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## Graham sought for questioning

Edenton suspect  
wanted for Ahoskie  
shooting incident

BY SEAN JACKSON  
Staff Writer

An Elizabeth City man wanted for questioning in an attempted murder here last month is also being sought in connection with a recent shooting in Ahoskie.

Nathaniel "Nate" Graham, 18, is being sought by the Ahoskie Police Department in connection with a May 15 incident that left an apartment full of bullet holes, according to a story by the *Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald*. Police in Edenton, Elizabeth City, and — now — Ahoskie have described Graham as "an extremely dangerous individual that may be heavily armed."

"I would highly recommend to any law enforcement agency not to attempt to approach this young man alone," Ahoskie Police Chief Troy Fitzhugh told the *News-Herald*. Graham was indicted in Chowan County last month on a charge of attempted murder for an April 22 shooting on West Carteret Street.

Edenton Police Chief Greg Bonner said recently that robbery was the apparent motive for the shooting that left 27-year-old Willie Cofield, of Edenton, seriously wounded.

Graham is also being sought for questioning for a pair of shootings last month in Elizabeth City.

Graham has eluded authori-

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### CLOSING

The Chowan Herald business office will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

Deadline for ads, stories and photos will be noon Friday.

## RELAY TEAMS FAR EXCEED GOAL

In excess of \$150,000 raised this year



Shaquean Nixon, 12, shows off his back flip while taking a break from playing football during Relay events Saturday.



About 150 people from Chowan and Perquimans counties signed up to walk the survivors' lap which traditionally opens the Relay for Life.

### RAFFLE WINNERS

Woodland United Methodist Church Quilt winner was Amy Winslow; winner of the Ashlee Birkhead print, Kathy Hynes



Four-year-old Meredith Tunstall was one of the youngest children to take part in the Chowan-Perquimans Relay for Life on Saturday. She was one of those participating in the Kids Walk and later enjoyed playing with a beach ball.

## Relay teams work magic

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Editor

With the results tallied, the monies raised during this year's Chowan-Perquimans Relay for Life far exceeded everyone's expectations.

The event raised a total of \$158,506.24. This year's goal was \$140,000.

"I just cannot believe what the people in these two counties have done," said a jubilant Debbie Burroughs, Relay chairperson. "It's phenomenal."

"I know it's going to blow people away because the total just blew me away."

Burroughs announced Friday evening during Relay's opening moments that thanks to a generous donation by a local woman, Suzanne Burnside, and her husband — combined with funds from other teams that had already been raised, the \$140,000 goal for this year had already been met.

"So anything we get from here on out is just gravy," she said.

With the fundraising out of the way, the occasion became one of celebration, fun and tender moments.

During the opening moments of the event, a group of survivors walked the first lap as Chowan Hospital Administrator Jeff

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## FIRST-TIME KIDS EVENTS A SUCCESS

Children from Chowan/Perquimans participate



Kids Walk King and Queen Layden Stallings and Brianna Rodriguez raised the most money in the children's division. About 55 youngsters participated, pulling in over \$5,000 for cancer research.



Frank White talks with his daughter, Krysten, 9, during Relay events Saturday. White said he felt it was important to participate "because it helps people" and that he wanted to encourage other families in the community to get involved too.



Nicholas Hartman hugs family friend Carolyn Nixon. Participating in honor of his mother, Nicole, who has cancer, he walked the most laps — 64 — this year. He also completed the most laps in 2006.

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## New book recalls bygone days of herring fishing

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
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Author Frank Stephenson says his new book, "Herring Fishermen: Images of a North Carolina Tradition," reflects his lifelong fascination with those who've made their living fishing the waters around Chowan and Bertie counties.



Nixon

"I really had hoped to do a book like this because I was seeing a way of life and a culture disappear, and I wanted to find a way to preserve some part of that for future generations," he said. Stephenson said the photos

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Contributed

Tunis pound net crew members haul one of the fishery's pound nets on the Chowan River in this photo taken by author Frank Stephenson. Stephenson, who teaches at Chowan University, included this photo and many taken in Chowan County and other area locales over many years, in his new book, "Herring Fishermen."

## Realtor cleared of Tenn. charge

BY SEAN JACKSON  
Staff Writer

A former Chowan County realtor has been cleared of theft charges from a home he was showing in Tennessee.

Geddes Bootwright, 37, was found not guilty of stealing more than \$500 in property last summer from the \$1.2 million home he represented in Williamson County, Tenn., according to the *Tennessean* newspaper in Nashville.

Bootwright has been a realtor in Tennessee for several years, counting recording artists Alan Jackson, Tanya Tucker, and the Judds among his clients.

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