

REFLECTIONS

WAYNE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION NEWS
JULY 2002

On The WCHA Calendar

July

27 *Authors of Raising With the Moon and interpreters*, Aycock Birthplace

August

13, 5:30 p.m. *WCHA Board of Directors Meeting*, Wayne County Museum

Date TBA *Advanced genealogical workshop*, Aycock Birthplace

September

Date TBA *Open House*, Wayne County Museum

12 *"Mama Learned Us To Work: Oral Histories of Southern Farm Women"* lecture, Aycock Birthplace

December

8, 4-7 p.m. *Historic Homes of Olde Goldsborough Tour*, tickets will be available at Wayne County Museum, more details to come

Beyond Wayne

July 27 & Aug. 24, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., *Living History Program and Artillery Demonstrations*, Bentonville Battleground

Sept. 21-22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., *Capitol Civil War Heritage Festival*, encampment and displays on homefront life, Capitol Grounds, Raleigh

Press from Preston ...

Making Progress on Summer Projects

While summer is now upon us and many folks are relaxing at the beach or keeping cool in other ways, our communities are busy celebrating Wayne County's rich heritage. By the time you receive this newsletter, Pikeville will have had its 4th of July celebration, along with Fremont, Mount Olive and others.

Waynesborough Park and Charles B. Aycock Birthplace have had some terrific turnouts at their recent events as you will read in their articles. Only the Wayne County Museum has been without public activity lately, but not without lots of other activity. The restrooms are completed and look terrific, the elevator is well under way and we hope to finish as scheduled in mid-September.

We are planning a terrific open house event when we re-open to welcome the community and hopefully spark interest in further developing our involvement in the community. Please plan to join us. Betty Ellis is the chairperson for the event and we know it will be a terrific one! Unfortunately, we cannot project a date as of yet.

As many of you know, the biggest issue on our minds is fundraising for long-term viability for the Museum. We have managed to secure substantial public monies to largely cover our renovations. We also have enough money in the bank to cover operating expenses for some time into the future. But, we need to develop stable, regular funding that doesn't depend on random gifts from estates or individuals. We plan to effectively establish ongoing rela-

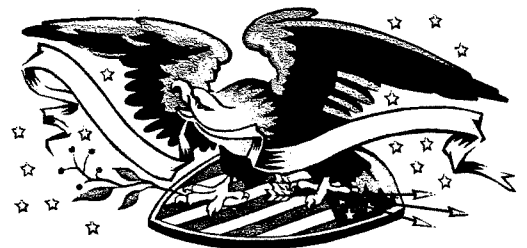
tionships with businesses and other organizations that have specific interest and hopes for a successful, educational, and interesting museum for our county. I have asked Emily Weil to spearhead a fundraising process and she is busy researching and preparing us for this. You will be hearing much more about this soon. Please remember, we are always in the mood to accept donations!

Besides the renovations at the museum, the staff and the executive board have been very busy encouraging people to nominate names for the Wall of Fame. We believe this will be one of the most interesting ideas for the museum in a long time. We have received many nominations and I, for one, would hate to be on the panel of judges because of the caliber of our many nominees!

I hope you are enjoying summer and some of the things that go with it like corn on the cob, fresh tomatoes, and hamburgers on the grill! Your thoughts, ideas, or concerns are always welcome. Please send them via mail to our P.O. Box 665, Goldsboro, N.C. 27533 or via e-mail to museum@esn.net.

God bless America.

—Preston Garris, WCHA President



Our E.A. Reports ...

Museum Work Moving Along, Always More To Do

Wow! Amidst the noise, the dirt, the rubble, and the heat, we have a lot going on within our museum walls this summer!

- The bathrooms were completed and cleaned up by July 12.
- The elevator is under way and if we do not experience unusual delays, we hope to finish in September.
- Eagle Scout candidate Trey Newell will be managing the building of shelves in July in an upstairs storeroom for increased storage space.
- The Wall of Fame project finalists

will be selected and the display will be completed on the main floor prior to our re-opening.

- Other displays are being re-vamped and embellished to create a new look, and hopefully a more attractive, informational museum!

A special thanks to Mrs. Christine Grant for being willing to sit here with me in all of this disarray to answer the phone and take messages when I am tied up!!

Our Wall of Fame Project, headed by Emily Weil, is being very well received within the county. We have received nominations from all over the county and each one is very im-

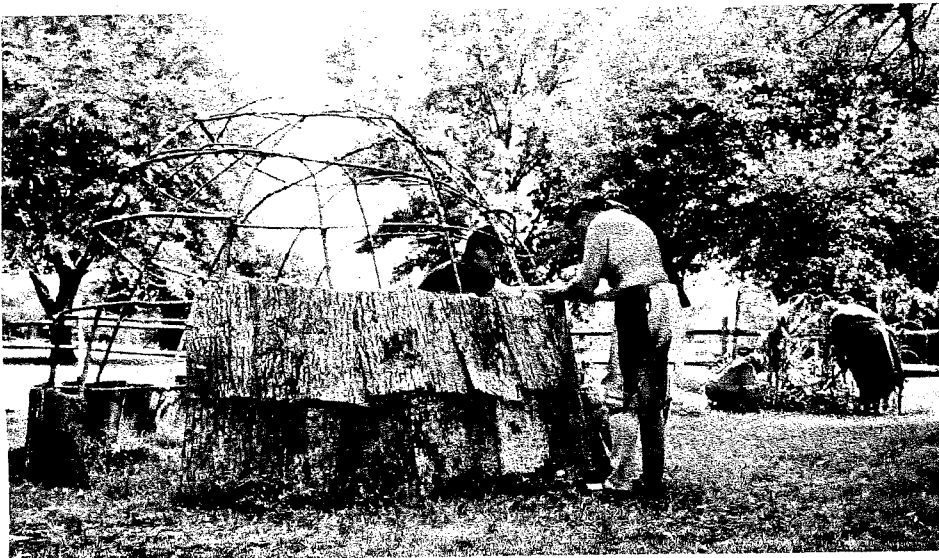
pressive. As Preston mentioned, decision making will be difficult.

We still have many needs for our museum and following are just a few:

- strong young (or old) men who can lift and move things,
- volunteer painters who can be neat,
- people who can and are willing to clean and scrub, and
- artistic folks who can create vignettes and/or do calligraphy.

If you fit in one of those categories, please call me at the museum at 734-5023 or at home at 736-9707.

—Betty Duncan,
Executive Administrator



HOME AND GARDEN

American Indian Education Society members work in traditional garb on the Tuscarora village at Waynesborough Park, attaching bark to a hovel and tending the garden. While the group was actually laboring, the purpose of the session was to create photos for use as a backdrop of a display on the county's Native American heritage at the Wayne County Museum.

Old Waynesborough Commission

Rain Can't Dampen May Festival

The May Festival held on May 3, 4 and 5 was a success despite pouring rain. Country cooking, Civil War battles, bluegrass music and lots of fun for everyone was available over the three days. Clear skies emerged on Sunday and before the

weekend closed, we had more than 500 people in attendance!

New leadership is now in place for the next two years. We are happy to report the following new officers: President, Vickie Hancock,

Vice-President, Bill Kemp, Secretary, Arnold Leder, Treasurer, Bob Logan, and Past President, Preston F. Garris.

Our next meeting will be held August 19 at 5 p.m.

Gov. Charles B. Aycock Birthplace State Historic Site

Site Has Many Summer Events

On June 22, the site hosted the 17th annual Farmer's Day. It was a very successful event. We had approximately 350 people despite the rain showers.

Visitors enjoyed a nice variety of activities such as spinning, weaving, soap making, wagon rides, quill pen writing, a petting zoo and more. The barbecue sandwiches were a big hit. John Joyner, historic interpreter, developed a medicine show with help from Sarah Ray, a volunteer, that was well received. The Waterbound Dulcimer ensemble performed in the auditorium.

Also, the site has held two other special programs in June. The staff instructed fourteen children in a day camp from June 18-20. Each day featured a 19th century theme: education, farm chores and domestic skills.

The Fremont Historical Society had its Spring pig picking meeting here on June 15.

After receiving the Museum Assessment Program (MAP) grant this spring, we will be working on the first phase which is the Museum Self Assessment Workbook. The workbook contains questions about our current operation and exercises to learn more about specific areas.

Once it is complete, the MAP office will send a consultant to evaluate our historic site. The consultant will follow up with a written report that we can use to improve and validate our historic site's operations. It will be a great opportunity to make plans for the future.

Several small programs are being planned in the upcoming months.

On July 27 from 2-4 p.m., Taylor

Reese and Jack Pyle, authors of **Raising With the Moon** among many other books, will sign their works and answer questions about using the almanac. Staff members will dress in costume and be in our kitchen garden to give tours.

In August, we plan to hold an advanced genealogical workshop. Also, we have been awarded a mini-grant from the North Carolina Humanities Council to fund a speaker from their speaker's forum.

On September 12, Dr. Lu Ann Jones from East Carolina University will present the lives of women sharecroppers in "Mama Learned Us To Work: Oral Histories of Southern Farm Women."

For more information concerning our special events, call 919-242-5581.

—Charlotte Brow, Site Manager

Mount Olive Historic Society

Museum Renovations, Fund Raising Under Way

The museum project is well under way. The exterior renovations will be completed in about a month. Claude Cooper, whose excellent work is well known, is completing the renovation.

The Society is embarking on a fund-raising drive with a goal of raising \$225,000 over a three-year period. Our ability to move into our new museum will be dependent on the success

of our fund-raising process. Wish us luck and feel free (and encouraged!) to support our cause.

—Ken Dilda, President

Call Up A Calendar

Looking Ahead ... And Up

On December 17, 2002, 99 planes will fly over Kitty Hawk. That event will celebrate the 99th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight and kick off North Carolina's year-long series of events celebrating the 100th anniversary of this historic event.

The 100th "Observance of Flight" will be a five-day celebration at Kill Devil Hills beginning December 17, 2003. Events are planned for the

ground and air, including aviation expositions and a re-enactment of the first flight.

To learn more about all the events planned for the celebration, go to www.firstflightnc.org.



Try the two web sites below when looking for festivals and historic events.

The N.C. Office of Archives and His-

tory site at www.ah.der.state.nc.us includes a statewide calendar of events at State historic sites.

The N.C. Department of commerce's Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development's site at www.visitnc.com includes a calendar of all kinds of events around the state. While there you can register for its monthly sweepstakes – this month you can win a Thanksgiving weekend golf getaway.

What Do You Know?

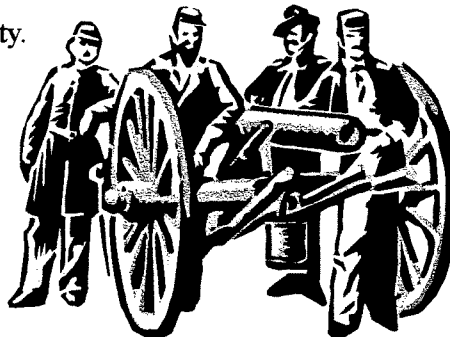
Wayne County History Quiz

If you don't know the answers to these questions, you need to spend more time at the Museum and /or library!!

- 1) Wayne County was named after General Anthony Wayne. True or False
- 2) General Anthony Wayne lived in Wayne County for a long, long time. True or False
- 3) Indians played a major role in our Wayne County history. What tribes do we most associate with Wayne County?
- 4) The first county seat was _____.
- 5) Wayne County was formed from _____ County.
- 6) The oldest community in Wayne County is _____; it was originally called _____.
- 7) The _____ came to the area that later became Goldsboro, instead of Waynesborough, due to its location midway between Wilmington and Weldon.
- 8) _____ was the first Governor to come from Wayne County.

9) General William T. Sherman's troops marched into Goldsboro and took over many of the houses near the end of the Civil War. True or False

10) Wayne County Historical Association wants, needs, and welcomes members who have an interest in preserving our history and telling our stories. True or False

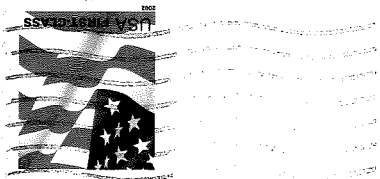


- 1) True
- 2) False
- 3) Tuscarora and Saponi
- 4) Waynesborough
- 5) Dobbs
- 6) Seven Springs, Whitehall
- 7) Railroad
- 8) Curtis Hooks Brogden
- 9) True
- 10) True, true, true!!

ANSWERS:



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