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Suspect sought in robbery, murder

The Chowan County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in solving a murder that occurred here the day after Christmas.

On Dec. 26, at about 11:31 p.m., a friend found the body of Norman Lee "Rabbit" Riddick, a 65-year-old black male, face down on the floor at his home on Rocky Hock Road, Edenton, and called 911 for assistance. Riddick was transported by EMS workers to Chowan Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

The medical examiner discovered three bullet wounds on the body.

Riddick was reportedly last seen alive around 8:30 p.m. that evening.

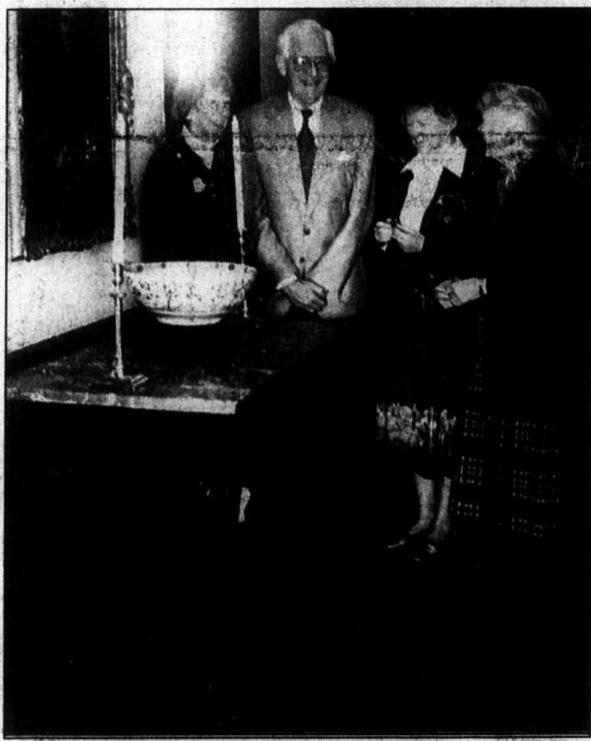
According to Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill, Riddick lived alone. He said there were no signs of forced entry at the residence.

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Commission sworn in



Chowan County Clerk of Court administers the oath of office to members of the local Jury Commission (l-r) Marguerite McCall, Maggie Riddick, and Marion Goodman, during a recent swearing-in ceremony held at the Chowan County Court House in Edenton. Every two years, members of the Jury Commission go through the list of the county's prospective jurors and remove the names of those who are deceased or for health reasons are unable to serve. (Staff photo by Rebecca Bunch)



Fountain antique collector James L. Jefferson, second from left, donated this walnut English console table to Edenton's Cupola House on Dec. 15, adding to the growing list of items he's given to the museum over the past five years. Cupola House President Liz Will, left, Jefferson's sister Ann Holland, second from right, and Cupola House board member Marsha Crandall, right, view the fine piece of furniture. (Staff photo by Jeb Caudill)

English console latest gift from NC collector

BY JEB CAUDILL
Publisher

Almost every room and hallway in Edenton's historic Cupola House shows signs of the generosity of Fountain antique collector James L. Jefferson.

From wonderfully crafted antique tables to oriental rugs, and from historical engravings to candlesticks, the Cupola House décor owes a great deal to the Jefferson's philanthropy.

Over the past five years, he's donated a wide range of antiques to the house: an Irish Queen Anne table, a Georgian silver tea service, a Queen Anne side chair, a rare pair Queen Anne sconces, a Queen Anne mirror and four engravings of English royalty - and

that's just in one room.

Throughout the rest of the museum, there are two oriental rugs, five more framed engravings, a rare 18th century watercolor of an English ship in its original frame, a Queen Anne side table and a silver epergne.

And last week, Jefferson donated an English console, or pier table, dating from between 1740 and 1760. The table is walnut with carved legs and meticulously detailed hairy paw feet. It has a Breca marble top and a burl walnut skirt. Along with the table, Jefferson donated a large Chinese punch-bowl made in about 1780, a teak wood stand and a pair of Georgian candlesticks dating from about

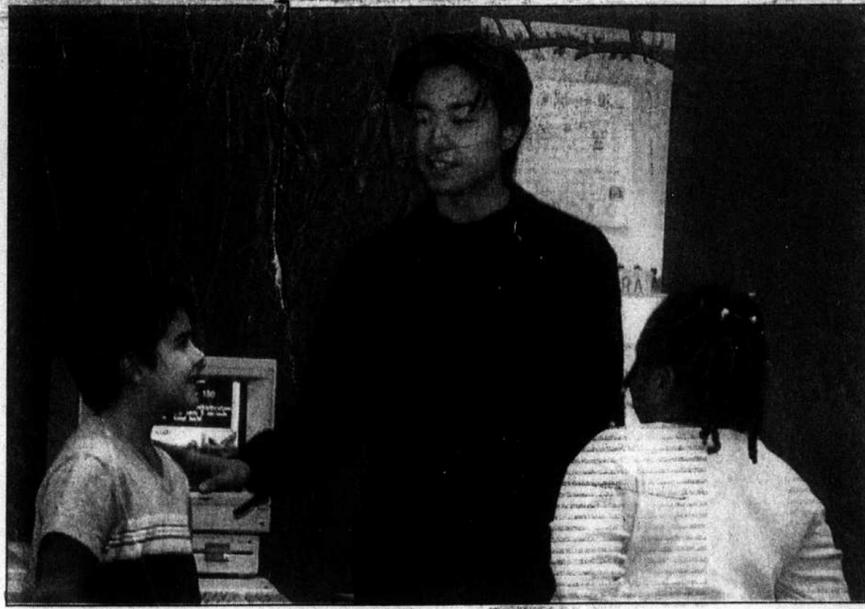
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Japanese intern shares culture with kids

Twenty-three year old Takayuki Yamaguchi arrived in Chowan County from Osaka City, Japan in October after leaving a successful sales job with a major cosmetics company to participate in a cross-cultural exchange at White Oak Elementary School through the International Internship Program.

The International Internship Program's mission is to achieve mutual understanding with other people of the world through education and communication. Interns who participate in the program have the opportunity not only to learn more about the language and culture of the community they visit, but also to impart a better knowledge and understanding of their own country and people to the host community.

"I wanted to come to teach the Japanese culture to other people," said Yamaguchi. He spends his days at White Oak visiting classrooms to introduce to students the Japanese language through basic conversation, Hiragana, and Chinese characters. Yamaguchi teaches students about Japanese culture



Twenty-three-year old Takayuki Yamaguchi talks with students at White Oak Elementary School

through Origami, traditional children's games, and stories about Japanese history, customs, and

daily life. He visits 27 classes per week for approximately 40 minutes per visit.

While here in Chowan

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Herald to close

The Chowan Herald will be closed on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve) and all day Friday, Jan. 7, in observance of the New Year's holiday.

Early deadlines are not planned, however, those planning to submit news or ads for those additions should keep those closings in mind.

Also, the Chowan Herald plans to turn off its computer system and fax machine at the close of the business day on Dec. 31. The fax machine and e-mail will be turned back on over the weekend.

The newspaper staff wishes everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year as we celebrate the year 2000.

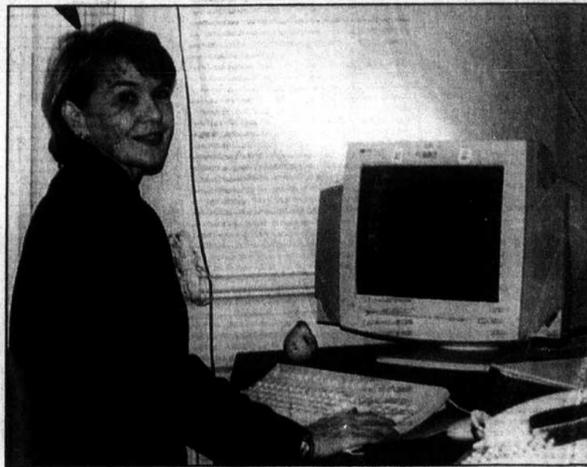
New addition to Chamber staff

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Brenda Spruill has only been on the staff of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce for a short time, but already she's finding a lot to like about the job.

For instance, Spruill said, "I think one of the most satisfying things about Chamber work is the opportunity it gives you to really get to know the community, and the people. Being new in town, it gives you the chance to meet people from every part of the community. It helps you get to know the people faster than any other way I can think of."

Spruill was recently named membership director for the chamber, replacing Lisa Faulkenberry. Spruill has spent the past 13 years involved in chamber-related work. From 1987-1996, she served as executive director of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce



New Chamber Membership Director Brenda Spruill

in Plymouth, NC. From 1996-99, she was president of the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce in Wake

Forest, NC. Spruill said those positions gave

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