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Reflecting the Christmas spirit

The Edenton waterfront has been drawing lots of attention from those traveling near it in the evenings this holiday season, thanks to sailboat owners displaying their Christmas spirit by draping their riggings with brightly twinkling holiday lights. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

Bennetts Millpond is donated to county

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Research shows a record of a grist mill operation on Rocky Hock Creek in 1757. Although researchers are not totally certain that the Bennett's Mill is the exact site referred to, "In all likelihood a grist mill operated here for over 200 years," says Bob Harrell of the Albemarle Learning Center. "We do know the spill way from the pond into Rocky Hock

Creek was built over 200 years ago." The stone foundation of the original mill straddles the creek.

The original mill, dependent on the water flow over the spillway, was shut down during an extended drought in the 1940's that seriously depleted water in the pond. "It was then that Mr. Warner Evans constructed a second mill nearby," adds Harrell. "The grist in this mill was operated with the assistance of a diesel engine." The

second mill house, although in a very advanced state of disrepair, still houses the diesel engine and grist stone as though it were running just yesterday.

The acquisition of the Mill Pond closes the loop and is considered a large gain in the inventory of the assets owned or maintained by Chowan County's natural and heritage tourism interpretation. "What a wonderful asset for both our

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Those instrumental in assuring the future of Bennetts Millpond were (l-r) Peter Rascoe, Bob Harrell, Colleen Clark, Nancy Nicholls, Pete Dail, Cliff Copeland, Robbie Laughton. (Helen Outland Photo)

Message of love still true today

Dear Readers:

Some things simply cannot be improved upon, as with the original telling of this beautiful story.

Our wish for you this holiday season is that we may all carry its message of love, peace, and goodwill toward our fellow men in our hearts every day of the coming year.

Merry Christmas to you and all those you love.

The Chowan Herald Staff

THE CHRISTMAS STORY

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house of lineage of David;

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shown round about them, and they were sore afraid.

And the angel of the Lord said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found Mary, Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

And all that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

—From the Bible, the Book of St. Luke

Law enforcement urges holiday safety

The holiday season is here. However, along with peace on earth and good will toward men come those with the least good will.

Area law enforcement officials are urging homeowners, shoppers, and party-goers to use caution.

According to officials there have already been situations in Chowan and surrounding counties of thefts and/or scam artist on the prowl. Law en-

forcement representatives say that with the Christmas Spirit the likelihood of falling for a scam is greater. "Most people are in the giving mood to begin with," says Chief Greg Bonner of the Edenton Police Department.

"They are more likely to let their guard down and allow individuals on their property or in their homes who are posing as needy, want to do odd jobs, or who claim to represent

a charity." The Chief goes on to say that citizens should not open the door or allow anyone they don't know into their home. "The elderly seem to be the most vulnerable in this type of situation," the chief adds.

The same types of cautions apply to shoppers. The North Carolina Sheriff's Association wishes to remind you "Don't Flash Your Cash". Street robbery and purse snatching happen in an instant. One of the

robber's favorite tricks is to stop a shopper in the street to ask for a match or directions.

"While you are responding, he is trying to determine whether or not to rob you," says Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill. "Purse snatchers are 'hit and run' thieves. There's not much you can do after your purse has been grabbed." However, add au-

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Donation greatly appreciated

Chowan Arts Council Executive Director Sue Clark accepts a generous donation from Charlie Brohawan on behalf of the Albemarle Sounds as (at left) Gil Burroughs and Bruce King look on. The donation represents part of the proceeds from the Sounds' 10th anniversary show. "We appreciate this generous donation," said Clark. Anyone interested in donating to the CAC can call 482-8005.

Holiday closing

The next edition of The Chowan Herald will be delivered on Thursday, Dec. 27—one day later than normal. The newspaper will be closed all day Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25 to allow the staff time to celebrate Christmas with family and friends.

Regular business hours will resume on Wednesday, Dec. 26. Next week's newspaper will be published that evening.

Regular deadlines will remain in effect for advertising, classifieds and legals, and news items being submitted for next week's newspaper.

The newspaper office will also be closed all day Tuesday, Jan. 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday. Advertising and news items should be submitted by the close of business Friday, Dec. 28 for that edition.