

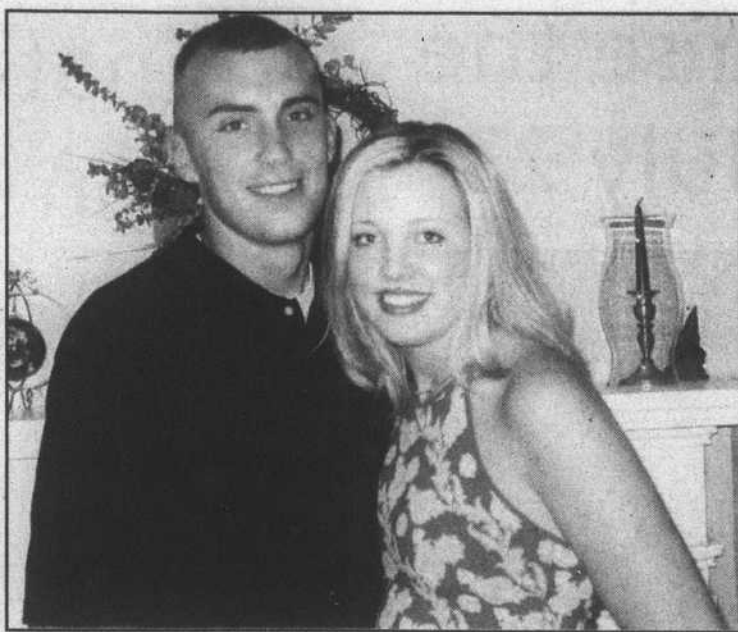
Art show offering prizes

ELIZABETH CITY — The Pasquotank Arts Council Gallery is excited to announce their 17th Annual Landmark Competition. The show is open to all artists who wish to compete.

The exhibition opens on Sunday, Sept. 7 and offers \$1,300 in cash prizes as well as \$4,000 in purchase awards.

This year's theme is an artist's interpretation of Northeastern North Carolina.

If you would like a prospectus or are interested in a purchase award, please contact the Gallery at (252) 338-6455.



Lindsay-Rebekah Ellis Plummer and James Homer Tyre IV

Plummer, Tyre plan fall nuptials

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bennett Plummer of Edenton announce the engagement of their daughter, Lindsay-Rebekah Ellis Plummer, to James Homer Tyre IV of Smith Station, Alabama. He is the son of James H. Tyre III and Sherry R. Tyre of Parkersburg, West Virginia. Miss Plummer is a student

at Pitt Community College in Greenville. She works at Rose's Gymnastics Training Center in Greenville.

Mr. Tyre is a member of the United States Marine Corps. Stationed at Cherry Point, NC. He recently returned from Iraq.

The wedding is planned for Oct. 4 at the Edenton United Methodist Church.

Country Festival planned

WILLIAMSTON — Historic downtown Williamston will once again be the site for the NC Finals of the Colgate Country Showdown Talent Contest during the 7th Annual Carolina Country Stampede festival, Sept. 26-27.

The contest is held in conjunction with a street festival that begins at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, featuring the beach band The Catalinas at 8 p.m. Friday.

On Saturday, festival hours are 10 a.m.-10 p.m. with the Colgate Country Showdown Talent Contest at 2 p.m. on the main stage at Town Hall. The headline act is expected to be legendary country musician and actor Jerry Reed. Plans call for Reed to take the main stage at 7 p.m. Saturday.

The festival features arts and crafts, food, activities for children and carnival rides. Interested vendors should contact the Martin County Chamber of Commerce at (252) 792-4131. Other inquiries can be made to Martin County Travel and Tourism, 1-800-776-8566.

Don't leave your kids in hot cars

A two-year-old Cumberland County boy is the latest victim of hot weather and cars. His death is prompting officials with the NC Department of Health and Human Services to warn caregivers against leaving children in cars during this heat spell.

"This is a terrible tragedy that could easily have been avoided," said NC Division of Child Development Director Peggy Ball. "You should never leave a child in a hot car, even for a minute. Even with the windows cracked, it only takes a few minutes for temperatures to reach dangerous levels. The temperature can shoot up to 120 degrees on a hot, humid day."

Heat exhaustion can occur at temperatures above 90 degrees and heat stroke can occur when

temperatures rise above 105 degrees. If not treated immediately, heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke. In heat stroke, a child can no longer sweat. His body temperature rises to deadly levels, leading to severe damage to the brain, liver and kidneys, or even death. Ball also warned adults to lock their car doors when they park to avoid kids climbing in and becoming trapped, only to die in high heat when they can't get out.

'Coolin' Off' at MOA

ELIZABETH CITY — Summertime in the Albemarle — hot and humid — calls for a hammock in the shade, or sandy flip-flops at the beach.

It's the perfect time for viewing the "Coolin' Off" exhibit on display now through Aug. 31 at Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City. It showcases objects and images from sweltering bygone days before air conditioning, as well as those from the more recent past.

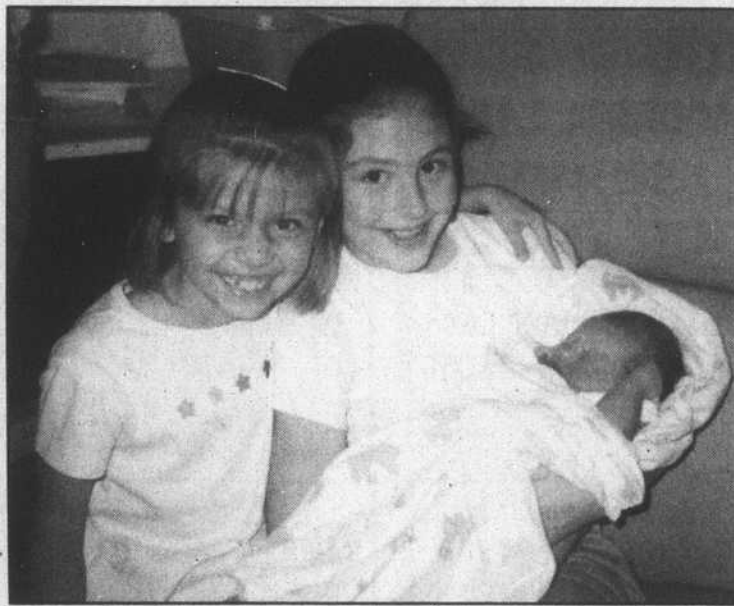
The entrance shows a woman in a 1950s madras-plaid relaxing on a porch settee. The main part of the exhibit has three cases full of beat-the-heat objects from 1868 to 2003. Some of the interesting things are bathing suits from the 1920s and 1950s, a kerosene-powered fan from 1900, and the coolest largemouth bass trophy you'd ever want to see.

The museum also has traveling exhibits. Call (252) 335-1453 for more information.



Couple to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Mark R. Dawley of Edenton announce the engagement of their daughter, Heather Lynn, to Jeremy Charles Groves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Groves of Nettie, WV. Miss Dawley is a 2002 graduate of Elon University in North Carolina. She is a marketing assistant at Bright of America, a West Virginia manufacturing plant. Mr. Groves is a 2003 graduate of Glenville State College in West Virginia. He is a professional photographer with Images by Romano in West Virginia. They plan to marry in the summer of 2004.



New baby in the house

Billy and Jennifer Bass and big sisters Lauren and Natalie announce the birth of their third child and sibling, Kinnan Riley Bass, on June 10 at Chowan Hospital in Edenton. The baby weighed 7 lbs., 7 ozs. Maternal grandparents are Bob and Laurie Owens of Edenton. Paternal grandparents are Bill Bass and the late Hazel Bass of Edenton. Maternal great-grandparents are Emma White-man and Ethel Owens of Edenton. The baby's mother is the former Jennifer Owens.

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