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Waterway Standout

This unusually-rigged ketch stood out from the crowd of runabouts and personal watercraft populating the Intracoastal Waterway over Labor Day Weekend. The vessel is the Starbound out of Annapolis, Md.

Two Drivers Injured Friday In Stone Chimney Road Wreck

Both drivers were seriously injured last Friday, May 28, in a two-vehicle collision that happened at 2 p.m. two miles west of Varnamtown at Stone Chimney Road.

Paula Price, 29, was traveling east on Stone Chimney Road (S.R. 1115) in a 1984 Chevrolet. Nancy Elizabeth Schilz, 26, also of Shallotte, was stopped at the Stone Chimney Road (S.R. 1119) intersection with Old Ferry Road (S.R. 1115), reported N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper W.H. Thompson. She attempted to make a left turn onto Old Ferry Road, failing to yield the right of way to the oncoming Price vehicle.

The two vehicles collided, coming to rest in the eastbound lane of Old Ferry Road.

Schilz was charged with failure to yield.

Price and Schilz were transported to The Brunswick Hospital with serious, non-incapacitating injuries.

Damage to Price's vehicle was an estimated \$1,500 and to Schilz's Nissan, \$3,000.

Two persons received minor injuries in another accident on Stone Chimney Road Wednesday, May 26, at about 1:40 p.m., also involving two vehicles.

Terry William Pickard, 31, of Shallotte, was driving east on Stanley Road (S.R. 1119) and George William Higginbotham, 63, of Supply, was traveling south on Stone Chimney Road (S.R. 1115) in a 1985 Mercury.

The two vehicles collided when Pickard failed to stop at the intersection stop sign and failed to yield the right of way to Higginbotham, according to the report filed by Trooper T.C. Caulder.

Higginbotham and a passenger in Pickard's vehicle, Rhiannon Kendall, 17, of Supply, were transported to The Brunswick Hospital with minor injuries.

Caulder charged Pickard with driving with license revoked, failure to yield the right of way, having no insurance and no registration.

Damages to Pickard's vehicle were estimated at \$4,500, and to Higginbotham's, \$5,000.

A driver and his passenger were injured in a two-car accident that happened 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 28, on Village Road (S.R. 1472) east of Navassa Road (S.R. 1435), inside the Leland town limits.

Edward James Awad, 49, of Rocky Point, had stopped his 1980 Honda station wagon in the right turn lane of Village Road, waiting for traffic to clear.

A 1979 Ford operated by Kenneth Dean Rathburn, 28, of Leland, was stopped in the center turn lane waiting for traffic to clear.

According to the report filed by Trooper David Lewis, an unknown driver stopped in the westbound lane and motioned Rathburn across. As he started to make the left turn, his car ran into the front of the Awad station wagon.

Both Awad and his passenger, Charles Davis, 27, of Wilmington, were transported to New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Wilmington, with serious, but non-incapacitating injuries.

Rathburn, who was charged with a yield violation, was not injured.

Damage to the vehicles was an estimated \$500 each.

No charges were filed in a one-car collision that happened about 6 p.m. Saturday, May 29, on Old Fayetteville Road (S.R. 1437) west of Moore Road (S.R. 1481) and a half-mile west of Leland.

Barbara Anderson Andrews, 33, of Leland, was traveling north on Picket Ridge Road when the brakes of her 1983 Chevrolet failed. When she came to the T-intersection with Old Fayetteville Road, she couldn't

stop at the stop sign. The Chevrolet ran straight across the road and struck a tree, reported Trooper David Lewis. and passenger, Anthony Andrews, 13.

Neither Andrews nor her passenger, Anthony Andrews, 13, were injured. Damage to the car was estimated at \$500.

Few accidents involving injuries or substantial property damage on Brunswick County roadways were reported over the long Memorial Day weekend, said Sgt. Anthony Midgett of the N.C. Highway Patrol Wilmington office. "It was kind of quiet."

Calabash EMS Takes 83 Calls During April

The Calabash Volunteer Emergency Medical Service answered 83 calls in April, worked 254 manhours and traveled 2,781 miles, Assistant Chief Sharon Lucase reported to the organization's board of directors on May 20.

Forty-two calls were in Calabash, 22 in Sunset Beach and 19 elsewhere. There were 15 fire calls, one to a structure.

BRUNSWICK COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Burroff Gets Suspended Term, Probation On Molestation Charges

Last October he sparked a nationwide manhunt when his wife and four children disappeared from their Supply mobile home after he was indicted on charges of raping and taking indecent liberties with one of his daughters.

Last November he was captured at a Reno, Nev., homeless shelter after his picture was shown on the "America's Most Wanted" television program.

Last February he pleaded guilty to two charges of taking indecent liberties with children.

Last week he was allowed to go free.

After reading a psychological assessment of confessed child molester Robert Nelson Burroff, Superior Court Judge Dexter Brooks gave the 37-year old Shallotte man a 20-year suspended jail sentence and put him on five years supervised probation.

"The judge followed the recommendation of a pre-trial diagnostic examination of Mr. Burroff," Assistant District Attorney Lee Bollinger said last week. "He also gave him the maximum sentence allowable and suspended it. So if Mr. Burroff steps out of line, he's going to prison for 20 years."

Brooks found that the psychiatric examination indicated Burroff had committed the offenses "under compulsion which was insufficient to constitute a defense, but significantly reduced his culpability."

The findings of the examination were ordered sealed.

Burroff was given a six-month active jail sentence with credit for the seven months he has spent behind bars since his arrest. He was fined \$200 and court costs and ordered to pay \$500 for his court-appointed lawyer. He will be required to undergo counseling while on probation and was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service within 180 days.

In other superior court action last week:

■Carl Henry Hewett, 34, of Supply pleaded no contest a charge of taking indecent liberties with a child and was given a 10-year suspended prison sentence. He had been charged with two counts of raping a child and two counts of taking indecent liberties. He was fined \$100 and court costs and ordered to pay \$5,000 in attorney fees, \$100 in community service fees and restitution for the counseling of his victim. Hewett will be required to perform 100 hours of community service. He was put on five years probation.

■David Ayed Desfonds, 17, of Route 1, Winnabow, was given a 10-year suspended sentence on a charge of taking indecent liberties. He was fined \$100 and court costs and ordered to pay \$600 in legal fees, \$100 in community service fees and restitution for the treatment of his victim. He was put on supervised probation for five years.

■Robert Scott Eubanks, 29, of Brunswick Mobile Home Park, Leland, was sentenced to 10 years in prison after pleading guilty to one charge of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and one charge of selling or delivering the drug. The sentence is to run concurrently with any sentence he is now serving. Eubanks was ordered to pay \$100 restitution to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department undercover fund.

■Carl Henry Alston, 19, of Fifty Lakes Drive, Boiling Spring Lakes, was sentenced to 10 years in prison

after pleading guilty to two counts of selling cocaine, two counts of selling marijuana, one count of larceny and one count of forgery. He also admitted violating the terms of his probation. He was ordered to pay court cost, restitution and \$430 in attorney fees. He will serve his sentence as a committed youthful offender.

■Rodney Gene Little, 46, of Leland was sent to prison for two years after admitting that he violated the terms of his probation.

■Teri Philpott Crisp, 32, of Village Road, Leland had a two-year sentence activating after admitting a probation violation. Crisp was ordered to pay \$180 in attorney fees.

■James Franklin Sullivan, age unavailable, of Winnabow was sent to prison for two years after asking that his probation be revoked.

■Richard Lynn Drum, 48, of Rutherford was sentenced to seven days in the Burke or Brunswick County Jail after pleading guilty to a charge of driving while he was impaired by alcoholic beverages. He was given a one-year suspended prison sentence and put on two years probation. Drum was fined \$150 and ordered to pay court costs.

■Joe Edward Steele, 55, of Shipwatch Lane, Ocean Isle Beach, pleaded guilty to assault inflicting serious injury and was given a two-year suspended prison sentence. He had been charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. He was put on two years probation and ordered to pay restitution to his victim.

■Odell Dyson Freedle, 38, of Route 6, Shallotte, and Shannon Lea Beasley, 23, of Ocean Isle Beach pleaded guilty to a charge of injuring property and were each given a two-year suspended prison sentence. They had been charged with discharging a weapon into occupied property. Each was ordered to pay a \$50 fine, court costs and \$300 in attorney fees. They are to pay \$1,640 jointly as restitution. Each was put on supervised probation for three years.

■James Goodwin of Hale Swamp Road, Shallotte, pleaded guilty to felonious possession of cocaine and was given a five-year suspended sentence and put on probation. He was ordered to pay a \$100 fine, court costs, \$300 in attorney fees and \$30 restitution to the Shallotte Police Department.

■Alfred Lewis, 40, of Longwood, pleaded guilty to cocaine possession and was given a two-year suspended prison sentence. He was put on probation for three years and ordered to pay a \$100 fine, court costs, \$240 in attorney fees and \$100 in community service fees. He was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service within 180 days.

■Rose Marie Lyles, 19, of Big Macedonia Road, Supply, was given a two-year suspended sentence and five years probation after pleading guilty to a charge of possessing LSD. She was fined \$100 and ordered to pay court costs, \$300 in attorney fees and \$100 in community service fees. She was ordered to perform 100 hours of community service within 200 days.

■Sally Melissa Crumbley of Shell Point Road, Shallotte, pleaded guilty to a charge of communicating threats. The judge issued a prayer for judgment continued.

■Lloyd Lee Bolts, 25, of Leland pleaded guilty to two counts of breaking and entering and was given a six-year suspended sentence and five years probation. He was ordered to pay a \$100 fine, court costs, \$360 in attorney fees, \$100 in community service fees and \$1,600 restitution. He must perform 100 hours of community service within 180 days.

■Barbara Patrick, 25, of Leland pleaded guilty to a charge of cocaine trafficking by transporting the drug. Prayer for judgment was continued.

■Larry Franklin Potter, 43, of West Street, Southport, admitted violating the terms of his probation and was allowed to remain on probation.

■Dewey E. Rhodes of Oak Road, Holden Beach, denied violating the terms of his probation. A hearing scheduled for June 28.

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