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Conservatives plan tea party to protest tax increases

By **Vernon Fueston**
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Edenton conservatives will hold a tea party protest on the Chowan County's courthouse steps expressing their displeasure with increased government spending and the taxes they say are sure to follow.

Bob Steinburg, Chowan County's Republican Party chairman said Americans for Prosperity is sponsoring the

event in North Carolina. The group will be holding similar "tea parties" across the state on April 15.

Other movements are planning simultaneous protests in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Steinburg said. The group has 10 rallies planned around the state.

Edenton's selection as a protest site has roots in North Carolina history. Penelope Barker organized a tea party at the home of Elizabeth King

in 1774, protesting the British tax on tea.

The event, where 51 women signed a pact not to purchase tea, was the first political action by women in the colonies and predated the Boston Tea Party.

Steinburg said the event is not just a Republican protest.

"We're all taxpayers," he said. "Basically, what we are trying to do is increase awareness across the state and locally about taxation without

representation in North Carolina.

"Our state government over the years has put its financial house in dreadful shape. Money is being wasted and this has been a pattern. If you look at this and what's been going on in Chowan County, this is a chance to show folks we've had it. Enough is enough."

Steinburg said he is incensed by Governor Perdue's plan to spend an additional \$680 million of state money as

a way to stimulate the state's economy. But he also said the federal government will not escape notice during the rallies.

"People are fed up," Steinburg said. "This is also about earmarks, spending sprees and all kinds of fiscal irresponsibility on the national, state and local level."

The tea party will be held on the steps of the Chowan County Courthouse on April 15 at 5 p.m.

IF YOU GO

WHAT:

Edenton Tea Party Pt. II

WHEN:

April 15, 5 p.m.

WHERE:

1767 Chowan Co.
Courthouse

Similar parties are being held across the state.

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County pays back first installment

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