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## High speed chase ends in seizing of weapons

BY EARLINE WHITE  
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A high-speed chase through two counties ended with police seizing a fully-loaded AK-47 military assault rifle, a bayonet, 9mm pistol, and cocaine - but no arrests.

On Tuesday night, March 21, around 10:50 p.m. Officer Derrick Knox with the Edenton Police Department stopped Sharey Lavon Williams, 23, of 200 King Street, Hertford who was driving a blue Cadillac, for exceeding the speed limit.

While talking with Williams, Officer Knox smelled marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Williams admitted to smoking earlier and said that the scent might still be in his clothes. When Officer Knox asked Williams for permission to search the car, Williams fled the scene. Knox followed in pursuit of the suspect's vehicle.

The chase continued through several city streets, at times exceeding approximately 90 mph. The vehicle proceeded out of town on Old Hertford Highway at which point Officer Knox called the Chowan County Sheriff's Office, NC Highway Patrol and the Perquimans County authorities.

Approaching the off ramp

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A high-speed chase through Chowan and Perquimans counties resulted in police confiscating a fully-loaded AK-47 assault rifle and other weapons. The suspect eluded capture.

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## BPW Club names Knighton its 'Woman of the Year'

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
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Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton was named the Edenton BPW Club's Woman of the Year Thursday evening. The award was presented during the club's annual banquet that took place at the Edenton United Methodist Church. Presenting Knighton with the award, was Beth Taylor, herself a past recipient of the award.

In a break with tradition, several friends and colleagues

were invited to address the audience prior to the presentation of Knighton's award. Several, including Mayor Roland Vaughan, spoke about Knighton's professionalism and 'grace under fire'. Vaughan also presented her with a framed certificate of appreciation on behalf of the Town Council.

Chowan County's Director of Special Projects Peter Rascoe talked about her very personal concern for each and every citizen in the community.

"It is her drive to make a citizen's trouble and worry, regardless of how small they may seem to others - her own trouble and worry - and that has and will always be a goal for many of us...to shoot for," he said. "I have never witnessed anyone do it like Anne-

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Anne-Marie Knighton, left, accepts a bouquet and an engraved plaque from Beth Taylor of the BPW Club after being named its Woman of the Year.



Rebecca Bunch/The Chowan Herald

### Carolina Cash

Price: \$5  
Prizes \$10 to \$100,000  
Odds of winning \$10: 20-to-1  
Odds of winning \$100,000: 2,880,000-to-1



### North Carolina Education Lottery

Price: \$1  
Prizes: \$2 to \$5,000  
Odds of winning \$2: 22.22-to-1  
Odds of winning \$5,000: 2,672,000-to-1



## Numbers Games

### Blackjack

Price: \$1  
Prizes: \$1 to \$5,000  
Odds of winning \$1: 7.59-to-1  
Odds of winning \$5,000: 2,004,000-to-1



### Tic Tac Toe

Price \$1  
Prizes: \$1 to \$5,000  
Odds of winning \$1: 7.59-to-1  
Odds of winning \$50: 1,955.12-to-1

Lottery games will be available at many retail outlets across North Carolina starting Thursday, but the odds are long on striking it rich.

BY SEAN JACKSON  
The Chowan Herald

Chowan County will be a part of state history on March 30 when the North Carolina Education Lottery launches here and in the state's other 99 counties.

Lottery officials expect up to 5,000 stores to sell the scratch-off game tickets. In all, 12 businesses in Chowan applied for the right to sell tickets; and all were approved.

"The response from retailers has been fantastic," Tom Shaheen, executive director of the lottery, said in a press release. "The retailers want to ensure they get in on the game and provide a service to their customers. It's a service that means a 7-percent commission for retailers on each ticket sold and potentially hundreds of millions of dollars for education in North Carolina."

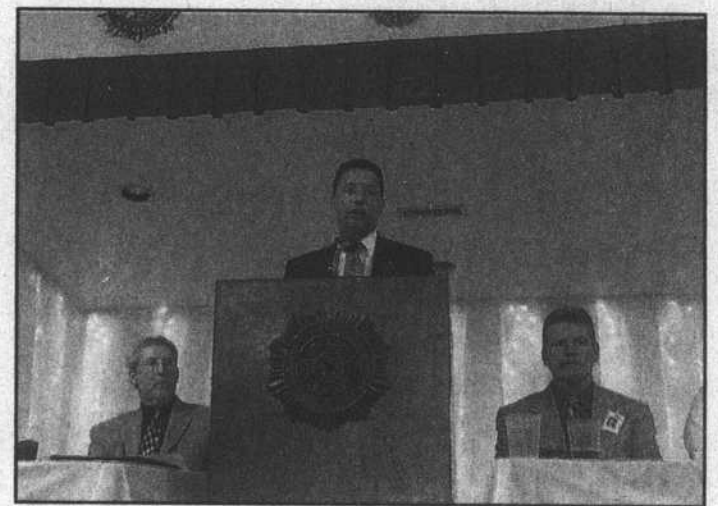
The multi-state Powerball lottery game is slated to begin May 30.

Lottery proceeds are touted for use in public education in North Carolina, helping to reduce class sizes, fund school construction projects, and provide college scholarship monies to need-based individuals, according to lottery officials.

### Local lotto locales

Twelve Chowan businesses will sell NC Education Lottery tickets

**Etna station**  
200 N. Broad St.  
**Food Lion**  
**Whiteman's Service Center**  
**Floyd's Corner**  
904 Virginia Road  
**Stop Shop**  
1105 N. Broad St.  
**Joe Lee Co., Inc.**  
654 Virginia Road  
**Colonial Communications**  
202 S. Broad St.  
**Goody's Convenient Center**  
**Duck Thru Food Store**  
218 Virginia Road  
**Red Apple Market No. 13**  
N.C. Highway 32  
**Red Apple Market No. 59**  
301 Virginia Road  
**Red Apple Market No. 62**  
711 N. Broad St.



Sean Jackson/The Chowan Herald

NC Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety Brian Beatty (at podium) talks about the pressing need for preparedness as hurricane season approaches.

## Beatty stresses need for preparedness

BY SEAN JACKSON  
The Chowan Herald

While Hurricane Isabel was no Katrina, local and state officials gathered in Edenton on March 22 to discuss how to keep northeast North Carolina safe from the chaos that ensued after Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast in August.

Bryan Beatty, state Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, said he recently heard New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin say that the Crescent City's plan for the aftermath of Katrina was to wait until the "cavalry" arrived. Beatty noted that FEMA and other federal agencies are not first-

responders to natural disasters. Nor can state emergency officials be expected to provide immediate relief. Local officials have to assume that task, Beatty said.

"We want to make sure we don't...have a Katrina," Beatty, recalling how Mississippi and Louisiana residents languished in the days and weeks after the powerful Category 4 storm pounded that region, killing 1,600 and leaving hundreds of thousands homeless.

"After Katrina," Beatty added, "we all know what can happen if we're not prepared."

In its favor, Beatty noted,

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## Murder suspect is extradited for trial

BY SEAN JACKSON  
The Chowan Herald

The Chowan County man charged with murdering his wife in August 2004 was extradited back to North Carolina this week.

Cornelius Leary, 40, was led in handcuffs and foot-shackles into the Chowan County Courthouse on Tuesday morning to sign an affidavit seeking a court-appointed attorney, officials with the Chowan County Sheriff's Office said. He has

been charged with first-degree murder for the slaying of Anita Leary, who was found

dead with gunshot wounds in her Sandy Ridge Road home on Aug. 11, 2004.

Leary was captured in a New York City subway station on Aug. 18, 2004. He remained in the custody of New York State while awaiting trial on weapons charges. He was convicted of those charges and



Cornelius Leary

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