

## POSTER WINNER



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Lilah Byrum, a second grader at Perquimans Central School, won an award in the N.C. School Board Association's poster contest for 2014. She is pictured with Superintendent Dwayne Stallings.

# Edenton to host pilgrimage in April

From staff reports

EDENTON — The Edenton Woman's Club will hold the annual Pilgrimage of Historic Homes on April 17-18.

The program focuses on history, heritage, gardens, architecture, antiques and Southern food. The club has held the event since 1949.

Edenton's National Historic Landmarks — the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse and the Cupola House (1758), along with several buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places such as the Iredell House (1800-1827), St. Paul's Episcopal Church (1736-1760), the newly restored 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse, along with the Penelope Barker Welcome Center will all be open during the tour.

Highlights of the tour will include an exhibit of wedding dresses through the decades at Pembroke Hall, an 1850 antebellum mansion



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Greenfield will be one of the homes opened up for the annual Pilgrimage Tour in Edenton.

built as a wedding present by Dr. Matthew Page to his wife Henrietta Collins. There will also be the first public viewing of North Carolina's oldest house circa 1718. The Pilgrimage coincides

with the Town's annual free, family friendly street dance Boogie on Broad featuring The Embers.

Advance tickets for the Pilgrimage tour are \$25 for adults, \$10 for students, and

\$20 for groups of 20 or more. On the day of the tour, tickets are \$30.

For event and ticket information, call 482-7800 or visit [edentonpilgrimage.org](http://edentonpilgrimage.org) or [VisitEdenton.com](http://VisitEdenton.com)

## Partnership to offer parenting class

From staff reports

EDENTON — Parents, caregivers and grandparents of young children are invited to participate in Motherread/Fatherread classes starting next month.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn how to use children's books to en-

hance their child's skills for listening, speaking, reading, expressing needs and feelings, establishing independence and understanding family values.

Children's books will be used to foster connections between the stories that you read to your child and your own personal experiences.

Some of the titles that may be used include Where the Wild Things Are; Follow the Drinking Gourd; and The Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Research shows that this curriculum has proven to be beneficial to parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers in developing those necessary early literacy skills, according to Crystal Hale, early literacy coordinator at The Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start Partnership.

Classes will be held at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton starting Feb. 21. Childcare will be provided.

Spaces are limited, and those interested can call 482-3035 to register. Registration is open until all spaces are filled. Caregivers of all literacy levels are encouraged to participate.

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## NOTICE PERQUIMANS COUNTY TAX LISTING DATES

All persons who own property subject to taxation must list during the month of January. Any persons who fail to do so will be subject to penalties prescribed by law.

Due to legislation, real property and licensed vehicles do not require listing by the taxpayer. However, if you have made any improvements to your real property, you must list that with the Tax Department. All other personal property such as boats, jet skis, unlicensed vehicles, farm equipment, businesses, etc. can be listed with the lister in the county Assessor's Office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday starting January 2 through January 31, 2015. You may also list on the abstract that was mailed to you. If you have personal property or made improvements to your real property and did not receive an abstract, please contact our office. These abstracts must be returned to our office by January 31, 2015.

If you are a business and you need an extension, our office needs a letter requesting an extension by January 31, 2015.

If you are 65 years old or older, or totally and permanently disabled, and your income is less than \$29,000, you may qualify for a tax reduction.

Persons owning real property under cultivation, in forest management or horticulture land may qualify for a tax-reduced valuation (land use). If you are not already in the land use program and you feel you qualify, please contact The Tax Office for qualification.

The Tax Office is located at 107 N. Front Street (in the back of the courthouse) Hertford, NC. Our telephone number is 252-426-7010 or 252-426-5564.

**Bill Jennings**  
Perquimans County Tax Administrator

## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



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Michelle Lawrence, an administrative assistant in the Perquimans County Schools central office, was named the school system's employee of the month for December. She is pictured with Superintendent Dwayne Stallings.

## HEART

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"If I get on the list and a heart becomes available and somebody needs it more than me, they'll get it."

When she could work, Crowe was employed by Shoe Show in both Elizabeth City and Edenton. From 2006 through 2010 she was also president of the Perquimans County

Band Boosters.

Weight loss is critical, Crowe says, because once the transplant is complete the drugs she must take to stave off rejection of the organ cause the body to gain weight.

"She's the kind of person who would do anything in the world for anybody," said Yvette Freeman, a friend who is also helping organizing fundraisers for Crowe.

The first of what may be

many fundraisers is set for Friday in the parking lot of the State Employees' Credit Union in Hertford. The chicken dinner sale runs from 3-7 p.m. and plates sell for \$8. On Jan. 25, a 4 p.m. concert will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Elizabeth City. There is no admission fee, but donations will be accepted.

"If you'd just see me, you'd never know I have a problem. But it does give you a different outlook on

life. You never know when your time is going come.

"Sometimes it's just the little things. One of friends may be getting into an argument with her husband, and I'll speak up and say that's a pretty petty reason to fight, just fix it. Life is too short. Tomorrow could be your day (to die). You just never know."

For more information on how to help, call Freeman at 339-7467 or Crowe at 312-0045.

## WOMAN

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she said.

The District 9 Arts Festival, of which the Edenton club is a member, participates in the festival at the local, district and state levels. Besides Chowan, par-

ticipating clubs are located in the following counties: Hertford, Camden, Gates, Pasquotank, Dare and Currituck. The competition has two different levels, one for adult club members and one for younger people.

When asked her thoughts about chairing the festival, she said, "Be careful what you wish for. That was hard work; it really was."

Drees said she was glad to see women and students have the opportunity to win awards and recognition in so many different categories but that there was one thing she would like to see

done differently.

"One thing I think we should do is to try and include visual arts from children in grades K-5," Drees said. "Children that age are visually oriented; they don't write stories and poems."

This year's district arts festival is scheduled to take place in Dare County, in Manteo, on Feb. 7. The state arts festival will take place in early March.

Drees noted that her predecessor Kathy Hynes left some big shoes to fill when she decided not to chair the event again.

"Kathy has been a wonderful help to me," Drees

said. "She had done it for so many years and she knew everybody."

Drees said that since she retired from Virginia and moved to North Carolina's Albemarle area, she certainly hasn't been taking life easy.

"I think all the (EWC) ladies are wonderful," she said. "But I'm working harder now than I ever did when I had a job."

When Drees isn't helping with EWC events, she likes to paint landscapes and seascapes in acrylic or oil paint. She also grows orchids.

She and her husband, Mike, who is retired from the United States Navy, have a daughter and son-in-law, Amy and Heath, who live in Pennsylvania and a son, Mike, who calls West Virginia home. The couple has two grandchildren, Morgan, 4 and Gaberial, 4.

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## STROTHER

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school, not to be a practicing attorney but instead more toward corporate law. After I get my law degree I'd like to go back and get a master's degree in journalism. Both of them involve critical thinking."

Strouter will be speaking at First Missionary Baptist Church, located at the corner of King and Hyde Park streets.