowan CALENDAR

What's happening this week...

Thursday - 5/13

NEWCOMERS LUNCHEON
Newcomers luncheon will be held at Dram Tree in Edenton, starting at noon, on May 13. Call 482-2711 to make your reservations.

HORTICULTURE CLUB
The Chowan County Home Horticulture Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 13, at 209 Kimberly Drive in Edenton. The program, "A Home Nature Trail," will be presented by Blair and Chrissie Currie.

GRANT DEADLINE TODAY
The Edenton-Chowan school system is in the process of preparing an application for a 1999-2000 IDEA Title VI Part B and Preschool federal grants. Any community resident interested in reviewing the grant proposal should call Mariellen Cook at 482-4436 by Thursday, May 13.

Friday - 5/14

BARBEQUE & AUCTION
Edenton Lions Club will host their Annual Barbeque and Auction on May 14 at the American Legion. Dinner is 5 - 7 p.m., auction is 6:30 to finish. Tickets are available from any Lion member or call Chairman Bud Miller at 221-8971.

Saturday - 5/15

1ST ANNUAL SKATE-ATHON
For the young and young at heart on Saturday, May 15 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the student parking lot at J.A.H. High School. Bring own rollerblades, skateboards, or rollerskates. Helmets and kneepads required - some available at event. Music provided by Greg Sampson, WRVS 89.9 Radio. Hot dogs, chips, drinks free for registered skaters. Entry fee entitles you to a chance for a free bike. Proceeds go to Chowan County 4-H Friends of Youth, Governor's One-on-One Program. Entry forms are at area schools or at event. No refunds on entry fee. Call Mildred Vanterpool 482-8431 if questions.

INTRODUCTION TO PAINTING
Your child can explore the world of painting on May 15 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. in the Senior Center activity room. Suggested ages, grades K-3rd. Tuition charged. Given by Robin Sams. For more info

call Chowan Arts Council at 482-8005. Registration and payment to be completed one week prior to the class date.

BAT PROGRAM
Discuss different bat species located in the region during program at Pettigrew State Park in Creswell, NC. Focus on bat behavior, physical characteristics and environmental contributions. Meet in the picnic area at the park at 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 15.

Sunday - 5/16

CLASS OF 1942 REUNION
The class of 1942 Reunion of Chowan High School will be held at Nixon's Restaurant on Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. Come and have a good time. Please contact Virginia Warren 252-335-4626 or Anne Asbell 252-221-4332.

Monday - 5/17

SMART START MEETINGS
Chowan/Gates/Perquimans Partnership for Children, a Smart Start initiative, will be conducting meetings to provide information concerning Smart Start: What it is and what it can offer each community. The first meeting will be held from 7 - 9 p.m. at: Monday, May 17 at the College of the Albemarle, Edenton; Tuesday, May 18 at the Senior Citizens Center, Hertford; Thursday, May 20 at the High School media center, Gates. Child care providers, child care workers, parents, and all interested persons are urged to attend.

LIBRARY BOARD MEETS
The Pettigrew Regional Library Board will meet on Monday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton. This meeting is open to the public.

Tuesday - 5/18

RETIREMENT DINNER

A retirement banquet honoring educators Ralph and Joyce Cole will be held May 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the American Legion Bldg. in Edenton. Tickets are available by calling 482-3213 or 482-4436.

NAACP TO MEET

The Chowan County Branch of the NAACP will meet Tuesday, May 18, at the Providence Missionary Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Events

PAPER MAKING WORKSHOP

You and your child can make beautiful unique cards and note paper. The workshop will be given by Wendy Ford and will consist of 2 sessions - May 22 & 29 from 9 - 11 a.m. Tuition charged. Location: Swain Auditorium Bldg. classroom. For more info, registration and material list call Chowan Arts Council at 482-8005. Registration and tuition payment must be complete one week prior to class start date.

CIVIC LEAGUE MEETING

The Edenton-Chowan Civic League will meet at the Fannie A. Parker Woman's Club Monday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m.

CLUB TO MEET

The Chrome Pony Mustang Club of Elizabeth City will meet June 1, at 7 p.m. at the Marina Restaurant, Camden Causeway, Elizabeth City.

EDENTON AUTO SHOW

The Chrome Pony Mustang Club and Albemarle Motors, Inc. will co-sponsor the third annual Edenton Auto Show, June 5, at Albemarle Motors, Hwy. 32 North, Edenton. Registration from 8-11 a.m.; fee charged. Open to all makes and models. Questions? Call Mark Cooper at (252) 331-1022 or Paul Harris at (252) 336-2645.

Beat

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highway trust fund taxes. This represented 7.37 percent of the personal income of the state's citizens. In addition, local governments collected an additional \$8.9 billion in property, sales, and miscellaneous taxes and fees, representing another 5.0 percent of the incomes of the state's citizens. The result is more than a 12 percent state and local tax and fee burden. Federal collections raise the total tax burden on North Carolinians to around 36 percent.

The median total property tax burden by county in North Carolina was 1.94 percent, or about \$364 per person, which includes municipal property taxes. Counties ranged from 4.73 percent in Dare County (\$975.67 per capita) to 1.08 percent in Alexander County (\$211.60 per capita).

The median total local burden by county (including property, sales, and other taxes and fees) as a percentage of income in North Carolina was 4.57 percent, up more than 18 percent from 1992. Counties ranged from a high of 12.28 percent in Dare County (with little change from the 1992 rate of 12.37 percent) to a low of 2.60 percent in Polk County (down almost 6.5 percent from the 1992 level of 2.78 percent).

Among North Carolina counties, Dare ranked first in total tax burden as a percentage of residents' personal income. Dare residents pay an average of 12.28 percent of their income in local taxes. Last on the list was Polk County, with an average burden of 2.60


percent. Among cities, Hickory ranked first among cities with populations larger than 26,000. Hickory took an average of \$1,449 from each resident. Jacksonville was last on this list, taking just \$421 from each resident. Among municipalities with fewer than 25,000 residents, Lexington ranked at the top, taking \$1,689 from each resident. Weddington ranked last, taking just \$28 from each resident.

It is important to note that incomes vary among counties, and this can affect the rankings. Counties of similar size and similar tax collections can vary as to the burden, because of differences in per capita incomes. Differences among counties can also reflect the rate and extent of annexation, which places more

taxpayers onto municipal tax rolls. Additionally, the Locke analysis excluded intergovernmental revenues, municipal electric charges, and bond proceeds.

While this study is not the last word on taxation in North Carolina, it helps to give residents a picture of just how much of our income is going to pay for government. At 36 percent, it's a lot. Most taxpayers will probably want to take this into account the next time they are hit up for another tax increase.

(Lowrey is director of economic policy and Jordan is director of research at the John Locke Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan public policy research institute located in Raleigh and on the web at www.johnlocke.org.)



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Timothy L. Jones, D.V.M.
Bridgett Mitchell, D.V.M.
& Staff

Coffey

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was "a magnificent brick structure, erected upon granite foundation," according to the Manual. "The Prison wall is of granite, and is 20 feet in height and six feet broad at the top, and its base is said to extend 16 feet below the surface." The prison covered 7,300 acres of land, and had 150 employees. Included in the prison was the "Dangerous Insane Department."

Legal holidays in North Carolina were New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Labor Day and Independence Day, plus the birthdays of Robert E. Lee on January 19 and George Washington on February 22. The anniversary of the Halifax Resolution on April 12, 1776 and the anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on May 20 were also legal holidays. Confederate Memorial Day on May 10 and Election Day on the first Tuesday of November completed the holiday calendar.

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