



Chowan County Deputy and DARE Officer, Carl Rabe checks the registration on this pick-up truck. On Saturday afternoon Chowan County law enforcement and the North Carolina Highway Patrol set up two checkpoints. (Photo by Helen Outland)

Effort made to keep roads safe

Several checkpoints were established in Chowan County Saturday afternoon by Chowan County law enforcement and the North Carolina Highway Patrol. Officers were checking vehicles and drivers for a number of things including

proper vehicle identification, valid drivers license, proper use and installation of child safety seats.

"The checkpoints were routine," said Chowan County Sheriff, Fred Spruill. "We did find a number of minor violation, in-

cluding one Driving while under the influence, and a child restraint violation." The checkpoints were established at the entrances of Arrowhead Subdivision and the Chowan Beach Subdivision.



Gail King, Activities Support Coordinator for the Partnership for Children (center) finds a Jimmy Buffet fan interested in the collection of old 33 albums she had on display. (Photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

Partnership sponsors fundraiser

The Chowan/Gates/Perquimans Partnership for Children held a flea market/yard sale Saturday morning on the grounds of their facility on Dillard's Mill Road. Vendors rented a space for \$25 with the proceeds from that rent going to the partnership. Vendors could also make a contribution of all or some of the money they made going to the part-

nership. "This is a flea market/yard sale to raise funds for the partnership. We hope to have more of in the future," said Gail King, Activities Support Coordinator in charge of public relations and fundraising. "We also hope to have more participation by the community and other community organizations." King had a table set up with infor-

mation on the partnership available and where visitors could make donations to the partnership.

Approximately ten vendors were on hand for the yard sale/flea market selling a wide variety of items from the usual items to Jimmy Buffet 33 albums and military jungle hammocks.

Services Scheduled

The Reverend Edwin Cook from Raleigh, NC will conduct the 10 a.m. worship services on Sunday, July 14th and Sunday, July 21st at the Good Sheperd Lutheran Church, Elizabeth City, NC.

Called Out to perform

"Called Out II" will be singing at Snug Harbor Community Church on Sunday, July 14, at 7 p.m.

Yes, we have air conditioning and yes, this is Dianne McHone's group. There is no admission but a love offering will be taken.

Come out and worship the Lord with them!

St. John's plate sale

St. John's the Evangelist Episcopal Church is raising money to purchase and maintain a church van to accommodate our growing Sunday school class.

The congregation will host a Fried Fish Dinner Sale on July 13th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.. The sale will take place at 305 North Oakum Street, next to LaDall's Variety Store. Tickets are \$5 each. For information call Leslie at 482-0175.

Programs available

Chowan Hospital announces the following health programs that are available to the public in July.

The Free Cholesterol and Blood Pressure Screening, via the Mobile Wellness Unit, will be held on July 18, 2002 at the IGA in Columbia, NC from 12 noon til 2 p.m. For information call 482-6242.

Registration to start

Registration for Fall 2002 classes at the College of the Albemarle will start on July 15th. Students are urged to register early in order to get the classes they need. Classes are on a first-come, first-served basis. Call 482-7900 or check www.albemarle.edu for other COA sites scheduled.

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Recently Congress rejected a measure that would have permanently repealed the estate tax. The reality is that high estate taxes still exist. Waiting around for Congress to change the law could cause you to lose a large chunk of your estate to taxes.

As you probably know, the 2001 Tax Act included major estate tax changes. From 2002 through 2009, the top estate tax rate gradually decreases, and the amount exempt from tax gradually increases. Then in 2010, the estate tax disappears - but only for one year. In 2011 the estate tax is due to return to the 2001 rules unless Congress changes the law. The uncertainty of permanent estate tax repeal coupled with the changes planned for the next eight years makes estate planning more important than ever.

Where do you start? Begin by making sure your plan documents utilize basic tax-cutting strategies. Outdated language in your will or other planning documents may prevent your estate from taking advantage of the changing rates and exemptions. If you own substantial assets, review your gifting program for ways to transfer your wealth tax-free. For example, in 2002 you can give away \$11,000 per recipient to as many people as you want. If you're a business owner, planning is essential to ensure that your business will pass to your heirs as smoothly as possible.

As part of your estate review, pay attention to the nontax issues of estate planning. Make sure guardians are named for young children and that your will, durable power of attorney, and medical directives are up to date. Evaluate your beneficiary choices on your retirement accounts, life insurance policies, and annuities.

Estate planning is a very personal process, and each family plan is unique. If you'd like to get together to discuss your estate planning concerns, call us.

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