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Chowan County Regional Fair under way

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Chowan County Regional
Fair — 4A

The American Legion Post 40 Fairgrounds in Edenton were a beehive of activity Monday afternoon.

As the Chowan County Regional Fair prepared to open its gates on Tuesday, a swarm of Legion officials and volunteers put the finishing touches on educational booths and livestock entries. Along the midway, workers put up rides and made sure animals from the petting zoo stayed hydrated.

Rooms filled with educational exhibits awaited the arrivals of fairgoers as did the Show Barn filled with livestock including goats and chickens and fall flowers, pumpkins and gourds.

Beth Stanley, who is in charge of the educational exhibits, said that 20 booths salute the fair during the town's 300th anniversary celebration.

Stanley, who is Chowan County's 4-H Extension Agent, said, "This year we are excited to feature the 'Got to be NC Agriculture'

booth entitled 'Serving up locally grown goodness.' As part of the booth, there will be an essay contest for youth ages 9-13 to win a digital camera. We want to encourage fairgoers to visit the booth for more information."

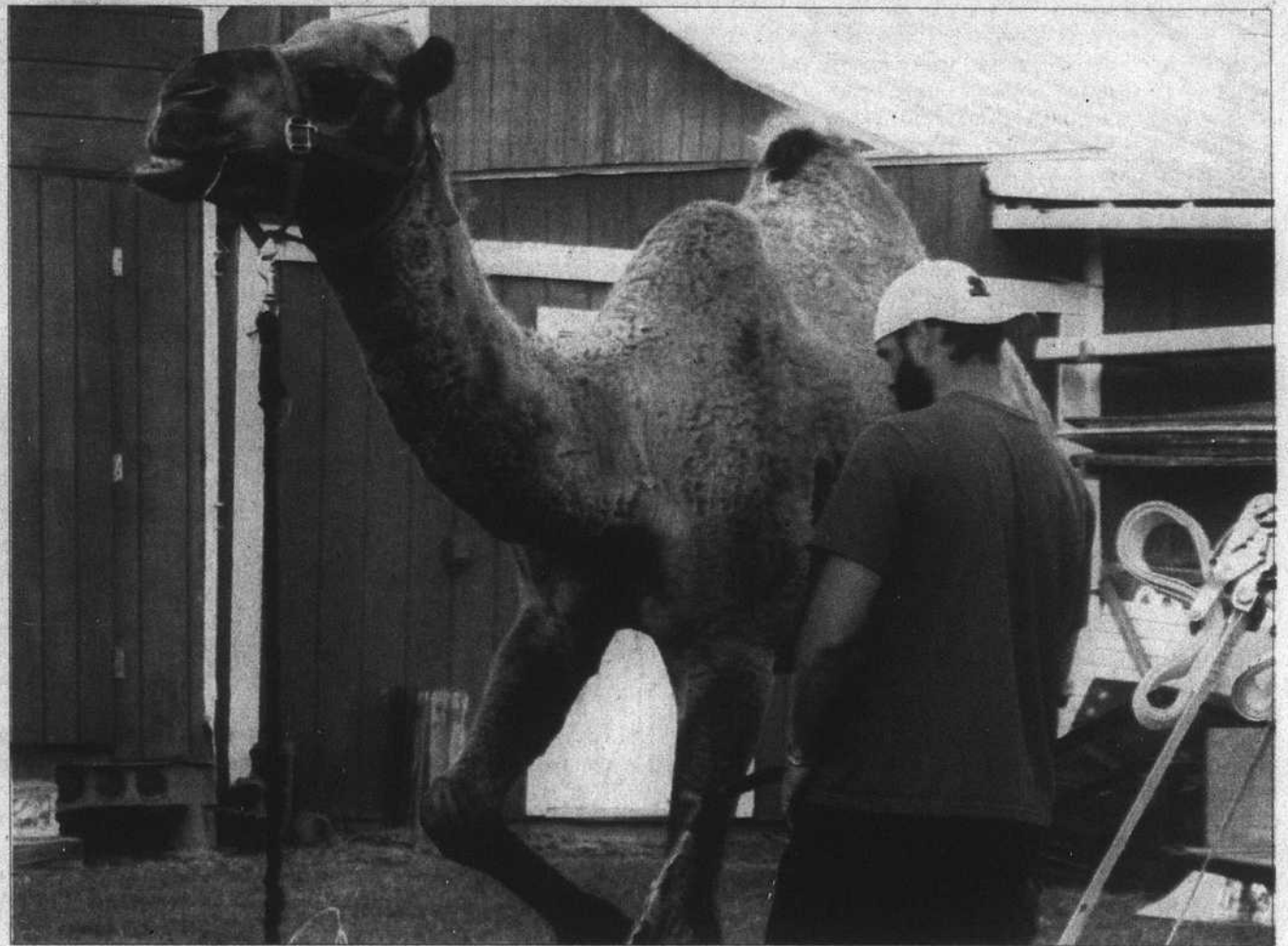
For the past three years, Lloyd Wayne Evans has been a familiar presence at the Show Barn overseeing operations in the livestock and horticulture sections of the building.

When asked why he's interested in being such an integral part of the fair, Evans doesn't hesitate.

"What you see here, these are the products of Chowan County — whether it be field crops or cut flowers, animals," he said. "They are all a part of the fabric of life here."

Jo Anne Lowe, who has volunteered in the agriculture entries section of the fair for decades, agrees.

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Clyde the camel stretches his legs as he waits for his water bowl to be filled at the petting zoo at the Chowan County Regional Fair, Monday. Other animals that will be part of the zoo include a zebra and a llama in addition to some less exotic animals.

Simpson standing by record as a councilwoman

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Third Ward Councilwoman Norma Simpson hopes her service as an appointed member of the Edenton Town Council will convince voters in the 3rd Ward to elect her to the seat in November.

Simpson, 66, faces a challenge from the Rev. Roscoe Poole Jr., 79, who along with Simpson was one of those who sought appointment to serve out the unexpired term of the late Councilwoman Phyllis Britton.

Simpson was sworn-in to the 3rd Ward seat on Feb. 14, 2012.

This is the first time Simpson has sought election to the council seat.

The Edenton Municipal Election is Nov. 5.

A Chowan County native, Simpson said she is seeking election to the town council because she loves people and loves her community, and enjoys helping people. She said she finds the council a good way to help people.

"I enjoy helping people when they have problems," Simpson said. "For instance, I was able to help one man who told me he had been trying for three years to get a water leak problem in his yard taken care of. It made me feel good that I was able to help him with that."

"I have also been able to get more streetlights on Paradise Road,"



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Simpson continued. "Mr. Herman Jernigan asked me to do that before he died. And he lived long enough to see them put up, which I am really glad about."

Simpson has worked as a nurse tech at Family Medicine of Edenton since the practice opened in 1980. That experience, she said, has helped her become a good listener — something she has found to be an important asset as a councilwoman.

"Because of my work as a nurse I have learned the value of being easy to talk to and really

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Poole: Ready to represent Edenton's 3rd Ward

BY REGGIE PONDER
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The Rev. Roscoe Poole Jr. is seeking the 3rd Ward seat on the Edenton Town Council, but he says his concerns are bigger than a single ward.

Poole, 79, is making his first bid for elective office, though he was one of those who sought appointment to serve out the unexpired term of the late Councilwoman Phyllis Britton.

Councilwoman Norma Simpson was sworn-in to the 3rd Ward seat on Feb. 14, 2012.

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"I feel like I can help the town," Poole said. "I don't feel like that if I became a

town councilman in the 3rd Ward that it's just looking out for the 3rd Ward. I'm interested in helping the whole county."

Although the town council is involved mainly in town matters, Poole said he does have an interest in some of the concerns of people who live in parts of Chowan County that are outside the town limits.

For instance, Poole is a board member of the Cape Colony Association and he is very concerned about the need for a fire department at Cape Colony.

Poole said some residents of the ward had told him they didn't think the incumbent had done a good job of following through on concerns expressed by



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constituents. "People told me they would tell the council lady about problems they were having and it wouldn't go any further," Poole said.

Simpson had no comment when asked about Poole's statement.

Poole was born and reared in Elizabeth City. He has lived in Edenton since 2002.

He's retired as pastor of Pleasant Grove AME Zion Church in Edenton.

After eight years in the Army, Poole spent eight years in civil service work with the Coast Guard and 17 years in civil service at Norfolk Naval Air Station.

Poole currently works

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

City Council candidates discuss youth activities

From staff reports

What should the town do in order to get more youth involved in positive activities?"

The question of getting more youth involved in positive activities is this week's topic for discussion among candidates for Edenton Town Council.

The question for this week: "What should the town do in order to get more youth involved in positive activities?"

This series of "Question of the Week" items the Chowan Herald is running in advance of the Nov. 5

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BOB QUINN
AT-LARGE SEAT
INCUMBENT

My first response to this question is to make sure everyone knows what is now available. It is important that parents, friends or guardians have this information available to share with children. I urge you to be active in assisting our youth to take part in programs currently available and already in

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NORMA SIMPSON
3RD WARD SEAT
INCUMBENT

I think that the best thing we as a council could do is to reach out to the young people in our community and ask them for their ideas. I would love to hear their suggestions about what they want.



ROSCOE POOLE JR.
3RD WARD SEAT

As a parent and a candidate, I strongly believe the town officers, the parents, churches, schools and businesses should be more positively concerned about getting more youth involved in positive activities. There are many school activities that many children are involved in

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LORIANN CURTIN
4TH WARD SEAT

Here's the answer everyone wants to hear. The town should consider allowing private enterprise, an arcade or bowling alley or some other youth oriented business to open in the city limits. Perhaps we should look into a Police Athletic League. There are already

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ELTON L. BOND JR.
4TH WARD SEAT

I feel that the town council should partner with churches, businesses and civic groups, schools and other concerned citizens to come up with positive activities for our youth. We should get input from our youth on what kinds of activities they would like to have. Possibly form

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