

Council aims to take bite out of vicious dogs

BY SEAN JACKSON
Staff Writer

Seeking to stem the tide of ill-tempered dogs on town streets, the Edenton Town Council took the first step in approving a vicious dog ordinance Monday night.

"I'm tickled to death that you want this," ordinance, Councilman Steve Biggs told police Chief Greg Bonner, "and we're able to do it for you."

The new ordinance would

prohibit dogs from being on chains. All dogs within town limits would be required to be kept in pens, kennels, or within fenced-in areas.

More important to town officials, aggressive dogs — especially those with a history of biting people — would be required to be microchipped, and muzzled when off their owner's property.

Dogs on the "black list" for the proposed ordinance include: Pit bulls, Staffordshire bull, American pit bull ter-

rier, American Staffordshire terrier, rottweilers, chow chows, doberman pinchers, German shepherds, Siberian huskies, Alaskan malamutes, akitas, boxers, great danes, wolf hybrids, perro de presa cananios, or any mix of those breeds.

In addition, the ordinance would prohibit anyone under the age of 16 from walking a vicious dog.

The ordinance labels a vicious dog as "any dog with

a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack unprovoked, to cause injury to, or to otherwise endanger the safety of humans or other domestic animals."

Pit bulls appear to be the main canine targeted by the ordinance. Pit bulls would be disallowed from straying outside a pen or kennel unless it is securely leashed. They must also be muzzled while being taken for walks.

Pit bulls also can't be kept

on a "porch, patio or in any part of a house or structure that would allow the dog to exit such building on its own volition."

Pit bull owners would also be required to post "Beware of Dog" signs on their property.

Biggs said there has been support for reigning in aggressive dogs in town.

"There's been a lot of talk about it my way," said Biggs, who lives on Broad Street. "A lot of good talk."

Biggs did question how police would address "black list" dogs brought into town by owners, either in backs of trucks or on leashes for walks.

Bonner said officers would use their own judgement in dealing with vicious dogs temporarily brought into town.

"We just have to use some common sense with it," the chief said.

The issue was forwarded to council's Aug. 3 meeting.

'Spirit' theme for 2004

Today's edition of *The Chowan Herald* features our 2004 Progress Edition.

The 20-page publication, with a "Spirit" theme, explores how our community responded to the challenges posed by Hurricane Isabel, and the positive changes that have resulted.

The Progress Edition begins on page 11-A.

County water rates up

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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According to county officials, the water bills that will be mailed to county residents will include a rate increase. While there will be no change in the minimum fee, water use in excess of 2,000 gallons per month will result in a higher rate. There will, they said, be no change in the minimum fee.

County Manager Cliff Copeland said the action was regrettable but necessary. "While the county is always reluctant to increase water rates," he explained, "this increase is necessary so that the water system can increase cash reserves to pay for future improvements needed for the water system." These improvements, he said, include additional wells and water lines, increased storage capacity, and improved water treatment equipment. These improvements are identified in a long-range plan developed for the water system.

Copeland noted that the county earlier this year implemented a "storm-preparedness" fee to fund the purchase of generators which will be installed at the treatment plant and well sites. This work, he said Monday, "is underway."

"Since the work is not complete for the current hurricane season," he added, "the county has contracted for temporary generators to be provided in the event that a hurricane approaches before the work is complete."

Copeland said the generators "will be delivered to the county during the hurricane warning period prior to the anticipated arrival of the storm in our community."

Sunflower Giganticus



Contributed photo by Blair Currie

The Curries of Morgan Park in Edenton recently sowed sunflower seeds that were listed as growing to ten feet. One seed, in the tradition of "Jack and the Beanstalk," soared to fifteen feet. In the above photo, Glenn and Anita Andersen, owners of Acoustic Coffee, join two-year-old Callie Baker in admiring the colossus in all its glory.

Grocery store is site of stabbing

BY SEAN JACKSON
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An Edenton man was stabbed in a supermarket Monday afternoon in what police are calling the latest phase of an ongoing dispute with his assailant.

George Thomas Smith, 47, of 2100 Bio Comp Drive, was stabbed at least five times in the abdomen in Winn-Dixie just before 3 p.m. Monday, police Chief Greg Bonner said.

Stephen Martin Williams, 20, of 142 Thick Neck Road, Edenton, was charged in the

stabbing. He is jailed at the Chowan County Detention Facility under a \$100,000 bond.

"I think the reason for this ongoing disagreement didn't just start yesterday," Bonner said Tuesday. "I believe there has been some (heated) discussion prior to yesterday regard-

ing Mr. Williams' relationship with the niece of the victim (Smith)."

Williams allegedly pulled a knife out of his pants' waistband and "repeatedly" stabbed Smith after both men had ar-

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Frinks spent his life fighting for rights of others

BY CHRIS WIPPLE
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On the mantel of Ruth Holley Frinks' home in Edenton is a framed copy of the Prayer of Jabez, which ends, "...and keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain."

The verse speaks to the life she led with her husband, Golden Frinks. After a dangerous life as an agitator in the Civil Rights Movement, Golden Frinks died peacefully in bed Monday, July 19, at age 84. Following the precept of non-violent protest, he stirred up a lot of trouble during his life but caused no pain.

An Edenton resident for 64 years, Frinks was the former national field secretary for the



Golden A. Frinks

Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Tyrone L. Brooks, president of the National Association of Black Elected Officials, was

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'Odyssey' one of year's big stories

(Editor's Note: One of the most significant events in our community over the past year was the Chowan Middle School team achieving a fifth place finish in world Odyssey of the Mind competition. For other important news from this past year, see our annual Progress Edition which is part of this week's newspaper.)

BY GLENDA JAKUBOWSKI
Edenton-Chowan Schools

Chowan Middle School placed fifth in the 2004 world Odyssey of the Mind Competition at the University of Maryland.

Chowan competed against 58 other schools in the world competition, and earned Second Place in its long-term problem, behind the team from Shanghai, China.

The team chose to solve the vehicle problem, which involves building and driving a human-powered "Envirover" vehicle. The vehicle collects trash and delivers it to a factory, where it is used to manufacture a product of the team's design. The Chowan team created "dancerizers" that enabled anyone or anything (including a trash can and a car)

that used the product to dance. Odyssey-of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Kids apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. Thousands of

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ATTENTION YOUTH CHEERLEADERS, FOOTBALL AND SOCCER PLAYERS

The Recreation Department and Northern Chowan Community Center will take registration for Cheerleading (ages 6-12), Flag Football (ages 6-8) and Tackle Football (ages 8-12 with weight requirement) and Soccer (ages 5-18) the week of August 2-August 6. The cost is \$10.00 (\$15.00 after Aug. 6).

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