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Christmas Candlelight Tour comes this weekend

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The Historic Edenton Candlelight Tour and accompanying holiday events will begin this Friday, December 13. Sponsored by the Edenton Historical Commission, the homes tour begins at 4 p.m., with the related events starting at 1 p.m.

The streets of downtown Edenton are beautifully lit and decorated. Homes are aglow with warm Christmas colors and the aromas of the holidays linger in the air. Owners of the homes that are part of the tour are busy making sure everything is perfect for the many visitors that will soon arrive. Marion Goodman has used ingenuity and lights to transform her dining room into a beautiful, twinkling fare of silver and gold. Nancy Downum has brought in a variety of the abundant greenery found in her yard to surround delicate candles and ribbons.

"I am really excited," says Marion Goodman. "I love this time of year and sharing our home will be wonderful." The ladies have taken a lot of time and care in preparing their homes and the anticipation is mounting. "Everything seems



Nancy Roberson, (left photo) and Marion Goodman (above) will join their husbands, Jerry and Livy, in warmly welcoming visitors to their homes during this weekend's annual Christmas Candlelight Tour. A companion Oyster Roast will be held on the grounds at the Barker House, which will serve as tour headquarters.

to be near ready," says Nancy Downum. "We have worked hard." Her hard work will be rewarding for those touring her home.

The Barker House Holiday Repast, the Iredell House Annual Groaning Board, and the Cupola House Annual Wassil Bowl, will all reflect the beauty and graciousness of a Christmas celebration of old. A waterfront Oyster Roast beginning at 7 p.m. will add the final, palate-teasing touch to an evening of celebration on Friday and Saturday evenings.

On Friday evening while guest enjoy succulent oysters prepared by Leon Nixon's Catering they can listen to the songs of carolers filling the air starting at 6 p.m. at the Courthouse Green.

On Saturday, December 14, at 11 a.m. the Edenton-Chowan Christmas Parade will kick off a second day of events and tours. The Chowan Arts Council will be hosting Confection Perfection where visitors can savor the expertly prepared sweet delicacies of the holidays. Saturday evening at 8 p.m. and again during the 11 a.m. worship service the Edenton Baptist will be presenting "A Service of Lessons and Carols".

Commissioners hold swearing-in

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
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The Chowan County Commissioners meeting opened with mixed emotions Monday evening with the swearing in of newly elected commissioners and the retirement of Chairman Pete Dail.

The newest member of the board, Jimmy Alligood along with re-elected members, Louis Belfield and Wayne Goodwin were sworn in by County Clerk, Nancy Morgan. Other matters on the agenda included the election of a new chairman and vice-chairman. In response to a motion by Commissioner Harry Winslow, Louis Belfield was named Chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners. Commissioner Dwayne Goodwin was appointed Vice-Chairman for the board following a mo-



Outgoing Commissioner Pete Dail, left, accepts good wishes from fellow Commissioner George Jones, right.

tion from Commissioner George Jones.

Chairman of the Chowan County Commissioners Pete Dail officially retired from the board Monday night, praising the county and fellow board members. "Chowan County has been a wonderful place in which to live and raise a family," Commissioner Dail said. "And for sixteen years I have had the honor of working for a great county and with some fine commissioners."

"It has been a pleasure working with Mr. Dail," said Commissioner Wayne Goodwin. "He will be missed." Commissioner George Jones presented Chairman Dail with the name plaque that had designated his seat on the board since 1987. "Pete Dail has served this county well," said Jones. "For

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Chamber gift certificates a hit

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Are you one of those people who find it hard to buy for others because you're never quite sure what they want? Well, just in time for Christmas, the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce is stepping in to help shoppers take the guesswork out of gift giving.

As a special service to its members, the Chamber is coordinating a gift certificate program for goods and services. Chamber Membership Director Brenda Spruill says its appeal is simple. "Our program allows the recipient to choose where and what they would like for a gift," she ex-

plained. "From auto repair to clothing, gasoline to groceries, we've got it all. Simply put, no gift you could possibly give would be more flexible."

Introduced just prior to the holiday season, the gift certificates are proving very popular, Spruill said. She said the Chamber has already sold over \$18,000 worth of the certificates, adding that a "good mix of merchants" where the certificates can be redeemed is making the certificates a very attractive purchase for holiday shoppers.

Spruill added that feedback from the program has

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Kadesh Church on medallion



The 1897 Kadesh AME Zion Church will be the focus of this year's Kiwanis Christmas medallion.

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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An interest in support edu-

cational efforts for students, and a desire to support an important local restoration project, prompted members of the Edenton-Chowan Kiwanis Club to devote their 2003 Christmas medallion to a depiction of the Kadesh AME Zion Church, built in 1897. The church has recently become the focus of a massive restoration effort.

In a show of support for the project, said club spokesman Larry McLaughlin, "For the year 2003, the Kiwanis have donated one hundred medallions to the Kadesh AME Zion Church to help with their plans to restore their church on West Gale Street in Edenton. In addition, the

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Faith Fellowship opens its doors to Chowan County's Hispanic community

Opening doors and hearts

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
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As Christmas approaches most people are absorbed in

shopping, decorating, and preparing or sampling the sweet delicacies readying waistslines for those elastic waist jogging pants.

However, for some of the Hispanic citizens of Chowan and surrounding counties, the

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'Holidays' section in newspaper

Today's Chowan Herald features a special section entitled "Winter Holidays".

"Winter Holidays" is a supplemental insert designed to add an extra educational component to the newspaper, especially for the use of Newspaper in Education programs. Teachers can enjoy the use of this resource in their classrooms, students appreciate something designed just for them, and families can read and discuss them together. Such an insert promotes all the objectives of our Chowan Herald Newspapers in Education program. The program aims to increase literacy and educational opportunities for the young people of our region,

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2003 Christmas Candlelight Tour

Friday, December 13th & Saturday, 14th from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m.

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