

# Historic Albemarle Tour presents spring events

From staff reports

Celebrate the arrival of spring with events at many of the Historic Albemarle Tour sites.

Scheduled programs include:

- Reaching for the Channel: Colonial Shipping at Ports: Brunswick and Bath — Historic Bath, Saturday, April 9, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Jim McKee, historian and site manager of Brunswick Town/Ft. Anderson, will present a lecture on his research about Brunswick Town's colonial shipping parallels to the wharf-town landings in Bath. Admission to this event is free. Please contact (252) 923-3971.

- Location: Historic Bath, NC

- Halifax Day — Historic Halifax, Tuesday, April 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mark the 240th anniversary of the Halifax Resolves, the first official call for independence from England by any American colony. Halifax Day will include tours of historic buildings, living history activities, and a commemoration program with a guest speaker, followed by a reception.



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Come visit Somerset Place in Creswell for Days Gone By on Saturday, June 11 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This will be a fun-filled day with lots of educational opportunities and hands-on activities. Also included will be period games and pony rides for children.

Please contact (252) 583-7191 or nchistoricsites.org/Halifax for more information.

- Location: Historic Halifax, NC

- 23rd Annual Aurora Fossil Festival — Historic Aurora, Friday through Sunday, May 27-29. Food, music, educational events, lectures, dancing, entertainment and more!

There will be a wonderful parade and breakfast honoring our veterans as well as lawnmower pulls, car shows and other surprises for the entire family!

Please contact the Chamber Office (252) 322-4405 or the Aurora Fossil Museum (252) 322-4238 for more information.

- Location: Downtown Aurora, NC

- Whalehead Wednesdays — Whalehead Club, Every Wednesday from June 1 through Sept. 14, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Bring the entire family every Wednesday to enjoy live music and watch the beautiful sunset over Currituck Sound! Local food will be available to purchase. A general admission ticket will get you a souvenir wine glass and samples

of 20-plus featured wines. Please call (252) 453-9040 or visit [www.visitwhaleheadclub.com](http://www.visitwhaleheadclub.com) for more information.

- Location: Whalehead Club, Route 12 North, Corolla, NC

- Dare Day — Manteo, Saturday, June 4.

Held on the Manteo waterfront Dare Day will not disappoint! New additions have been added to the activities for the festival this year in addition to food vendors, live music, crafts and a kids zone.

Please visit [townofmanteo.com](http://townofmanteo.com) for more information.

- Location: Downtown Manteo, NC

- 33rd Annual Washington Summer Festival — Historic Washington, Friday, June 10, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

A community festival committed to providing a variety of family-centered activities held in downtown Washington. This year's activities include the annual street fair featuring food, arts and crafts and commercial vendors, free concerts, a kids zone, and much more!

Please contact (252) 946-9168 or visit [wbchamber.com](http://wbchamber.com) for more information.

- Location: Downtown Washington, NC

- Days Gone By — Somerset Place, Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Go back in time this spring and visit another period to explore and experience history, food, arts and crafts. This fun-filled and educational day will feature live on a plantation through hands-on activities with costumed interpreters. Tours of the homes, outbuildings, and grounds will be available with demonstrations and exhibits, period games, and pony rides.

Admission to the event will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under.

Please call (252) 797-4560 or visit [www.nchistoricsites.org/somerset/somerset.htm](http://www.nchistoricsites.org/somerset/somerset.htm) for more information.

- Location: Somerset Plantation, 2572 Lake Shore Road, Creswell, NC

Please visit our website, [www.historicalbemarletours.org](http://www.historicalbemarletours.org), for a full listing of all events or call Kristin Kinney, HAT coordinator, at (252) 789-0831.

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## Fish and Wildlife distributes \$1.1B to agencies

From staff reports

The keystone of annual funding for state wildlife agencies was put into place on March 6 with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's distribution of \$1.1 billion in revenues generated by the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration acts. The funding, which supports critical state environmental conservation and recreation projects throughout the nation, de-

rives from excise taxes paid by the hunting, boating and angling industries on firearms, bows and ammunition (Pittman-Robertson), and sportfishing tackle, some boat engines and small engine fuel (Dingell-Johnson).

"State wildlife agencies play an essential role in the conservation of America's wildlife, while also generating billions of dollars for the nation's economy through increased hunting and fishing opportunities. It's fitting that those very sporting ac-

tivities help sustain wildlife, their habitats and the agencies that manage them," said Service Director Dan Ashe.

The funding was announced by Bob Curry, Deputy Assistant Director of the Service's Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration (WSFR) program, at the 2016 Bassmaster Classic, an established fishing tournament now in its 46th year and a major gathering for the fishing industry. This year's event took place at the Grand Lake O' the Cher-

okees, a site that has benefited from Dingell-Johnson funds.

Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson act funds are administered by the Service's WSFR program. To date the program has distributed more than \$18 billion for state conservation and recreation projects. The recipient state fish and wildlife agencies have matched these funds with more than \$5 billion over the years, primarily through hunting and fishing license revenues.

## Driver License Service moving to renovated office

From staff reports

Beginning Monday, driver license services at the Edenton Driver License Office returned to the building after moving out for a month of repairs and renovations.

The office is located at 705 N. Broad St. While the office was being renovated, services were offered onsite by the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles mobile unit.

Offices for the License and Theft Bureau will reopen in the building within the next two weeks. Driver license services, including road tests, will continue to be offered onsite Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Customers may call the office at (252) 482-8941.



The Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start Partnership is now accepting retail vendor applications for The Week of the Young Child Children's Festival and Safe Kids Day on April 23 from 10:00-2:00 at the Perquimans Recreation Center. Spaces are limited, and will be handled on a first come first served basis. Cost is \$25/space. Call 252-482-3035 or visit [cp-smartstart.org/news](http://cp-smartstart.org/news) for an application. Deadline for applications is March 31.

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### CRIMEWATCH

#### Edenton Police

**ARRESTS**

- March 10 — Dennis Leon Hassell, 56, of Cabarrus Street, was charged with one misdemeanor count of assault on a female.
- March 8 — Zeferino Bautista Velasco, 28, of Sandy Ridge Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.
- March 7 — Jacob Morales, 20, of Staten Island, NY, was arrested on one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and one misdemeanor count of discharging a firearm in the town limits.
- March 6 — Marvin Jordae Lewis, 26, of Creswell, was charged with one misdemeanor count of assault on a female.
- March 2 — Leslie Ann Bond, 24, of Wedgewood Apts., was charged with one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest.

**INCIDENTS**

- March 10 — Injury to real property at the New Edenton Housing Authority on North Oakum Circle.
- March 9 — Hit and run on West Water Street.
- March 7 — Larceny on North Broad Street.
- March 7 — Simple assault on North Broad Street.
- March 6 — Larceny at the X-Mart on North Broad Street.
- March 6 — Injury to real property on Morris Circle.

### HOTEL

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the historic integrity of the building, which previously was known as the Hotel Hinton.

"Working with the town and the county and the people of the town has been just great," said Howsare, who is spearheading the hotel project for SAGA, said last year at the time of the closing. "There has just been an extraordinary support level from them. People are excited about the prospect of seeing the hotel operate again, and saving this historic building."

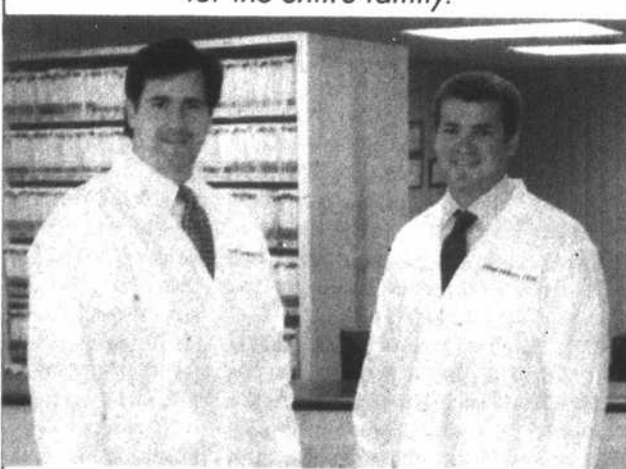
SAGA paid \$125,000 for the building, which has been described as structurally sound but in need of significant updates and repairs in addition to the massive renovation necessary to operate it as a high-end hotel.

The company plans to invest millions of dollars in

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