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Reflections

DATES TO REMEMBER

- FEB. 22- Bagpipe Program
Library 2 p.m.
- MAR. 17- Underwater Archeologist
Library 7 p.m.
- MAR. 27-Aycock Birthplace Open
House 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
- MAR. 28-Fremont Homes Tour
2-5 p.m.
- APRIL 4 -De-Rail-A-Bration
- APRIL 24-26- NC Pickle Festival
- MAY 2 - Old Waynesborough Park
Spring Festival 10 a.m.-5:30

OLD DOBBS NEWS

Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society met on Saturday, January 24, at 11:30 at Western Sizzlin. Our speaker was Henry Powell, past president of the Wilson Genealogical Society, who gave an inspiring presentation.

At our October meeting, we voted to raise our dues to \$15 for single membership, and \$20 for a family.

We are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Christian Michelle, to Brian and Laura Alley, on January 18. Laura is the editor of our newsletter and one of our most active members. Congratulations to Laura, Brian, and Daniel (2 years old).

by Elizabeth Ellis
President

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MEMBERSHIP GALA

The first annual membership "Gala" was held on Thursday, January 22, 1998 at the Wayne County Museum. Everyone had a good time and seemed enthusiastic about making sure that this event becomes a tradition. It seems to be a good way to generate interest in WCHA and to pick up new members in addition to thanking the many folks who have continued to support us through the years.

The membership committee came up with a good variety of nibbles and hot cider. The museum was a lovely setting for this fun event.

Jimmy Aycock played exciting background music to keep the evening moving and Randy Sauls was there in uniform to give guests a guided tour of the exhibits. Lee Brown, Maurice Keller, Rosalyn Lomax, Shannon Moore, and Emily Weil presented a rousing evening of cabaret-style music. Lee Brown certainly knows how to put together a program of entertainment.

Goldsboro is fortunate to have Maurice Keller, who not only is a wonderful accompanist, but is a professional song and playwright, and an outstanding arranger. We appreciate the efforts of these volunteers.

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WAYNESBOROUGH PARK

In celebration of the splendor of springtime and the history of Wayne County, Old Waynesborough Park will host its annual Spring Festival on Saturday, May 2, 1998. Festivities will be held at the park located on Highway 117 South in Goldsboro from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

Festival participants will have the opportunity to stroll around the charming village green and tour the historic buildings on the site. Additionally, Civil War reenactors have been invited to demonstrate the lives of soldiers in the mid 19th century. Also planned for the event are a dutch-oven cooking contest, horse and buggy rides, a blacksmith demonstration, crafts, and bluegrass music. Admission to all events is free, so plan to come out and enjoy the day. Also, please be sure to remind friends, family, and co-workers to mark their calendars.

by Scott Bennett

FREMONT OPEN HOUSE

The recently formed Historic Preservation Commission in Fremont, along with the Fremont Garden Club, is making plans for a Spring Homes Tour. The tour of three of Fremont's older homes and one of its churches, will be a part of the town's annual Daffodil Festival to be held Saturday, March 28. The homes and church will be open from 2-5 p.m. Cost of the tour will be \$5.00. Tickets will be on sale the day of the festival at the Town Hall Annex.

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by Elizabeth Ellis
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The Gov. Charles B. Aycock Birthplace will hold the 12th Annual Daffodil Festival Open House on Friday, March 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This will be one of several kick-off events for the Fremont Daffodil Festival that will be held on Saturday, March 28. First graders from the Northeast, Northwest, and Fremont Elementary Schools will be invited to attend, as well as the general public. Wagon rides and living history demonstrations will delight all. FREE

by Charlotte Carter

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by Emily Weil

REVOLVING FUND

Two houses, 113 & 115 S. Virginia St. are being offered for sale by the Revolving Fund. Restoration of the one at 113 should be complete in about six weeks, according to Nancy Delia. This has been a big project!
OPEN HOUSE COMING SOON!

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The homes and church to be featured will be on tour for the first time. They are the recently restored home of Col. and Mrs. Joe Marm, Mr. & Mrs. William Batts, and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Evans, and Heritage Free Will Baptist Church. All are within block of one another. Please join us for a fascinating festival!

by Ann Hinnant

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MUSEUM NEWS

"The War Between the States in Wayne County Exhibit" will remain on view until May 1998 thanks to the overwhelming response it has received. Visit the museum soon if you have not seen it!

The museum would like to thank the following volunteers: *Christine Grant, Kathy Fox, Jim Zealy, Emily Weil, Bob Stevenson, Margie Stevenson, Velda Faye Howell, Bobby Howell, Bob Frick, Michael Hoff, Taran Slozak, and Amy O'Brien.*

The following groups have toured the museum in the past months: *Girl Scout #101, Brownie Troop #40, Carter Christian Academy, Wayne Community College Humanities Students, under the instruction of Margaret B. Baddour, and Marian Westbrook, the Leadership Class of the Wayne Co. Chamber of Commerce, and the Pickwick Papers Literary Club of Sanford, N. C.*

Museum hours are:
Tuesday & Thurs. 12:00-4:00
Saturday 10:00-1:00
Sunday 1:30-4:30

Volunteers are needed!

If you can help, please call Jewel at 734-5023.

by Jewel Sauls

Congratulations to all of those involved in preserving the Old Mt. Olive High School. The building has been turned over to Preservation N. C., with plans to convert it to apartments. The auditorium will be restored and made available for public use.

SURVEY BOOK TO BE READY BY DECEMBER 1998

The Architectural Inventory book of Wayne County is several steps closer to reality.

On January, 6, 1998, the Wayne County Commissioners voted to give WCHA \$25,000 toward the actual publishing cost, and we are hoping to receive matching grant funds from the state.

With the very generous allocation from our commissioners, the executive committee was able to meet with and hire Dan Pezzoni, an experienced professional who has recently completed books on Onslow and Lee Counties. Mr. Pezzoni came very highly recommended from several sources and we were fortunate to have him available just when we were about to begin the manuscript phase of the book. Penne Smith, who did such a fine job on the inventory of the county, was unable to complete the project because of a scheduling conflict. We all wish her well.

In addition to Mr. Pezzoni, Barbara Williams Associates has been retained to oversee the graphics and printing phase of the book. Mr. Pezzoni and Ms. Williams have developed a schedule which calls for a Dec. 8, 1998 delivery date for the book. Having the book delivered in time for the holiday season could mean a big boost to sales.

***UPDATE: DAN PEZZONI WILL BE AT EMILY'S OFFICE ON 2-19 FROM 10-5. ANY BOOK COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO WOULD LIKE TO MEET HIM IS WELCOME TO STOP BY.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

On Sunday, Feb. 22, at 2:00 p.m., WCHA will be sponsoring a special treat at the Wayne Co. Public Library in Goldsboro. Bess Tyner, an accomplished bagpiper, will be presenting a program of bagpipe tunes and a history of this wonderful music. Mrs. Tyner, accompanied by her husband Blake, will be dressed in the kilt of the pipe band with whom she has played for a number of years.

Get ready for an afternoon of great Scottish music!

Refreshments will be served.

To conclude our series of programs for this year, Mark Wilde-Ramsing, of the State Underwater Archeology Unit, will present a talk and slide program on Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m. This program will feature current underwater finds from around the state, including Blackbeard's ship. Be sure to mark your calendars!

*****Reminder: If you haven't renewed your dues, please send your check to PO Box 665 Goldsboro, NC 27533.**

Wayne Co. Hist. Assoc.	\$15
Old Dobbs Geneal.	\$15
Old Waynes. Park	\$10
Wayne Co. Museum	\$15
Joint Membership	\$50

(all above-save \$5)

Friend	\$100-\$199
Founder	\$200-\$999
Benefactor	\$1000-up

All memberships & contributions are tax-deduct. Names of Friends, Founders, & Benefactors will be displayed at the Museum & recognized at WCHA functions.

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