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'Day at Market' is a big success

Food and fun delight crowds at annual event

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Downtown Edenton was alive with the colors, sounds, and smells of the Christmas holidays. Sailboats aglow with multi-colored lights cast their silhouette into the waters of the sound. Merchants had created windows displays featuring Santa Clauses and Gingerbread houses that all but came to life.

The mouth-watering aroma of Gingerbread drifted from the kitchen of the Lovin' Oven. Church groups filled the air with songs to lift the spirit. The laughter of children could be heard as they took that first pony ride and waved to parents from the Optimist Club Choo Choo Train. Such was Edenton's First Annual A Day at the Market.

Merchants were pleased with the day's activities and the business that came that way. "Everything downtown is absolutely beautiful," said Tracie Adams, manager of Peeble's Department Store. "So many merchants have worked so hard."

Nancy and Dick Pattie along with Bob and Markie Boss from Raleigh were having double the fun while in town. The group was here with four other couples to enjoy a Mystery weekend at the Captain's Quarters Bed and Breakfast.

"We are so thrilled," said



Al Taylor lights a candle for his two-year-old daughter, Summer Lee, during the "Tribute to Tradition" ceremony that brought to a close the "Day at the Market" Christmas kickoff sponsored by the Marketplace Guild in Edenton. The Taylors are from Jamesville, NC. (Staff photo by Helen K. Outland) (Related pictures on B-14.)

Markie Boss. "Not only are we having fun solving the mystery, but downtown Edenton is wonderful. We have really enjoyed the festivities and shopping."

Everywhere one looked there were pretty things to see and good food to be enjoyed.

Brenda Horton and her church youth from Oxley Hill

Baptist Church entertained shoppers with "Oh Holy Night". The Church of Deliverance, led by Reverend James Ferebee, sold a wide variety of homemade cakes, pies, and the best sweet potato jacks ever.

A vendor pushed an antique cart along the sidewalk selling roasted peanuts.

Downtown businesses

were judged for creativity with window displays in the "Best Dressed Business for the Holiday". The judges had a lot of wonderful themes to choose from and as one put it, "This is a challenging endeavor as there are so many beautiful displays."

First place honors in the competition went to Primrose Interiors, second to Marion's Boutique & Antiques, and third to Lovin' Oven. Winner of the "Great Gift Giveaway" was Hackney High of 107 West Gale Street in Edenton. High was entered in the competition by one of his children.

"The day has been wonderful," said Susan Wilkerson, Special Events Chairperson for the Guild. "This is the first time we have done this and there will be kinks to work out, but so far it has been very, very good."

Many of the downtown business agree. Stores like Byrum Hardware were full of shoppers. "We have been busy, that's for sure," says Jack Evans, store manager.

As the day filtered into sunset many gathered at the waterfront for the lighting ceremony.

Mayor Roland Vaughan reminded those gathered to find joy in the day but to not forget the young men and women who are serving the country. "I ask God to wrap these young men and women in His loving arms and protect them," said the Mayor. As the mayor closed the ceremony with prayer over five thousand lights and the candles held by listeners brought a soft glow to downtown Edenton.



Sgt. Rhonda Copeland and Chief Greg Bonner of the Edenton Police Department, are shown with a small amount of drugs and one of the vehicles confiscated this weekend. (Outland photo)

22 indictments handed down

BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND
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Some local bells got rung this past Thursday and Friday nights but it had nothing to do with the holidays. Area law enforcement made arrests resulting in twenty-two indictments, confiscation of drugs, drug paraphernalia, weapons, and two vehicles. The arrests were the results of grand jury indictments following an extensive undercover operation.

A traffic stop by Sergeant Rhonda Copeland Thursday

evening led to the arrest of Van Copeland, Jr., a 28-year-old white male, from 1205 Sandy Terrace.

According to Copeland several bags of marijuana were found in the vehicle.

Further investigation led authorities to the suspect's residence where Chief Greg Bonner of the Edenton Police Department, accompanied by Detectives Andy Bunch and Dwayne Goodwin, of the Chowan County Sheriff's Of-

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Ben Rose, new chairman of the Edenton Historical Commission, right, will join Peter Rascoe, vice-chairman, in leading the organization. Other new officers (not pictured) are Liz Will, secretary, and James Kalbach, treasurer. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)

EHC survey part of new strategic plan

A new planning procedure culminating in the creation of broadened priorities and goals for the Edenton Historical Commission is being put in place. All members of the 33-member commission are being asked to participate in a survey that will help formulate a new strategic plan for the "historic presentation of the Town of Edenton".

"With the considerable amount of renewed attention being put on America's history and historic places, we believe a review of our activities and purposes is in order, along with agreement on some revised objectives, at least for the next two years, is called for," said Ben Rose, the commission's

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'We could just go away,' says Clark as Chowan Arts Council eyes cutbacks

State budget cuts, Sept. 11 attacks impact are felt locally

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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"We could just go away. People don't realize it, but we could. That could happen."

With those few words, Chowan Arts Council Executive Director Sue Clark sums up the situation in which her organization finds itself these days. A combination of state budget cuts and the Sept. 11 terrorist acts that having diverted people away from supporting local nonprofits in favor of national relief efforts have hit the Arts Council hard.

"We were already feeling the pinch before Sept. 11 because of state budget problems and our funds being cut," she said. Faced with that situation, Clark made the tough but brave decision not to cut back on already planned school-related Arts

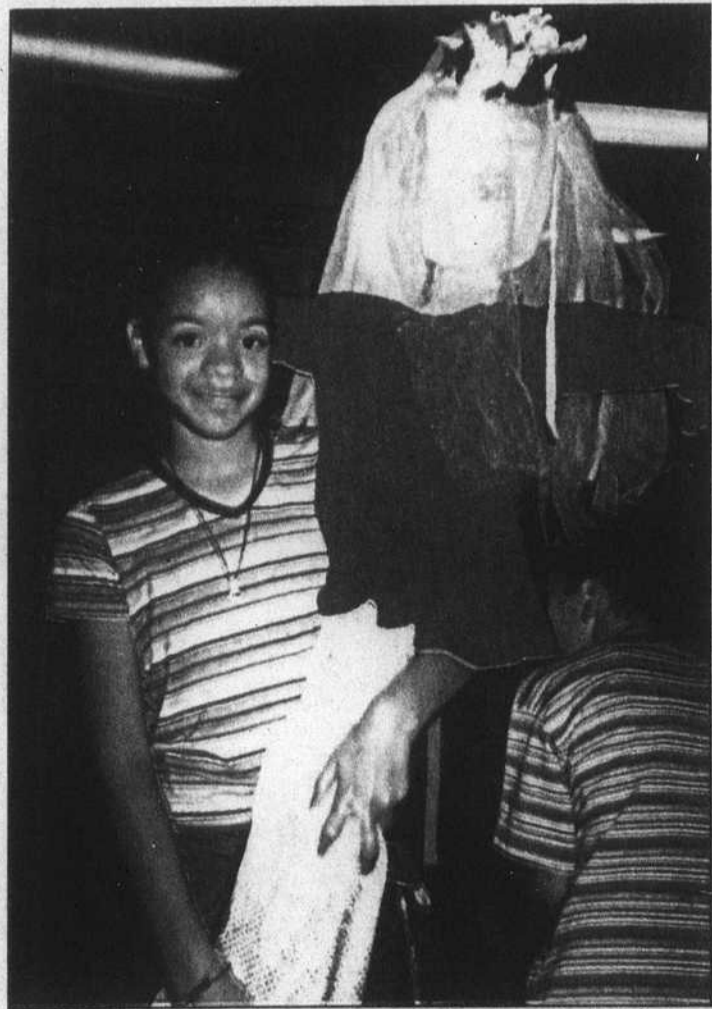
Council events but to instead divert local funds to be able to keep those events coming for students. "Cutting our services to students was just something I felt was very, very important," she said. "I did not want to see those things taken away."

What she could not have known was that Sept. 11 would happen and local donations to the Arts Council would be much less than last year, leaving her faced with the tough decision of how to bridge the funding gap. The figures tell the story. Last year at this time they had raised \$25,500 toward their budget; this year, only \$18,615, which translates into about a \$6,800 shortfall so far. Their fiscal year runs from June to June, and Clark says that while the citizens and local government have been very supportive, more help is needed if they are to survive.

"As things stand now," she said, "we are looking at cutting staff hours starting in January to help make up the difference."

"I don't think that people realize if they don't help us, we could just disappear...we could

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Children's programs are big part of the cultural arts activities sponsored locally by the Chowan Arts Council. More financial support is needed to keep the CAC's services intact.

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