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Pilgrimage is this weekend

BY REBECCA BUNCH Managing Editor

Visitors to the 2003 Historic Edénton Pilgrimage will find they have traveled to a community where homes are lovingly preserved and tourists are welcomed with open arms.

This year's tour, sponsored by the Edenton Woman's Club, will take place Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., rain or shine.

The homes and public buildings on this year's Biennial Pilgrimage Tour are scheduled to include:

· The Bateman-Badham House, 201 E. King Street

· James Coffield House, 209 E. King Street



Strawberry Hill will be among the lovely homes open to the public during the Biennia Pilgrimage in Edenton this weekend. (Staff photo by Bud Weagly)

'Pasta and a Bowl' set at CAC Gallery

5:30 p.m. at the American Legion, Queen Street Extd., in Edenton, the Chowan Arts Council will host their annual fundraiser with an Italian twist..."Pasta and Pottery". It promises to be an unforgettable evening in support of this remarkable arts organization.

"Pasta and Pottery" invites you to pick out a beautiful ceramic bowl made by a local potter. The bowl will be filled with delicious authentic Italian sauce and delectable pasta for your enjoyment,

On Saturday, April 26, at made by the best cooks in town. When leave, the bowl is yours to keep," said CAC Executive Director Sue Clark.

> "Whether you lean towards the adventurous, the romantic, the whimsical, or the utterly self-indulgent," Clark added, "there will be over 75 items in the silent and live auction that include something for everyone. Some intriguing examples include shag lessons for eight couples, a deep sea fishing trip, a romantic night in a suite at a local inn, a beautiful beach cottage in Nags Head for a week,

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· Hobbs-Leary House, 223 E. chairwoman. King Street

· Barrow Hole House, 216 E. King Street

· Brown-Elliott House, 209 E. Water Street

· Edenton Public School, 205 S. Oakum Street

· Strawberry Hill, 608 E. Church Street

· Jubilee Farm, 620 Poplar Neck Road · Mulberry Hill, 200 Mul-

berry Hill Road · Greenfield, 250 Greenfield

Road · The Fishery, 232 Green-

field Road

"There are some wonderful houses on the tour this year, and Edenton is always at its loveliest in the spring, so we hope everyone will come and visit us that weekend," said Martha "Marty" Badger,

She praised the generosity of the homeowners who have agreed to open their doors to visitors for the biennial event.

"This tour represents a big commitment on the part of these homeowners to open their doors to thousands of visitors in a single weekend," Badger said.

In addition to these lovely homes, there are also many noteworthy public buildings and historic churches opening for the tour. These include: Edenton Baptist Church (1916-1920), 200 S. Granville Street; Kadesh AME Zion Church; Locust Grove Baptist Church; The Barker House; The Chowan County Courthouse; Cupola House: Iredell House: Chowan Arts Council; Historic Edenton Visitor Center.

Commissioners favor plan for helping children

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL Staff Writer

"Helping hurting children.... Healing broken families" is the motto of Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina. This organization was founded in 1885 and currently serves about 1,885 children and their families.

Since the time of their opening they have helped to create a haven and hope for children and their families. They believe their work is possible by "a belief in goodness, faith in God, conviction and experi-

ence that lives can be changed."

Chowan County is slated to continue that worthy goal. The BCH has plans to open two group homes, which will serve Chowan County. The homes will serve children ages 8 to 18 that have behavioral or family problems. These licensed foster homes will serve any child from any referral source. The first home would be a shortterm haven for kids. Teenagers would be housed there for a period of sixty to ninety

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Elliott is named new president

The National Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century held its 79th annual conference at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC April 9-12 where Mrs. James D. Elliott Sr. was confirmed as North Carolina State President for 2003-

Forty-six other incoming state presidents, along with their outgoing presidents, participated in the "pinning and sashing" ceremony at the end of the four-day conference.

Gen. John A. Shaud, US Air Force (Ret.) was the principal

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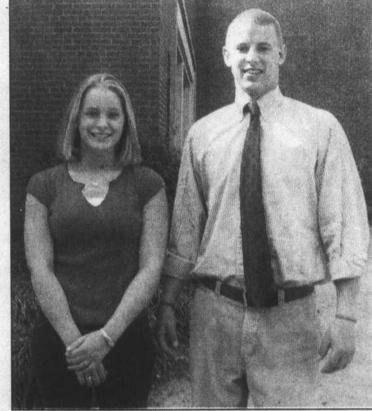
BY GLENDA JAKUBOWSKI Public Relations Director Edenton-Chowan Schools

The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program named John A. Holmes High School seniors Allison Britton and Judson Smith as recipients of prestigious Teaching Fellow scholarships.

Britton and Smith join 400 peers chosen from about 2,000 Teaching Fellow candidates throughout the state.

"We certainly hope to welcome them back to the Edenton-Chowan Schools family in four years," said superintendent Allan T. Smith. "The potential Allison and Juddie have shown as students bodes well for the quality they will bring to the classroom as teachers."

The most ambitious statewide teacher recruitment program in the nation, the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program provides a \$6,500 per year scholarship to outstanding high school seniors who agree to teach four years in one of North Carolina's public schools following graduation



Teaching Fellows Allison Britton and Judson Smith

from college.

The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program was enacted by the General Assembly

in 1986 to improve the quality of public school educators in the state. The mission of the program is to recruit talented high school graduates into the teaching profession and to develop leadership qualities such as visionary thinking and risktaking.

In addition to the scholarships, Teaching Fellows have enriched college experience including the opportunity to attend special seminars, structured observations and field experiences, and access to mentors and faculty sponsors. Teaching Fellows can participate on summer Discovery Trips - 1,600-mile, sevenday tours of North Carolina, as well as more than 30 enrichment options such as travel abroad or computer and biotechnology work-

shops. During the summer preceding college graduation, Teaching Fellows attend Orientation Weeks in North Carolina school systems, meeting with superintendents, classroom teachers and representatives of local governments. Many of the students take advantage of this time to explore potential places of employment.



Tamika Spruill gets ready for her first day on the job as the Chowan Herald's new staff writer. (Bud Weagly photo)

Spruill joins staff of Chowan Herald

bia, NC has been named the new staff writer at The Chowan Herald in Edenton.

'We are absolutely delighted to have a writer of Tamika's caliber working with us," said Publisher David Crawley in making the announcement. "She just began work this week, but has already proven

Tamika Spruill of Colum- herself a valuable asset in terms of her ability and obvious professionalism."

Spruill is a graduate of Elizabeth City State University where she earned a BA in English and minored in journal-

Most recently she has been teaching in the Hyde County

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners

The Chowan County Heritage Development Council Invite you to join them for the Dedication of the J. Robert Hendrix Park

and Cannon's Ferry Heritage River Walk On Sunday, April 27, 2003

2:00 o'clock pm Light Refreshments will be Served

On the Chowan River . 317 Cannon's Ferry Road

Area still fighting to keep OLF out

BY ROBERT SHILES Cox NC Publications

Although it appears likely the US Navy will select a site either in Washington or Craven counties to be the home of an outlying landing field to service SuperHornet jets, Albe-

marle area officials still aren't writing off the possibility that the OLF could end up in either Perquimans or Bertie coun-

"Although the Navy favors of the woods yet," said Randy

Keaton, Pasquotank County manager and a member of the Northeast OLF Coalition. "We're not ruling out that they may not choose another site."

Anne-Marie Knighton, the Washington or Craven Edenton town manager and sites, it doesn't mean we're out member of the OLF coalition,

"We're still very concerned about other sites," she said. "We were reminded of that about three weeks ago, when we received a call from the consultant working on the Navy's environmental impact state-

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SATURDAY APRIL 26TH 5:30 PM **AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING FOR TICKETS CALL 482-8005**

All proceeds benefit the Chowan Arts Council