

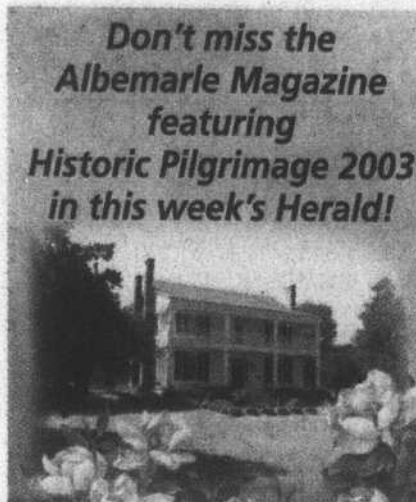
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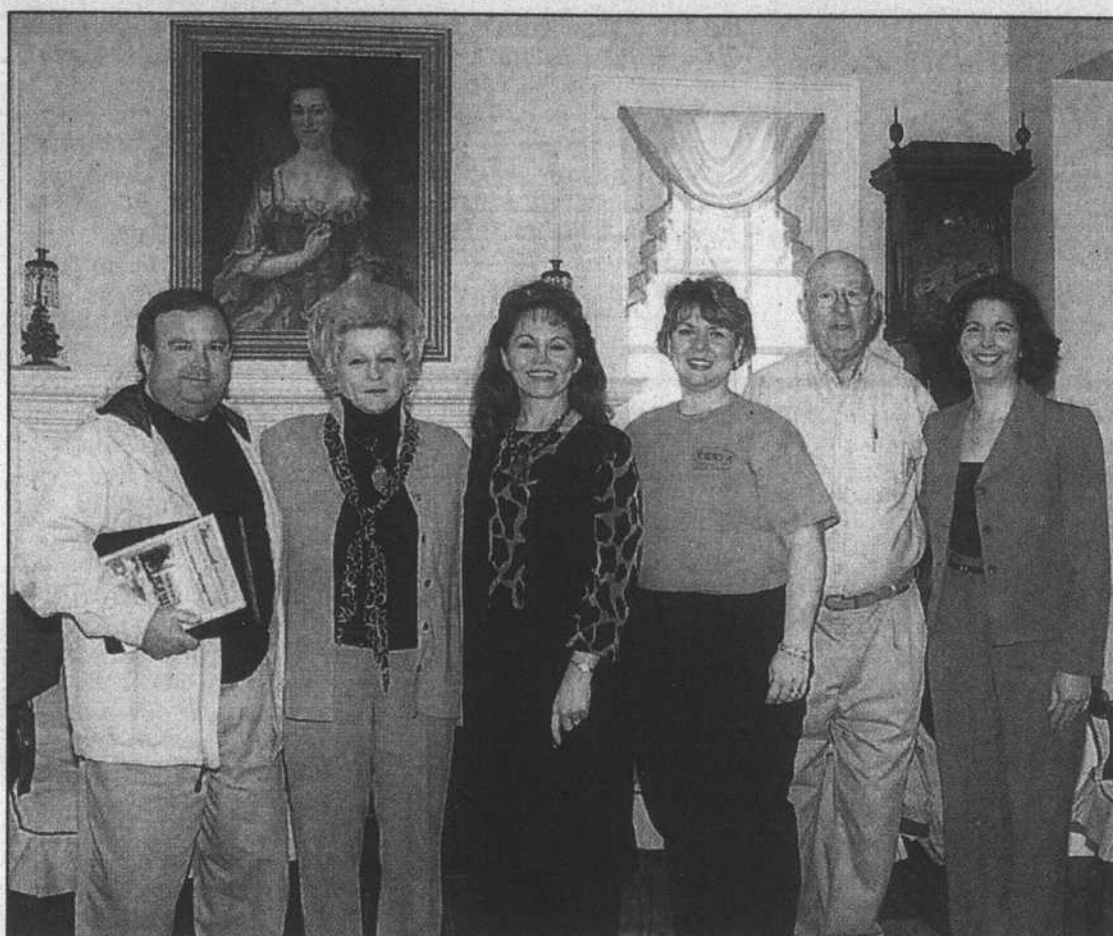
BY ANNE GREER
Special Correspondent

This year's Pilgrimage will take on a richer dimension April 25 with the addition of a very special evening planned to benefit the Edenton Historical Commission and the Edenton Woman's Club. On that evening, at 7:30 p.m., you are invited to an after-dinner occasion at Edenton House in support of these two organizations, which are dedicated to the preservation and promotion of historic Edenton.

Built in the 1820s, Edenton House is described by Thomas Butchko, author of "Edenton: An Architectural Portrait," as "the epitome of the stylish sidehall-plan Federal style dwelling." James Farr of Chevy Chase, MD, is the owner of the house. It is through his efforts that the house is now host to a learning institute. Edenton House is now a place to be enjoyed by groups and individuals who wish to promote historic preservation. The house also serves as a center for presentations, seminars and dialogues among selected groups that seek positive means to manage the many challenges that face Americans in the 21st century.

Those visiting the Edenton House on the evening of April 25 may enjoy:

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Guild endorses Main St. concept

Belinda Washlesky (3rd from left) along with the Chamber's Richard Bunch (left) and Town Manager, Anne-Marie Knighton, (right) are joined by a room full of downtown Merchants Guild members at the Guild's regular monthly meeting on Tuesday morning. A North Carolina Main Street public forum is planned for next Monday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Edenton Town Council chambers. Washlesky explains that this will be an important community gathering where citizens and merchants will have an opportunity to learn more about the Main Street program. "We're looking for an enthusiastic turn-out," said Washlesky. "This is a great opportunity for Edenton." According to organizers the April 14 meeting will feature a presentation by Rodney Swink, State Director of the NC Main Street program. According to a press release, only four towns in all of North Carolina are selected every two or three years and the selection follows a highly competitive and lengthy process. The Downtown Merchant's Guild, as one of the oldest and most successful downtown organizations has officially endorsed the Main Street program and promises to do all that it can do to help, according to Ashley Misseri (3rd from right), acting president of the Guild. Also pictured welcoming Washlesky are longtime Guild members Marion DesJardins and George Alma Byrum. (David Crawley photo)

'No Wake Plan' still undecided

BY DAVID TAYLOR
Contributing Writer

April's Chowan County Board of Commissioner's Meeting starting off with a bang Monday night. A public hearing was held to receive comment on a proposal to seek legislation from the NC General Assembly to establish a No Wake Zone in Pembroke Creek. The zone would begin at the Highway 17 Bridge north-west into the Pembroke Creek and continue around Dillard's Island.

The public was well represented and in high attendance to give their views and opinions on the proposal. A line was definitely drawn as residents debated the ups and downs of a no wake zone in the proposed area.

Most residents that battled for the proposal stated that as it is now, the creek is unsafe and widely misused. Some stated that boats pulling skiers fly around the 135-degree turn while other boats and fishermen are in the creek.

Other residents urged the commissioners to think about the families that use the creek. With no wake, meaning that boats have to cut back speeds so that no white water is left behind, water sports and activities will not be able to take place.

Some residents urged the commissioners against a

"blanket prohibition," and police the waters a little more, allowing only two boats in the creek at a time. Other ideas ranged from more safety signs around the creek to a larger existence of wildlife officers in the area.

After a lengthy debate, the commissioners deadlocked on a 3-3 vote with no clear resolution of the issue. An amendment was passed with the county agreeing to consult with all participants involved in the issue, including the wildlife authorities, and to reconsider the issue.

A public hearing was held on Monday, April 7th, to receive comment on the proposed 10-year Solid Waste Management Plan as prepared by the Solid Waste Authority and reviewed by the Planning and Enterprise Committee. This proposal was approved.

NEXT MEETING

The following are scheduled for the Monday, May 5 Chowan County Board of Commissioners meeting:

- Meeting of the Board of Equalization and Review
- Public hearing on the Secondary Roads Program
- Public hearing on the proposed Greenway Plan
- Public hearing on the proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Public hearing on the Rural Operating Assistance Program.

Strother to be honored by ECU

Shelby Sheffield Strother of Edenton will receive the East Carolina University School of Music Alumni Professional Society's Distinguished Music Alumnus Award on Thursday, May 8. In 1960, Strother earned her BS degree from ECU in Greenville, NC.

"The award is certainly justified, and I'm elated that she's receiving it," says former School of Music Dean Charles Stevens. "It was my privilege to supervise Shelby's student teaching at Washington High School when I was choral director for that school." Stevens recalls that Strother demonstrated superior musicianship, was well organized, and showed much promise for a



Shelby Strother

career in choral teaching. "In addition to her success as a teacher and choral conductor, she has had a service career which includes many alumni areas and non-music areas in the community and state."

Since retiring from thirty-four years of teaching —

twenty years of which she spent in the Edenton-Chowan Schools — Strother hasn't missed a beat. She's continued her service to the region, to education, and to East Carolina.

"She hasn't retired by any means," says former student Beth Norvell Ulfers, a K-2 music educator with Pitt County Schools. "She still attends the performances of her former students."

Strother hasn't limited herself to the support of music. While it's true that she served as choral director for First Presbyterian Church in Boone for nearly a decade; organized, directed, and advocated the Edenton Choral Society for

twenty years; served on the Chowan County Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony Board; and chaired the North Carolina All-State Chorus for nine years, not all of her energies go to music.

"I always wanted to be a nurse," Strother says. "I didn't pursue it because I had a talent I thought I should use." Her career choice hasn't precluded a lifetime of support of medical care. Strother served as president and is a member of the Friends of Chowan Hospital, and served the North Carolina Society of Hospital Volunteers/Auxiliaries State Board as vice-president of edu-

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Join Easter fun at the park

Come to the downtown Edenton waterfront park and join the fun and fellowship on April 19 from 9 a.m. until noon. Several area churches will be joining to provide the story of Easter and lift up our Risen Savior.

Organizers say they will have performances on stage, starting with the Easter Story and the stage will be open for appearances by local talent afterwards.

"Anyone that has a song, mime, creative movement,

dance, or other talent they would like to share can call me at 482-7855 before April 18 to reserve a spot," said Beebe White, spokeswoman. "Do not be shy; call today to share the message of Christ with your talent."

Other scheduled activities at the park that morning will include an Egg Hunt for toddlers to second grade and for third grade through fifth grade (bring your favorite

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Banners are offered

Cmdr. Charles Aylesworth and Adjutant Richard Campbell, Sons of American Legion Squadron 40, Edenton hold a Blue Star Service Banner to be displayed in the window of homes where a family member is serving in the armed forces. To receive a banner, call 482-2386 or 482-8921.

County Livestock Show is April 15

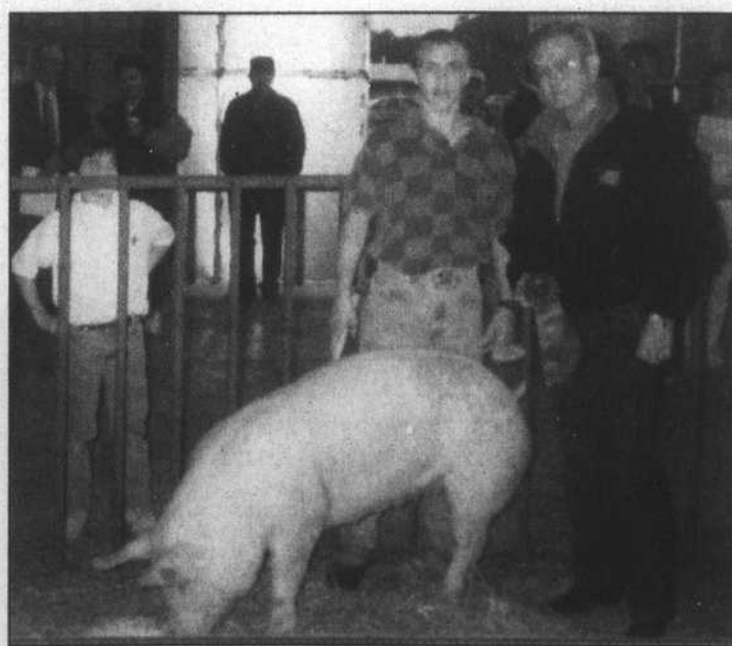
The 49th annual Chowan County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale will be held April 15 at the American Legion Post 40 Livestock Show Barn in Edenton.

The show, which begins at 1 p.m., is sponsored by the Advance, Chowan, Rocky Hock, Ryland and Yeopim Ruritan Clubs in cooperation with the NC Cooperative Extension Service Chowan County Center.

Judge will be Walter Earle, Wilson County Extension Director. Wallace Evans of Edenton will serve as auctioneer for the event.

A supper will be held at 5:30 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony at 6:15 p.m. and sale at 7 p.m.

"There are 61 youths participating this year, showing pigs,



The 49th annual Chowan County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale will be held in Edenton on April 15.

steers, goats and lambs," said County Extension Director Mike Williams. "We encourage everyone to come out and see this show and sale, which has become an annual tradition in our community."

Scheduled activities include:

- Primary Division Goat Judging and Show
- Primary Lamb Division and Lamb Judging
- Primary Hog Division and Hog Judging
- Individual Hog Judging
- Pen of three Hogs Judging
- Hog Fitting and Showmanship Contest
- Steer Judging
- Steer Fitting and Showmanship Contest.

Anyone interested in more information about the show may call Williams at 482-6585.

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