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Herrar charged in shootings

BY SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald

Edenton police have arrested the alleged gunman who fired at two men during a fight outside of a Granville Street convenience store on May 17.



Herrar

Daniel Lee "Bootsy" Herrar, 22, of 1014 N. Broad St., Edenton, was chased down by police Officer Blake Fuller after he allegedly fired five rounds from a revolver, missing his two alleged targets, police Chief Greg Bonner said last week.

Herrar was charged with two counts of attempted first-degree murder, two counts of as-

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Stepney facing drug charges

BY SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald

An off-duty ALE agent arrested an Edenton man on May 17 after spotting the suspect sitting in a car outside a restaurant smoking marijuana.

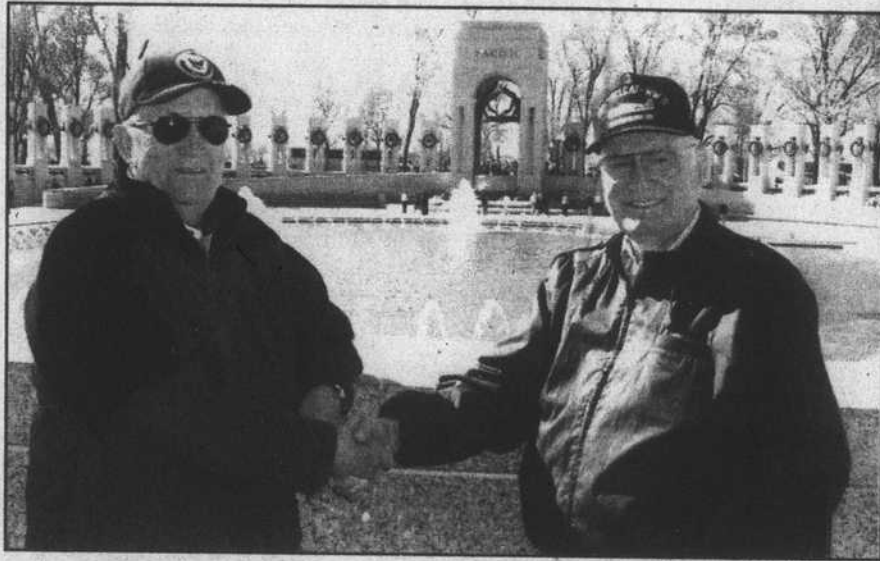
Rodney Parker, a state Alcohol Law Enforcement officer who patrols the Edenton area, arrested Deshannon Kenta Stepney, 23, of 101 Lenny Lane,



Stepney

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PAYING TRIBUTE



Contributed photo by Blair Currie

Robert Hendrix, U.S. Navy, and Guy Toppin, U.S. Air Force, at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.

BY BLAIR CURRIE
Contributing Writer

On a visit to Washington, D.C. recently, a group of Edentonians visited the World War II Memorial. The monument is magnificent, but there was a tinge of sadness knowing it took sixty years to properly honor the service men and women who served during that conflict. As we listened to the tour guide giving de-

tails, we were struck by the statement that "1,000 World War II veterans die daily!"

We wondered at that time, just how many of those "Heroes of Yesteryear" were still with us, but in Edenton, there are still a goodly number of World War II veterans. They talk modestly of their service, but valor must have been a part to the daily experi-

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Chowan Memorial Day plans

The Edward G. Bond Post #30 American Legion is planning a Memorial Day Service at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial May 30 at 1 p.m.

The Rev. Don English of Tyner, who served in the Air Force, will be

the guest speaker.

The Honor Guard will perform a wreath-laying ceremony. Special music is also planned.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come and pay tribute on this special day.

Local Relay for Life raises over \$100,000



Staff photo by Sean Jackson

Walkers sport enthusiastic smiles during the final hours of this year's Chowan-Perquimans Relay for Life. This year's Relay raised \$136,000, exceeding last year's total of \$125,000.

Fundraising exceeds that of prior years

BY SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald

Finding a cure for cancer took a momentary backseat Friday evening as scores of Relay For Life participants scurried under tents and into cars when a rainstorm tore across the Edenton Aces Athletic Complex.

But a bit of rain and wind didn't deter participants in the annual fundraiser from doing what they do best: Non-stop walking to help raise money for a cure for cancer.

Only they began their laps in the John A. Holmes High School gym, not the school's track.

"It was a touching ceremony," Jack Parker, chairman of the Chowan-Perquimans Relay for Life 2005 luminary drive, said of opening the events inside the gym.

However, the rain did dim the lighting of the luminaries, which traditionally girdle the track in honor of cancer survivors, and in memory of those who battled the disease.

"We were right ready to light the candles," Parker said, "when the rain came."

The candles — placed inside paper bags — will be used for

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Local officials praising clean-up efforts

Knighton: Council 'pleased' with efforts at former Leary Bros. site



Staff photo by Earline White

Demolition at the intersection of Virginia Road and North Broad Street has been going on this week.

BY SEAN JACKSON
The Chowan Herald

Town officials are applauding the efforts by owners of the former Leary Brothers site at the intersection of Virginia Road and North Broad Street.

"The Town Council is really pleased about the clean-up work taking place at Larry Sellers and Steve Lane's property," Knighton said Monday.

In contrast, they are gearing up for a potential foreclosure against the owners of a commercial tract razed by the town in March and April.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said Monday that the

owners of the land on North Broad Street — formerly the site of Northside Shopping Center — missed a May 20 deadline to reimburse the town for the demolition costs, roughly \$160,000.

"So this week, (the town's foreclosure) attorney (Travis Ellis) will file paperwork for foreclosure proceedings," Knighton said in an email response to questions about the status of the site, now just a parking lot and L-shaped concrete slab.

Once served with the foreclosure papers, the owners, Rob-

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Council interested in lighthouse proposal

BY REBECCA BUNCH
The Chowan Herald

Those who enjoy the beauty of Edenton's downtown water-



Roanoke River Lighthouse

front may one day have a new attraction to admire. A proposal that has been discussed for several years, to purchase the 1885 Roanoke River Lighthouse and install it on the waterfront, moved one step closer to becoming a reality Monday night when the town's public works committee asked that the proposal expressing support for such a plan be brought before the Edenton Town Council for its consideration.

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Boyle's nomination remains in limbo



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Cruisin' for summer

Ellie, Kate and William Whichard of Edenton enjoy a bike ride (complete with safety helmets) as they excitedly celebrate the arrival of springtime and await an extended summertime vacation (no word on whether mom Tracy and dad Bill are equally excited!)

Commencement exercises for the John A. Holmes High School Class of 2005 will take place this Friday evening at 7 p.m. at the school's Athletic Complex. Guest speaker will be football great Wes Chesson. Chesson, himself a Holmes graduate, went on to play professional football with the Atlanta Falcons. Remarks will also be offered by class valedictorian Tanner Bloom. The invocation will be presented by Jenilee Renner, class salutatorian. For more information, see the community calendar on page 2-B.

In preparation for summer's approach, The Chowan Herald has prepared its first-ever summer edition of The Albemarle Magazine which focuses on 101 Fun Things to Do This Summer. Look for the magazine along with next week's newspaper.

Class of 2005 Graduates featured

Photos of the graduating seniors from the Holmes Class of 2005 are featured in today's edition on pages 10-A through 12-A.

Photographs of all the graduates were not available at press time, resulting in a lengthier than normal list of "not pictured" students.