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Rocky Hock Opry is coming

Ruritans Relay team fundraiser

BY JACK EVANS
 Special Correspondent

On Friday, January 17 and Saturday, January 18 the Rocky Hock Ruritan Relay for Life Club will sponsor a Grand Ole Opry show and dinner at the Rocky Hock Playhouse. Dinner and drinks will be served from 6-7:15 p.m. and consist of pork roast, candied yams, and all the trimmings.

Following the format of Nashville's Grand Ole Opry the show will begin at 7:30 p.m. and include live commercials featuring many different and great entertainers, all at a cost of \$15 per person.

Entertainment for the two shows will feature performers such as Brian Smith playing the keyboard. Brian has been involved in music for most of his life. "Big Daddy" Sam Morris, drummer, just recently recorded his first CD in Nashville, Tennessee will

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"Cousin Minni Pearl" portrayed by Cindy Lewis, left, will bring her talent and humor to the stage during the community fundraiser performance. (Submitted photo)

Performers to strut their stuff

BY MARGE SOPER
 Correspondent

The Grand Ole Opry is coming to town! That's right. Right here in Chowan County!

Some of the finest Country Music musicians reside locally and for your pleasure and a very good cause, the Rocky Hock Ruritan Relay Team is sponsoring a dinner and show based on the Grand Ole Opry.

The Rocky Hock Ruritan Relay Team has for years participated in fund raising for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Each year they have come up with such fundraisers as bake sales or yard sales or suppers. This year they wanted to do something a bit different and they certainly have chosen a wonderful format for a fundraiser. A great deal of work and effort will be put into this entertaining ben-

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Tyner man faces assault charges after shooting

Milton Elliott Jr., 28, of Tyner has been charged with the Thursday afternoon shooting of Kwame Everett, also 28, of Hertford, NC.

According to Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill, at about 1:37 p.m. last Thursday a call was received by the Chowan County Central Communication 911 Center reporting that an individual had been shot at 3241 Rocky Hock Road.

"Deputies and EMS personnel were dispatched to the residence," Sheriff Spruill said. "Upon arrival, officers found the victim, Kwame Everett, laying in the doorway of the mobile home with a wound to the right knee area of his leg." Everett was transported to Chowan Hospital for treatment.

Sheriff Spruill said that the

victim told those responding that "Milton Elliott Jr. had come to the residence, they got into an argument and Milton shot him." Spruill added that Elliott had left the residence before authorities arrived.

The sheriff said that a warrant was obtained for Elliott, charging him with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill/inflicting serious injury.

Elliott turned himself in at the Chowan County Sheriff's Office on Friday night, Spruill said, and was released on a \$10,000 secured bond.

Investigating officer, Detective Victor Lamb, was assisted by W.G. Whitehurst, Lupe Mejorado, Carl Rabe, Sheriff Spruill and Ed Webb. The Gates County Sheriff's Office also provided assistance.

Musical benefit for Taylor

A Love Musical Benefit for former Chowan County Commissioner James Taylor will be held at Swain Auditorium in Edenton on Jan. 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

Featured performers will include: the RJ Gospel Singers; Edenton Male Chorus; Mike Malloy and Billy Butler; and Piedmont Jazz. Everyone is welcome.

Redesign to be considered

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Editor

Chowan County Commissioners were told during their monthly meeting Monday that the board of the Shepard-Pruden Library would talk this week about possible revisions to a proposed design that would add 5,100 square feet to the library building on West Water Street in Edenton.

At presstime, that meeting was set to take place Tuesday evening.

Librarian Rosalie Miller explained that architect Jerry Traub had created a design that had won the approval of the library's board,

and was then submitted to the Edenton Preservation Commission for its consideration. After the commission okayed the design, several local residents appealed the decision to the Edenton Board of Adjustments. That board returned it to the commission, asking for additional documentation on the design elements. Particular concern focuses on a proposed glass-in addition to the site.

"I believe in it," said Boyd. "I believe it will be absolutely beautiful, inside and out. I am particularly pleased that it will offer us the opportunity to become handicapped accessible, which we would very much like to be."

Byrums welcome New Year's baby

BY SHERRY JONES
 Chowan Hospital

Dakota Byrum, 23 months, is excited but not sure what to make of the newest addition to his family. "Baby!", he says, and wiggles to get down from the hospital bed where he was snuggling with his mother and new baby sister at Chowan Hospital on Thursday, January 2. His sister, Trinity Blake Byrum, is the first baby of 2003, the "New Year's Baby", born at Chowan Hospital.

Trinity arrived at 10:34 p.m. on January 1, 2003, weighing in at 8 pounds, 7 ounces and 22 inches long. She is a healthy and beautiful new baby girl, delivered by Dr. Michael Gavigan, OB/GYN, of Francis and Boehling, in Edenton and the Labor and Delivery nurses at the hospital.

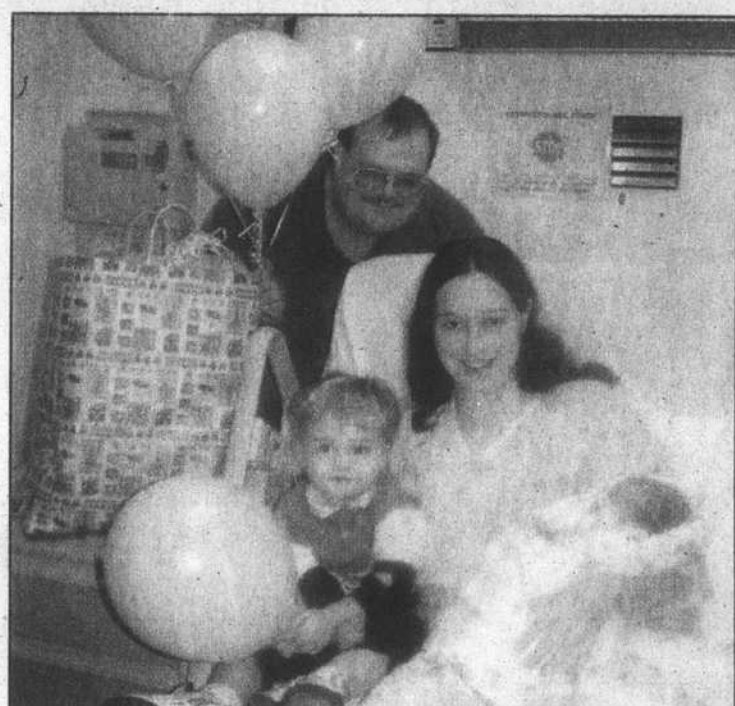
Parents Carlos and Spring Byrum of Windsor, NC, are glad their daughter has finally ar-

rived. She has a large extended family who have been anticipating her birth, including grandparents Catherine Bundy of Windsor, Arnold Bundy of Harrellsville, Martie and Debbie Harris of Edenton and Frances Byrum. She is also the granddaughter of the late Raymond Byrum of Windsor. Trinity's Godmother is Diane Coward of Merry Hill. Her Great-grandparents are Ledrew Perry and the late Frances Perry of Merry Hill and Mildred Bundy and the late John C. Bundy of Hertford.

On January 2, the Friends of Chowan Hospital and Chowan Hospital President Barbara Cale presented the Byrums with pink balloons and large bags of gifts. Edenton merchants donated all the gifts to welcome the New Year's Baby.

The Byrums were surprised

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Trinity Blake Byrum, the first baby born in 2003 at Chowan Hospital, rests comfortably with her parents Spring and Carlos Byrum and big brother Dakota.

Crutchfield show at CAC Gallery

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
 Staff Writer

On Friday, January 10, at 5:30 p.m. the Chowan Arts Council will be holding a reception for the opening of artist Mary Crutchfield's One-Woman Show, Exploring Watermedia. Crutchfield is no stranger to the area and her unique artwork is viewed

and appreciated by many.

Over the years Crutchfield has developed her technique in watermedia through imagination and experimentation. "I have always painted," Crutchfield says. "And loving watercolor, my technique just evolved."

Crutchfield says that using only watercolor requires planning ahead, but with water



Pear Pressure

media, "you can play a little first and then pull it together," she says. Crutchfield goes on to say this allows her to work on several paintings at a time, working on one for a while then moving on to another as inspiration and experimentation dictates. She uses Watermedia in a number of

different ways to add dimension to her work, creating a collage of color and texture.

"Watermedia is not confined to just watercolor either," says Crutchfield explaining the finished effect. Crutchfield may use acrylics

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Culpepper says an interest in history prompted decision

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Editor

In this edition the Chowan Herald's Newspapers in Education program kicks off the first chapter of a newspaper serial for children, "Dreams Come True: The Story of the First Flight," written by Mary Maden and illustrated by Vicki Wallace.

The first chapter, one of 14 detailing the story of the Wright Brothers adventure in flight at Kitty Hawk, NC on the Outer Banks, is titled "The Letter." It details Wilbur and Orville Wright's excitement at receiving a letter from a Kitty Hawk resident, William Tate, offering his hospitality and assistance, and assuring them that Kitty Hawk would be "a fine place" for them to test

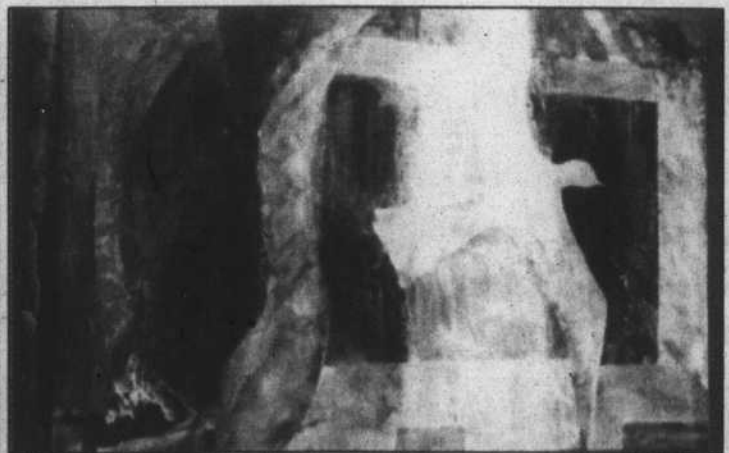


Orville and Wilbur Wright

their theories concerning "a flying machine."

The series is being sponsored by Rep. Bill Culpepper of Edenton. Culpepper said he appreciated the opportunity to show his strong support for literacy education, adding that the fact the series centered

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Soaring Song