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Firearms suspect arrested

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND Staff Writer

Police arrested an Edenton man, Darryl Cuffie, early Wednesday morning on weapons charges. Cuffie, a 35 year-old black male, remains in the Chowan County Detention Center under a \$25,000 secured bond. Cuffie has also been charged with communicating threats against Edenton Chief of Police, Greg Bonner.

On Wednesday, May 8 at approximately 2 a.m. Edenton Police responded to a call on West Gale Street and shots fired. Upon her arrival, Sergeant Rhonda Copeland of the Edenton Police Department observed a vehicle occupied by three individuals parked on the grass behind the property of the Edenton Housing Authority.

As Sgt. Copeland approached the vehicle the driver of the vehicle and Cuffie, a passenger, exited the car. Copeland also observed a black duffel bag in Cuffie's possession. Sgt. Copeland ordered both individuals to stop. Cuffie continued walking away from Sgt. Copeland, who had drawn her service revolver. She was joined at the scene by Officer Joe Felton of the EPD.

Cuffie eventually complied See ARREST On Page 8-A



Albemarle Boats, which makes the 30-ft. 305 Express trawler shown above, will be among the participants in the first time show planned here.

In-Water Boat Show planned at new harbor facility, May 17-19

The public is invited to join The Town of Edenton and this year's sponsor, International Yachting Center of Columbia, for a first time In-Water Boat Show in their new harbor facility on Friday, May 17-19.

A very exciting attraction to the show will be demonstrations given by all exhibitors, making selection for potential buyers much simpler and a lot of fun. Times for the Edenton Harbor In-Water Boat Show will be Friday, 12-7 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Edenton is very proud to feature many of their local boat builders such as Carolina Classic, Brushcreek Yachts, Albemarle Boats, General Boats International, and Regulator Marine. The boating industry has made a big impact

on our part of Northeastern North Carolina and we appreciate what an asset it has been to Edenton and Chowan County.

In planning your visit to Edenton for that weekend, some of the boats you can look for will be 17' to 41' Sport fishing boats, 24' to 33' Bayliner Cruisers, 31' and 40' Fast

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State budget cuts impact services in Chowan County

BY REBECCA BUNCH Editor

Severe budget cutbacks at the state level will result in unprecedented changes in local library services beginning immediately. Starting this week the Shepard-Pruden Public Library in Edenton will close on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. and will be closed on Saturdays.

Other changes will be experienced by patrons, and library staff, as well. According to librarian Rosalie Boyd, "For the rest of this fiscal year, through June 30, we will only be able to purchase major bestsellers. We have no funds for ordering audiotapes or videotapes."

"All of us on staff will have a twenty percent reduction in hours worked, therefore also in salary," Boyd added. "And, there is no money for programming"

Boyd added that she and her staff "regret inconveniences this may cause the public. We sincerely hope that the governor and legislators are able to restore adequate funding July

Also impacted by the state's budget woes are services offered by the local Visitor Center. Manager Linda Eure said that all of the part-time positions with the center have already been cut at least until the end of the fiscal year June 30, and that only site maintenance expenses, such as utilities, are currently being funded. She said she and her staff had to stop ordering anything new materials earlier this fiscal year.

"We are hoping this situation is just temporary," she said, "and that we don't have to make additional cuts."

The Visitor Center is now closed to the public on Sundays, Eure said, as a result of belt-tightening measures necessitated by the state's budget shortfall. She said she chose Sundays after considering the fact that the center was only open four hours that day, as opposed to eight on all other days, and that there were less visitors then than on other days.

"Obviously, anytime you are involved in serving the public, as Rosalie and I are, you hate to have to cut services. We are really hoping to resume regular hours but we don't yet know what the budget for the next fiscal year will bring," Eure added

Eure said that if there was any bright spot at all to the

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Dole campaign comes to community

BY REBECCA BUNCH Editor

Republican U.S. Senate candidate Elizabeth Dole brought her campaign to Chowan County last Thursday evening. Dole was the guest of honor at a dinner held at the American Legion in Edenton.

Introducing Mrs. Dole, Edenton Mayor Roland Vaughan praised her for her priorservice in government and as president of the American Red Cross. "Obviously, she has learned courage and the value of great leadership," he said. Rather than standing at the

podium, Dole took the microphone in hand and walked across the floor as she spoke, smiling and making eye contact with the group which created a warm, personal feel to her remarks.

"As I travel the state," Dole said, "I find the same values



Elizabeth Dole

that my mom and dad installed in me - honesty, integrity, love of family, love of God, hard work, and personal responsibility - I find that those values, those are the values we share as North Carolinians."

Dole, who hopes to capture the seat being vacated by an ailing Sen. Jesse Helms, said she would like to see the country return to its roots and become a more faith-based nation. "Since Sept. 11," she said, "if there's any silver lining, it's that it's as if we've found our way again."

again."
Dole told the crowd she was a "results-oriented person" who wants to put her leadership skills to work for the people of North Carolina. She noted that she has signed the "no new taxes pledge," and said she would also work for a stronger national defense, as well as more affordable health care, particularly in the area of presciption drugs.

Precinct changes are announced

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND Staff Writer

Two Chowan County polling site locations have been changed according to the Chowan County Elections Board. Rebecca Lowe of the board is in the process of notifying voters of changes in the Center Hill and Yeopim precincts.

Voters in the Center Hill precinct will be using the new Northern Chowan Community Center located at 2869 Virginia Road at Tyner. The center is located next to Chowan Middle School just beyond Smalls Crossroads.

The Yeopin precinct has been moved from the National Guard Armory on Soundside Road to the Northeastern Regional Airport terminal building located at 113 Airport Road adjacent to the armory.

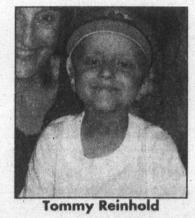
Other voting precincts will remain the same.

The East Edenton precinct votes at the Chowan Edenton: Recreation Center on 702 North Broad Street; West Edenton will vote at the Edenton Chowan Rescue Squad building located at 208 W Hicks Street. The Rocky Hock precinct will vote at the Rocky Hock Rescue Squad building at 1414 Rocky Hock Landing Road. The Wardville precinct will continue to vote at the Gliden Rescue Squad building located at 239 Gliden Road in Hobbsville.

Tommy Reinhold will be remembered

A little light flickered in the sky last night,
A tiny little light that was very bright.
And I heard in my heart as I watched it glow,
"And a little child will lead them";
The way, he will show.
Helen K. Outland

A courageous little boy whose fight with cancer touched the hearts and lives



of those all across our community has gone home to be

with the Lord.
Thomas Patrick "Tommy"
Reinhold, age 7, of the 1300
block of Slick Hill Road, died
Thursday, May 2,2002 in his

Tommy was born in Olney, MD and was the son of John G. and Marcia Zovko Reinhold. Tommy was a stu-

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Chowan Arts Council to mark its 25th birthday this weekend

BY REBECCA BUNCH Editor

The Chowan Arts Council will celebrate its 25th birthday in style this Saturday, May 18, under a lighted tent at the downtown Edenton waterfront. The festivities will get underwway at 6 p.m.

Among the planned events will be a "Taste of Edenton" with hors d'oeuvres prepared by Harborview Restaurant, Kramer's Garage Bistro by the Bay, Nancy Hagen, Mario's Italian Restaurant, and Waterman's.

Music for the evening will be provided by David Guiseppe. "He will provided some really interesting and innovative entertainment," said CAC Executive Director Sue Clark. Guiseppe, an accordionist, will play everything from waltzes to the tango, to Irish music. "He'll also perform polkas, but only on request," said Clark with a laugh.

Aceremony is planned at 6:30 p.m. honoring the dedication and hard work of the CAC's past executive directors and past presidents.

"We would also like to thank our volunteers, members, and local government, in addition to the artists who support us through sharing their work," said Clark.

Tickets to the party are available at the Chowan Arts Council Gallery or by calling (252) 482-8005.

CENTER HILL CROSS ROADS FIRE DEPARTMENT Anniversary Supper RE HOUSE CHICKEN SATURDAY, MAY 18TH 4:00 - 7:00 PM \$6.00 PER PLATE