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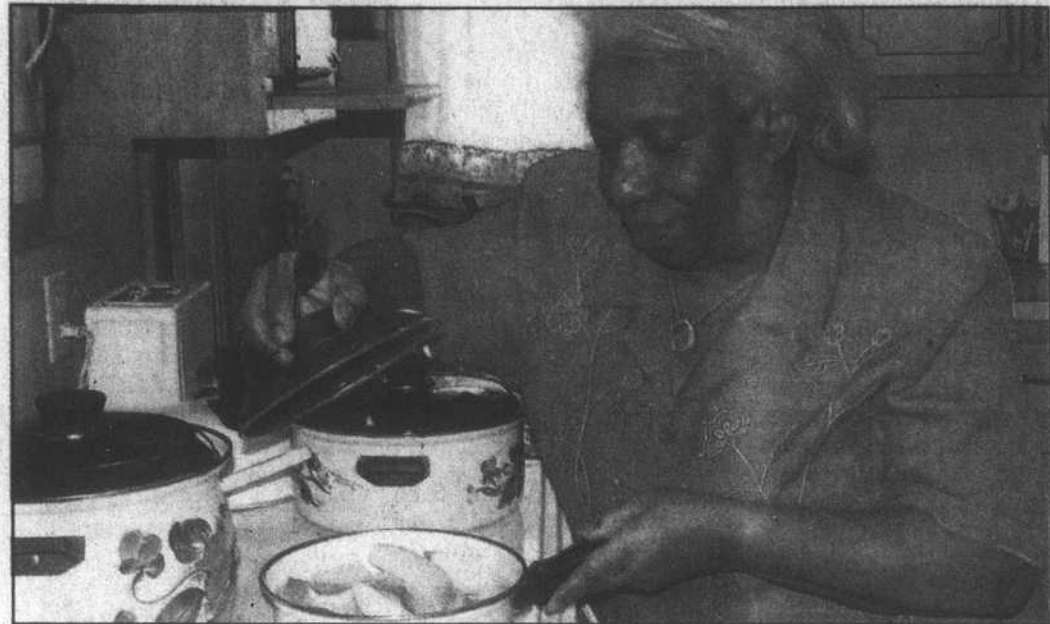
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Satterfield prepares food for her pastor Fred Wiggins Monday afternoon.

## OUR STREETS & SIDEWALKS

### Sidewalk Businesses projects pondered want more parking

Neighborhoods in need being ID'ed by town, county

By Rebecca Bunch  
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*"The Oakum Street businesses deserve just as much consideration as those located on Broad Street."*

— David Bond, owner of Needful Things on Oakum Street

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Lois Jordan-Cooper says a sidewalk is needed on West Peterson Street.

Mary Pat Perry would like to see the town do more to even out sidewalks in the downtown area. She is concerned one day she'll trip and fall.

Councilman Willis Privott has walked Coke Avenue enough times to know there's a need for a sidewalk there.

"Any street in town that doesn't have a sidewalk is bad for the town," Privott said, "because more and more people are walking for their health."

Concerns about those streets, and others recently identified, will become part of a list that town and county officials are developing.

#### Renovations to come

The town has received a \$20,000 Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant that will allow it to identify problem areas and create a plan to fix them.

Additional funds will then be sought to actually perform the work.

The planning grant covers both prioritizing repairs and neighborhoods where sidewalks are needed.

Such is the case with South Oakum and East Water Street.

The sidewalk ends at the intersection of East King Street requiring pedestrians to step into the road at East King and continue walking that way until they come to the Masonic Lodge, where the sidewalk starts once more.

#### Other areas of concern

Another place that's been identified is on West Water Street, near Dock Street.

Pedestrians must walk in the street until they round the curve and come to the spot where the sidewalk begins again at Blount Street.

Wes Haskett, a planner with the Chowan County Planning Department, said another area covered by the grant would be identifying problem areas.

Those would include things such as cracked or uneven sidewalks in town that need repairing.

Several public meetings are planned to allow citizens to share input with the committee that will establish pri-

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## The love of Lillian Satterfield

By Rebecca Bunch  
Staff Writer

African-American women didn't have lots of ways to make money decades ago. But some found them, said local author and historian Marguerite McCall, now in her seventies.

"A lot of times, people would have (a black woman) come in, do some cleaning and cooking, and take care of their children," she said.

McCall said people living in small towns shared more of a sense of community then; many women, black and white, cooked and took meals to someone who was sick or had experienced a death in the family, just to show they cared. That's not so common any more, she said.

Among those carrying on that tradition is Lillian Satterfield of Edenton.

#### Food and love

On any given day, she might be fixing a meal for her pastor who's ailing, a friend who has worked hard all day, or a cake for someone in the neighborhood who's had a death in the family and needs cheering up.

Cooking is how she shows her love and carries on a family tradition that's existed for several generations.

"This is something that's been done in my family for a long, long time," she said, as she stirred a pot of green beans on the stove on a sunny summer afternoon.

"Love is the greatest thing, you know, when you love somebody. This is how I show my love."

Her daughter, Lois Lassiter, a teacher at John A. Holmes, agrees.

"She's been doing this as long as I can remember," Lassiter said.

### Taking care of babies and families not her own have been her work, purpose

"My mother and my grandmother before her always cooked for folks," Satterfield said. "If there was somebody that was sick or needed to know somebody cared, they would always take them something good to eat."

On this particular day she was preparing dinner for several of her children as well as a friend who was going to stop by and pick up a plate on the way home from her job.

Alongside the pot of green beans, sliced potatoes were boiling, while homemade rolls cooked in the oven of her small kitchen.

Efficient in her movements, Satterfield had already removed a pan of baked chicken from the stove and begun icing a lemon pound cake that stood atop a cake plate on the kitchen counter.

"I love to cook chicken, that's one of my favorites," said Satterfield, who began learning to cook in her grandmother's kitchen at a young age.

#### Cooking early on

"I grew up in Tyrrell County. Everybody had woodstoves back then," she said, remembering, as she sliced some cake for a visitor.

"My grandmother, Angelica Liverman, let me have my own little pots and pans and, of course, I just loved that."

Her mother, Emma Mizelle, kept house for several families in addition to taking care of her own family. She was a cook with plenty of experience too, Satterfield says.

She watched and learned as her mother and grandmother used their skills to help take care of others. And

she has spent the years since doing the same.

Satterfield describes herself as someone who just prepares plain, family-style food and is happiest when she sees somebody eat a meal like they're really enjoying it.

"I'm not a fancy cook," she said, "just a basic cook, I guess you could say."

Her grandchildren, Vann and Sydney Lassiter, sometimes get involved, delivering meals or desserts she's made. It gives her a happy feeling, she says, to see them carrying on the tradition.

#### Caring for others

Satterfield's husband, William, was the first African-American police officer hired in Edenton.

She became a housekeeper like her mother, taking care of generations of local families including the Habits and the Dowds.

She said she still maintains contact with businessman John Dowd, who remains close to her heart.

"He's just an angel," she said.

For his part, Dowd, who has fond memories of enjoying Satterfield's cooking, said he still thinks of her as "my second mother."

"I loved John and all the other children I took care of like they were my own," she said, "and I know they loved me."

Recent cataract surgery has slowed down her time in the kitchen a bit, Satterfield says, but it's not something she plans to give up.

"I want to do it just as long as I'm able," she said. "If I know of somebody that doesn't have anybody to do for them, well, I enjoy doing what I can."

## Development back in the making

### Drummond's Point project to go before commissioners

By Rebecca Bunch  
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A Yeopim subdivision project delayed years due to Hurricane Isabel is finally back on track.

Plans for it will come before the Chowan County Commissioners for approval at their August meeting.

Construction could begin this fall.

Developer Ron Andronowitz said that the planned Refuge on Drummonds Point project was put on the back burner due to the large number of fallen trees and other debris left behind by the hurricane in 2003.

Then, too, he and wife Michelle, owners of Sound Home Builders, were busy arranging for repairs to local homes.

"We really had our hands full," he said.

After that came obtaining permits required for the project, which also took time.

Concerns raised during the first plat review concerning road access and boat slips had to be resolved prior to a final hearing before the County Planning Board.

County Planning Board members gave the plat review a thumbs up during a final review held last week.

#### Living with nature

The Andronowitz's development company, Adron

Properties Inc., plans to use 23.18 acres of waterfront wetland forest at Drummond's Point to construct 14 homes at the Refuge.

According to Michelle Andronowitz, the property will be developed "to create a sense of place that works within the natural systems and gives the feeling of living in a wildlife preserve."

The couple said they have planned construction of villas to be located there so that the development will have minimal impact on the ecosystem.

Ron Andronowitz estimates that the villas will be between 3,500 and 4,000 square feet in size. Prices are expected to range from \$850,000 to \$1-million dollars.

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