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Kellie Pickler
and more at
the Hog Fest
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Attempt to move home fruitless

Property owned by
Southern Bank; no
details as to future

By **Connie Sage**
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Despite protests from Preservation North Carolina and the town manager, a house on property recently bought by Southern Bank was being demolished this week.

The abandoned N.L. Ward house, built in 1922, was tucked on a piece of land between McDonald's and Burger King on Virginia Road.

Even though the property is not in the town's historic district, it was more than 50 years old and attempts were being made to move it, according to Claudia Deviney, regional director of Preservation North Carolina's Northeast office, based in Edenton.

"You have a house I believe could have and should have been saved," she said. "This house is part of Edenton's history. It pains me to lose any historic property, especially when it didn't have to happen."

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said she tried to buy Preservation time in an attempt to save the house.

"We begged for more time," she said, "but obviously we were not successful. I feel really badly."

The town had no authority to stop the demolition because the house was not in the town's historic district, Knighton said.

She said however that the bank did agree to save most of the trees on the property including an old elm.

Charles Britton, city executive with Southern Bank on Broad Street, said a "reasonable amount of time"

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Boys and Girls Club members head to N.Y. 6:30 a.m.

The Boys and Girls Club of Edenton was one of two clubs nationwide to win a trip to N.Y. to see the Yankees play against the Oakland A's July 19.

But only 10 members can take part. So members wrote these essays on why they should be chosen:



"We hope to make this a two-day trip with a visit to Times Square and Ground Zero, culminating with the game." — **Jerome Levisy**, club director

How to help:

Donate to the B&G club; call 482-7082 for details. ESPN is co-sponsoring the trip to the game, but all other activities must be paid out-of-pocket.



Jakob Riffey

I am a good and nice kid. I don't get into any trouble at the club.

Even though I am a Boston Red Sox fan, I would like to see a Yankees game.

I would also like to see some of N.Y.'s really tall buildings.



Zikia Leary

As a child and living in an unnoticeable place like Edenton, children don't get many chances like this one.

And I might not get another chance to go to N.Y. or to fly so I've got to live life to the fullest.



James Duncan

When I am at the club, I do my homework during power hour and participate in the smart moves program in the teen room.

If I am chosen I will represent my club, so they can have a good impression.



Rymea Bond

It would be an honor. I would get a chance to show how the B&G club is a good place to be.

Staying overnight is a great way to show how responsible I am.



Ethan Riffey

I should go to N.Y. to see the Yankees because I show respect to all staff at the club.

I am a big fan of the Orioles but would be thrilled to have an opportunity to see the Yankees play.



Tavis Stanley

If I am one of the top ten I am going to be happy because this will be my first time ever going on a trip to a baseball stadium and to see some professional sports players like Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez.



Tycoric Johnson

I believe I do my best at the club. I participate in power hour. I listen to directions and try my best to do the things asked of me.

I would like to go to NYC because I know I will represent my club to the best of my ability.



Tyrone Leary

I would love traveling to a gigantic city out of state.

Going to N.Y. would be a dream come true.

I have never been on television before or seen a famous person or team.

I will be on my best behavior.



Zachary Valentine

I played recreation baseball last summer. We did really badly.

Going to watch a professional team would give me the opportunity to watch how a professional team works with each other.



Deron Capehart

I deserve to go see the Yankees play because this could be a once in a lifetime chance for someone like me.

It could be a great experience to sit in the same stadium that Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez are in.

Polls open Tuesday 6:30 a.m.

By **Vernon Fueston**
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It will be an unprecedented primary election May 6 in Chowan County. For the first time in at least a century, the county will hold both Republican and Democratic primaries.

The elections are required because an unusually high number of candidates have filed, especially among Republicans.

Voters will be limited to voting in the primary for the party in which they have registered. Unaffiliated voters may choose one party or the other to vote for a party slate.

National and statewide candidates will also appear on the primary ballots. Here is what voters can expect to see on the ballots for county races.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

Two Democrats, Harry Lee Winslow and Emmett E. Winborne, will be running for the right to face Republican challengers in the fall to represent the first district (Wardville, Center Hill and Rocky Hock).

HARRY LEE WINSLOW

Harry Lee Winslow is a native of Chowan County and 14-year incumbent on the commission.

He cites his experience in getting the county extension office and public safety building built as his main accomplishments.

Winslow also cited future capital expansions like the high school renovation as the biggest challenges facing the county.

EMMETT E. WINBORNE

Native Emmett E. Winborne served on the commission from 1990-98.

A farmer and convenience store operator, Winborne said his greatest concern for Chowan County is the management of controlled growth and the preservation of the county's charm.

Education was another of Winborne's top priorities.

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY

Two Republicans each will be running for the right to represent one at-large seat and the seats for district 1 (Wardville, Center Hill, and Rocky Hock) and 2 (East and West Edenton).

KEITH NIXON (At Large)

The former operator of a paint distributorship in Edenton, Nixon has served on the Waterfront Development commission, the body responsible for constructing the downtown breakwater.

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Airport may become training ground for Blackwater USA

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Blackwater USA is talking with town officials about leasing space at the airport for law enforcement driver training.

Blackwater would teach defensive driving techniques once or twice monthly if a lease is approved, according to Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton.

The private military company, based in Moyock, would pay \$14,000 annually to rent an abandoned runway at the airport that last was used by the military.

The College of the Albemarle has used the runway for its Basic Law Enforcement Training classes for years at no charge, Knighton said.

Blackwater gave demonstrations of its driver training program last month to town and airport officials

in both Moyock and at the airport, located off Soundside Road.

"We need as many revenue sources at the airport as possible," said Airport Manager Harry Davis.

"The more revenue we can generate and the more the airport is self-supporting, the fewer taxes are required."

The runway, located at the northeast corner of the airport, hasn't been used for aircraft since the town took over the property from the Marines in 1959, Davis said.

Blackwater could begin using the Edenton airport for training as early as May.

The town also is looking at a program Blackwater developed in conjunction with the North Carolina Highway Patrol to teach defensive driving to newly-licensed teenage drivers, Knighton said.

CMT winner, national mower contest and more at Hog Fest

By **Rebecca Bunch**
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Mouth-watering chicken and pork. The squeals of happy children as they take part in pedal tractor/tricycle drag races. Great country music. One-of-a-kind arts and crafts.

These are just some of the things visitors will experience during this weekend's second annual Hog Fest beginning Friday at 4 p.m. with rides for the kids, Saturday at 9 a.m. with kids' pedal races and continuing through Sunday.

"This will be a great experience for the whole community and the whole area," said E.C. Toppin of the American Legion, which is sponsoring the event.

"We are doing this to promote Edenton, and our region," he said. "And we're having a lot of success."

We're bringing in people from the Tidewater area to Wilmington to West Virginia, from just all over."

Award-winning musician

Country music artist Kellie Pickler will perform in concert on Saturday night at 7 p.m.; gates open at 6 p.m.

Pickler, a singer/songwriter who first gained national attention on 'American Idol,' recently won a number of CMT awards for her ballad, "I Wonder."

Tickets to the show will be \$25 in advance and \$35 at the gate on the night of the show.

Selecting 'People's Choice'

A highlight of the Hog Fest activities will be the chance to serve as a 'People's Choice' BBQ judge.

Toppin explained how the event

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