

"There is tremendous potential here. The country club is right on the verge of seeing some wonderful things."



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## Edenton fails to get ferry

State nixes plan to use ferry to expand tourism efforts

By Rebecca Bunch  
Staff Writer

A pontoon boat that could have been used to enhance local tourism efforts along the waterfront won't be coming to Edenton anytime soon.

Instead, it's being sold to the highest bidder on eBay.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton expressed disappointment Monday that her efforts to have the state Ferry Division donate the 50-foot, 49-passenger vessel, The Corolla, to the Town of Edenton did not meet with success.

In a Sept. 14 letter to N.C. Ferry Division Director Jack Cahoon, Knighton wrote about the town's ongoing efforts to promote tourism and the recent addition of the 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse to the waterfront.

"Over the years, we have been searching for ways to acquire a boat such as the pontoon boat you have, that will enable us to interpret Edenton's rich history to not only our visitors but our residents as well," she said.

"The Town of Edenton does not have the funds to purchase a boat. We have not been successful in finding grant funds," she added. "We would be most grateful if NCDOT would consider giving the vessel to us."

Knighton added that boat could benefit efforts "to achieve our vision for a water-based Maritime History tourism initiative."

Knighton said she learned See FERRY, Page A2 >



Knighton

## EDENTON PEANUT FESTIVAL A nutty tradition



### Putting on a show!

Above, area members of the Red Hat Society wave to the crowds during the 32nd annual Peanut Festival Parade. Right, members of the John A. Holmes High School drumline keep tempo as the band heads downtown. Hundreds of people lined Virginia Road and Broad Street Saturday for the parade.

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## Body found near golf course

Officials say corpse believed to be Smithwick

By Jay Jenkins  
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Police believe that a body found yesterday morning in Chowan County is that of Donald Bradley Smithwick, an Ahoskie man missing since last Thursday.

Few details were available Tuesday afternoon, but sources said Smithwick's body was found in a remote area off Country Club Drive by an N.C. Wildlife officer.

Smithwick went missing Thursday morning after an alleged abduction from his home in Ahoskie and an all-out search has been ongoing since.

Additional charges are expected to be brought against two suspects already in custody in Hertford County.



Smithwick

One of those suspects is an Edenton woman, Janet Denise Harrell, 33, of 235 Tynch Town Road, who was arrested Friday night in connection with the alleged abduction of Smithwick and charged with accessory after the fact of first-degree kidnapping.

She is the second person arrested and charged in the alleged kidnapping and alleged murder of Smithwick, who is believed to have been abducted from his home on Colony Avenue in Ahoskie last Thursday morning.

The first suspect arrested and charged was Raymond Christian Jedele, a 38-year-old Kitty Hawk police officer, who is believed to be Harrell's boyfriend.

Law officials say a frantic 911 call was placed just before 6 a.m. Oct. 4 from Smithwick's home.

A large amount of blood was found in Smithwick's driveway and in his pickup truck, which was found abandoned several blocks away from his house.

Police say a lone suspect, believed to be Jedele, subdued Smithwick with a taser gun and then bound and kidnapped him — possibly using the victim's truck to drive to another vehicle.

Jedele was involved in a minor traffic accident on the Chowan River Bridge shortly after 7 a.m. Thursday, but because there was no probable cause the trunk and inte-

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## Chowan 4-H holds first-ever reunion

By Earline White  
Managing Editor

Holly White has been showing livestock for years at the local county fair.

She stood with reins in hand during the livestock show and sale this fall, anxiously waiting the judge to look over her lamb.

This time of year, county fairs across the nation are a playing field for 4-Hers to compete on.

At the 60th annual Chowan County Regional Fair, 4-H members entered categories ranging from crafts to chickens and demonstrated skills from baking to sewing.

This year Razi and Riaz

Lane entered their two 60-plus pound watermelons. Both took home ribbons, and not the couple's first.

"What we hope to do is help the youth realize their potential," Ginger Morelock, 4-H director said. "These young people are making a difference in their community."

Of the nine million 4-H members across America, as few as 10 percent live on farms.

But that doesn't stop the youth from learning about life on the family farm.

Over the past 90 years, since the creation of 4-H in Chowan County, thousands of young people have stepped

up and answered the call for their community.

They've raised goats and picked up trash at the elementary school.

And for the first time since the local 4-H's creation, members came together for a 4-H reunion Sunday.

Held at the cooperative extension building, 20 members, former and current leaders and proud parents showed up to share stories about 4-H.

Morelock is hoping to gather the stories in time for the national 4-H centennial next year.

Harry Lee Winslow joined the 4-H during the mid-'40s. He remembers showing

steer in Elizabeth City.

"We'd spend the night at the warehouse with the animals. It was nothing for the steer to get loose during the night," Winslow laughed.

It is one of Winslow's fondest memories of 4-H, he said.

Years later, Winslow worked as a 4-H leader and even encouraged his own children to become members.

Chris Ward, the mother of two 4-H members, echoes a similar 4-H family sentiment — "I want my children to be involved in good things, rather than bad."

Ward's daughter, Heather Miller, is hoping to learn

more about Palomino quarterhorses and maybe gain a 4-H scholarship.

She spent much of Sunday talking with Winslow about beef cattle — her next 4-H project.

"I like talking with new members," Winslow said. "As soon as you find out you're both with 4-H you have a common thread and can talk forever."

Being a 4-Her is like having a second family. There's always someone to help, someone to offer and someone to share stories with.

To share your 4-H story, call Ginger Morelock at 482-6585.

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