

Pack 'em in!



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The Pack House Inkeeper Guiliano Giannone (left), Alli Van Norman and owner Michael Scalpi stand in the upper level stairway, Sunday, during the grand re-opening of the bed and breakfast in Edenton.

The Pack House Inn open to the public

From staff reports

A ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house were held this past week for The Pack House Inn in Edenton, a gracious bed and breakfast inn located a short walk to the historic downtown and waterfront.

According to the inn's Web site, The Pack House was formerly part of the Lords Proprietor's Inn in Edenton for 22 years.

It offers eight spacious guest rooms and features a huge parlor with two coal burning fireplaces, rustic pine

plank flooring, Cypress flooring in the bedrooms, an overlooking balcony, and a wonderful porch supported with Corinthian Columns.

Room rate includes evening wine and cheese, continental plus breakfast, 24 hour access to guest kitchen and the use of an Espresso Bar.

A variety of fine antique decor is featured throughout this Edenton Inn, including works of art by several local artists such as Jane Perry and Sally Porter. All of the beds and armories are hand crafted by Master Craftsman Benjamin Hobbs of nearby Hertford.

Built in 1915, it was originally a Tobacco Packing House at the 1785 Strawberry Hill Plantation. In 1987 it was cut in half and moved to Edenton, N.C. to its present location. It was restored and converted into an eight bedroom inn by Arch and Jane Edwards, founders of the well known Lord Proprietor's Inn.

This two-story bed and breakfast is one of North Carolina's best examples of a Tobacco Packing House architecture — one of only a few still in

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Flu outbreak limits visitors at hospital

From staff reports

Chowan Hospital announced Monday it is limiting visitation at its facility due to the outbreak of H1N1 and the seasonal flu.

Hospital spokesman Brian White said the measures are being taken to protect the safety of patients, staff and visitors.

"With more patients visiting the emergency department with influenza, wait times have increased significantly," White said.

Hospital personnel are

working on a plan to cut down the waiting time in the emergency department for those waiting to receive care.

As of Monday, people who are experiencing a cough, fever, sore throat, runny nose, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting, are asked not to visit, White said.

Also, the Family Birthing Center is restricting all visitors under the age of 12, unless they are a sibling of a newborn.

"Due to the outbreak of

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Airport buffer purchase OK'd

By Rebecca Bunch
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After years of work to improve the Northeastern Regional Airport in Edenton, the town council has agreed to take the next step.

That step involves acquiring land needed to protect the approach for the glide slope for runway 1-19.

On Tuesday night, the council voted unanimously to purchase 28 acres of land adjacent to the runway from John Wood, his sister, Heidi, and their brother, Edward. The Woods will receive \$67,000 for the property.

The purchase of an additional 3.8-acre tract belonging



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to Julia Small was also approved. That purchase will allow for a navigation easement needed at site of the airport.

Small's property is located off of Popular Neck Road. She will receive \$2,700 for the land.

"There are four property acquisitions (in the works) and we are recommending that you proceed with two of those (tonight)," Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton

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Charges against officer dropped

Arts gallery named in honor of Perry

By Rebecca Bunch
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An assault charge against former Edenton Police Officer Derrick Knox was dismissed last Tuesday in Chowan District Court.

The incident in question occurred on July 13, 2007, when Knox allegedly Tasered Thomas Allen Dail Jr.

The district attorney dropped that charge, and an additional one where Knox was accused of assaulting DeShannon Kenta Stepney by striking him with his service revolver on Sept. 24, 2006, in March of this year.

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On Friday night the Chowan Arts Council honored former executive director Ann Harrell Perry, naming its inner gallery in her honor.

Current CAC President Lyn Castellani noted that the dedication was made "to honor a woman whose five-year vision and leadership of the

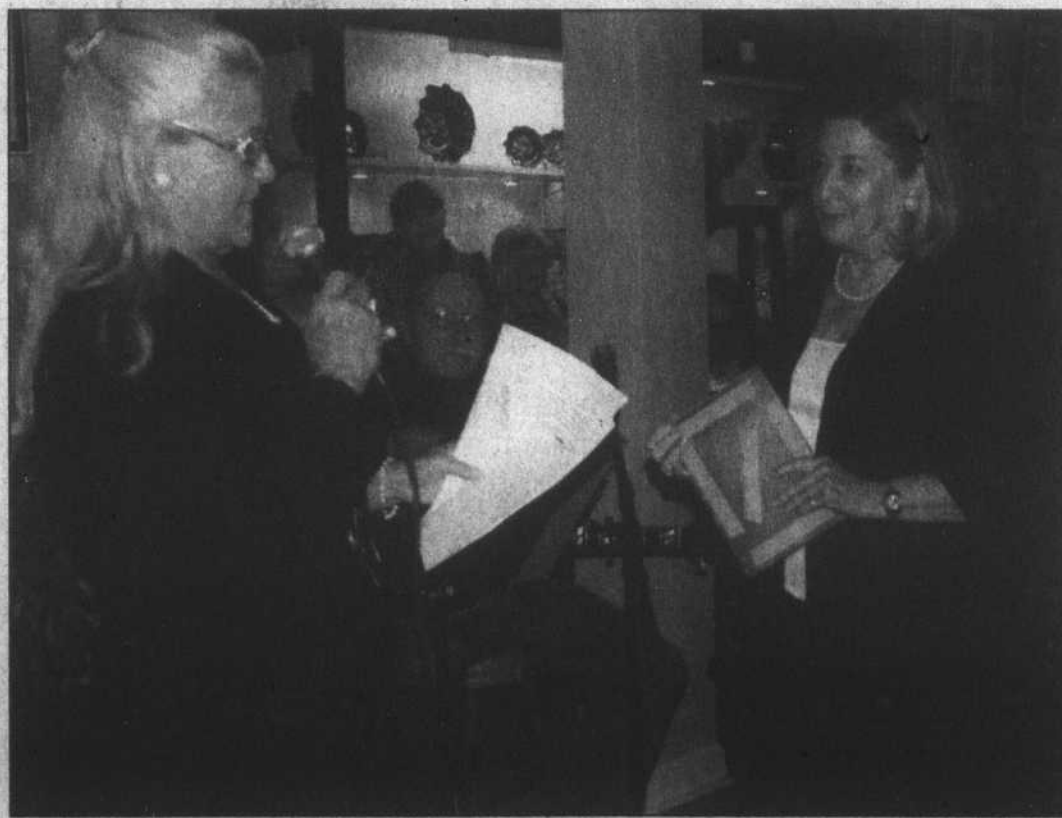
Chowan Arts Council helped create (the gallery) where you stand tonight."

Castellani said that she could not possibly begin to list all of Perry's accomplishments as director.

"For those of you that are thinking of the many auctions, concerts, dances and events I have omitted — or some special memory of your own — I want you to know that my first draft of this speech was seven tightly spaced pages! Her wonderful family and many other remarkable accomplishments will have to be covered in another venue."

Perry, teary-eyed, said she felt humbled by the honor, and deeply touched by all the love that could be felt in the room.

She expressed gratitude to



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lyn Castellani, arts council president, left, explains the many things Ann Perry, right, achieved during her time as director of the nonprofit organization. Perry is holding an engraved plaque that will hang in the gallery.

all those who worked with her as volunteers during her time in office, and said she was pleased that so many of them continue today to be a part of the nonprofit arts or-

ganization.

"I'd do a foot-washing if I could," she said.

Beginning to grow

Perry, after working as a

teacher, began volunteering at the arts council and went on to become its executive director in 1993.

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School absences are down

From staff reports

The flu bug has lessened its bite on Chowan County schools this past week.

Superintendent Allan T. Smith said Tuesday that on Monday, there were a total of 173 students absent from all four schools.

That is down from a high of 314 absent from last Monday — which equated to 13 percent of the school system.

"The incidence of absences have been steadily going down since they peaked last week," Smith told The Chowan Herald Tuesday.

Here is a breakdown of the 173 student absences on Monday:

- White Oak Elementary, 63.
- D.E. Walker Elementary, 31.
- Chowan Middle, 22.
- John A. Holmes High, 57.

The flu bug has hit early this year, with many students reporting a variety of symptoms ranging from strep throat, viruses and allergies.

The school district has been in contact with Albemarle Regional Health Services.

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