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Local business leaders meet with President Bush

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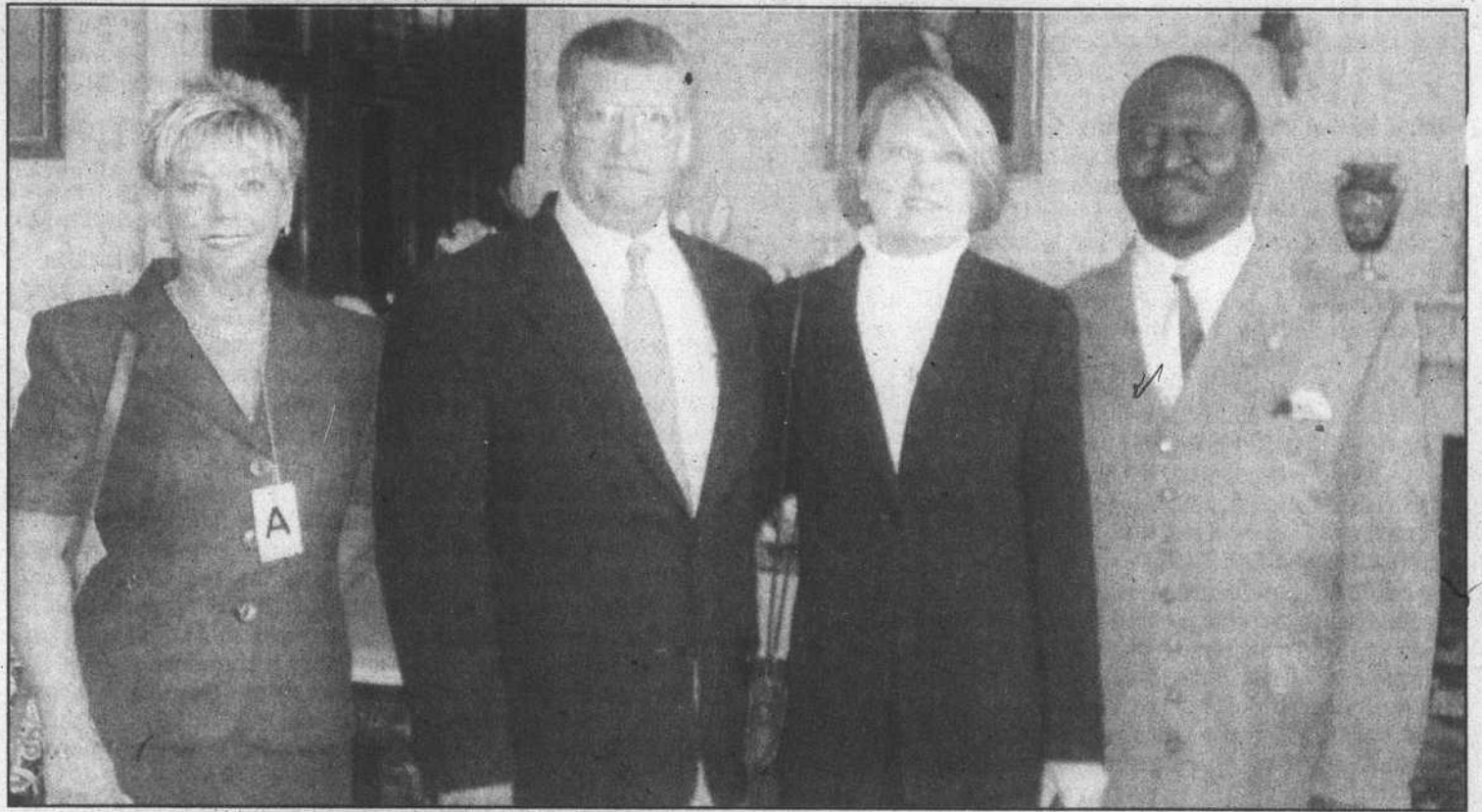
On Friday, July 2, 2004 President Bush met with small business owners from all over the country to address economic growth. The group met in the East Room at the White House with Owen and Joan Maxwell, owners of Regulator Marine, present. During the meeting, President Bush acknowledged the partnership Regulator Marine has with College of The Albemarle (COA) to provide training to potential workers. Bush said, "One of the interesting things the Maxwells have done and I really appreciate this is that they have teamed up with a local community college to devise a course to train people coming into their industry—the boat manufacturing industry. That's a wise, wise use of a very important community asset, which is the community colleges."

Rural northeastern North Carolina has proved to be a challenging backdrop in which to find qualified boat-building

personnel. Regulator Marine and Albemarle Sportfishing Boats, Inc., have teamed up with the College of the Albemarle to offer pre-employment training for potential employees. Maxwell insists that the boat-building program is proving to be a real asset to our community and Lynn Hurdle Winslow, Vice-President of Continuing Education at COA agrees.

In his remarks, President Bush noted the importance of the community college in preparing citizens for jobs in a changing economy. "One of the real challenges to make sure that America is the best place to do business in the world so people will be able to continue to find work is to make sure our education system functions well. And one way to make it function well is for the federal government to work with community colleges and local businesses to devise curriculum to train people for the jobs which actually exist. And

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Owen and Joan Maxwell (center of photo), co-owners of Regulator Marine in Edenton, pose for photographers in the Blue room at the White House along with two of their employees, Pam Gurganus (left) and Willie Rankins (right). The group was in Washington, DC to meet with President George Bush as part of a meeting Bush held with small business owners and entrepreneurs from across the United States July 2. Pictures taken with President Bush had not been released at press time.

Suspect back in custody

BY SEAN JACKSON
Staff Writer

On Wednesday night sometime between the hours of 11 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 8, Dywondrell Kelvone Harris, 19, of Pasquotank County escaped from the Chowan County Detention Facility in Edenton by cutting through a metal screen and breaking a wire reinforced window with a shower handle, Chowan Sheriff Fred Spruill stated in a press release.

"The investigation revealed that a telephone call was made at approximately 7:30 p.m. by Harris Wednesday night," July 7, Spruill said.

"A trace of the call revealed a telephone number and a possible location in Pasquotank County was established," the sheriff said. "The joint investigation involving the Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan County Sheriffs' Offices and the Pasquotank-Elizabeth City Task Force continued through the night."

Harris, who turns 20 this month, was located in the Chapanoke area of Perquimans County on Friday morning at approximately 12:30 p.m. Harris was rearrested and returned to the Chowan County Detention Facility without incident.

Harris has been confined at the Chowan jail since Jan. 16 on charges of breaking and entering a motor vehicle, larceny, and injury to real property. He has also been charged with escape, Spruill said Monday.

Harris was convicted of larceny in Pasquotank County in May. He was sentenced to 36-months of probation. He was also convicted of receiving a stolen vehicle in 2002, also in Pasquotank County.

Spruill said the internal investigation revealed a policy violation and steps are being taken.

"But the bottom line is the Detention Officer failed to perform their duties in checking the inmates," the sheriff said.

Spruill wants to thank the agencies and officers involved in the investigation for the work in returning Harris to custody.

Just clownin' around

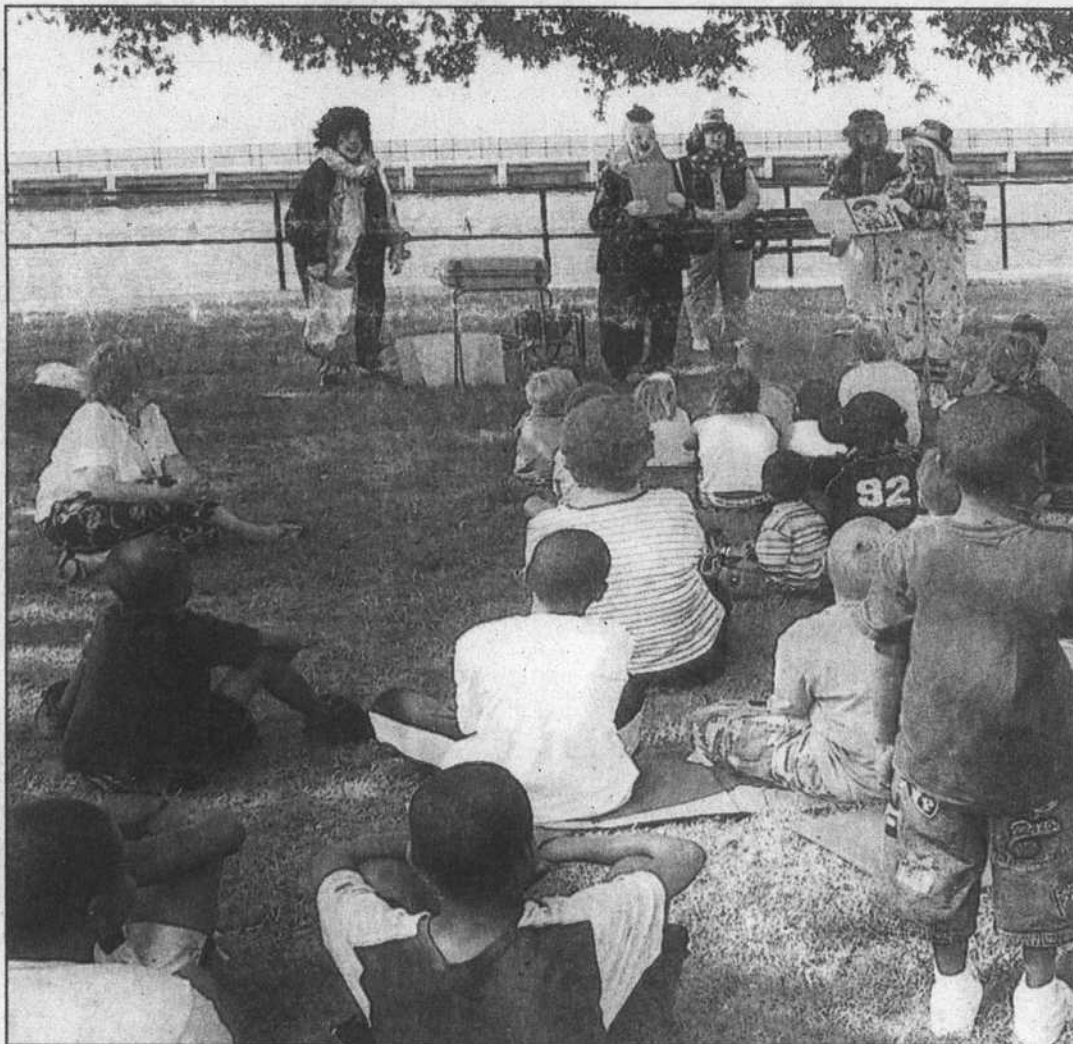


Photo for The Chowan Herald by Bud Weagly

Local children enjoy a relaxing morning of pranks and laughs — clown style. Members of the local "Clown College" started in Edenton several years ago by Joy Caron entertained Tuesday during the Shepard-Pruden Library's Summer Reading Program in the downtown waterfront park. Several more summer sessions are planned in July.

Plans for roads are discussed

BY EARLINE WHITE
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The Chowan County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, July 12 to discuss, among other things, the county's 2004-2005 Secondary Roads Improvement Program.

* Anthony Roper, Division Maintenance Engineer, reported that there is an estimated total allocation of \$210,000 for road improvement. The future projects to be undertaken include paving Emperor landing (1.0 miles), West Bear Swamp (1.8 miles) and Sycamore Road (1.3 miles). Sandy Point Road is next on the list to be paved if money is left over.

* Planning and Inspections gave their monthly report. 18 storm-damaged mobile homes and 3 non-storm damaged homes were removed from Chowan County between March and May of 2004. Three hundred and three inspections were conducted last month putting the number at 1,748 for the year to date.

* Michael Cobb, Regional Specialist North Carolina Of-

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Britthaven of Edenton very proud of survey results

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Everybody at Britthaven of Edenton is sporting a big smile these days. From the office staff to the nurses, all of them — and especially Acting Administrator Craig Miller — are feeling a real sense of accomplishment since the nursing home received a "no deficiencies" rating from the North Carolina Division of Facility Services.

Miller, a former Britthaven administrator who was recently called back into service to train new administrator Dianne Nixon, said he and the staff couldn't be more pleased with the results. "This rating of 'no deficiencies' just shows what an outstanding group of people work at this facility and clearly reflects the pride they



Photo for The Chowan Herald by Bud Weagly

The staff and management at Britthaven of Edenton are proud of earning a "no deficiencies" status in state review

all take in their work," he said.

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