

Local pilot dies in fiery plane crash

2nd pilot suffers burns

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"They were simulating an engine problem just before the crash."

Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin, Chowan County

An Edenton pilot was killed Monday night and another critically injured when their plane crashed and erupted into

flames.

William Thomas Jordan, 69, perished in the

fiery crash just northwest of the plane's takeoff runway at Northeastern Regional Air-

port, according to Chowan County Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin. Joseph S. Konicki of Suf-

folk, Va. suffered critical injuries, including burns from the flames, Goodwin said. Konicki was taken to a Norfolk Sentara General, where a spokesperson reported him to be in good condition.

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Burr stumps Edenton

Sen. not ready to ban offshore drilling

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U.S. Sen. Richard Burr says despite the BP pipeline leak that's spewed millions of gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico, he's not ready to abandon offshore drilling for oil.

Burr, interviewed in Edenton last Wednesday morning, discussed a number of heated issues, including the oil disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, the national and state economic outlook, the recently adopted healthcare bill, Wall Street, calls for lifting the ban on Don't Ask, Don't Tell (DADT), as well as election races and politics.

Offshore drilling

Burr said he still supports offshore drilling, provided the extraction is done responsibly.

"Thirty percent of our petroleum comes from the Gulf," Burr said. "For us to write off offshore drilling means our obligation to the Middle East is a long-term economic and national defense issue."

Burr said the nation's current focus should be on stopping the leak and completing the cleanup of the environmental disaster before debating the future of offshore drilling.

Burr also expressed support for the various governmental probes that are



PHOTOS COURTESY JERRY CLIMER
U.S. Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., tours Jimbo's Jumbos Edenton processing plant, Wednesday, June 2.

U.S. Sen. Burr (middle), chats with Charlie (left) and Scott Creighton on the floor of the Colony Tire truck tire retreading facility in Edenton during Burr's visit to Edenton, Wednesday, June 2.

looking into what caused the disaster and whether it could have been prevented.

"It's absolutely essential for us to understand what went wrong," Burr said. "I can't tell you today whether a federal regulator turned their back or a company cut some corners they shouldn't have."

According to the Associated Press, government officials estimate that the leak,

which started six weeks ago, has now dumped anywhere from 21 million to 45 million gallons of oil into the gulf. Meanwhile, BP's latest efforts to plug the leak ran into a snag and an oil slick from the disaster began approaching the Florida panhandle.

Burr was in Edenton Wednesday for tours of the newly renovated Cupola House and local employers Colony Tire and Jimbo Jum-

bos. He also participated in a radio interview conducted by 103.7 WTIB-FM talk show host and Chowan County native Henry Hinton.

Economic outlook

Burr also addressed the nation's economic recession. Despite a few bright spots, the senator projects a slow recovery until more

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Edenton police return to a crime scene Monday after a man was shot four times Sunday night at his 101 W. Peterson St. duplex.

Edenton man shot four times at his home

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An Edenton man was shot four times Sunday night after a man forced his way into a duplex, according to police Chief Jay Fortenbery.

Michael Lamont Boston, 27, was shot three times in the chest area and once in the leg around 11 p.m. at his residence located at 101 W. Peterson Street, Fortenbery said. He was taken to Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville where he remains in critical condition. The victim was conscious and talking when medics put him in the ambulance. Fortenbery said he was shot with a 9mm handgun.

Police have no information on the suspect who reportedly fled the scene. It is not known whether the shooter fled on foot or in a vehicle. Fortenbery said the unknown suspect allegedly forced his way into the duplex, however, the victim was shot both inside and outside the residence.

Residents who live nearby said they heard an argument moments before the shooting. There was a single gunshot followed by two more spaced shots, then a series of three rapidly fired rounds, witnesses said. The argument and shots occurred during the start of a heavy rainstorm that was accompanied by

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Chowan jobless rate at 10 percent

From staff reports

Chowan County's unemployment rate continues to drop, mirroring the rates in other North Carolina counties.

Statewide, unemployment rates decreased in 99 out of 100 counties in

April, the most recent month for which rates are available.

For the month, local rates fell to 10 percent matching the state jobless rate. In Chowan, the rate was 10.7 in March.

"The positive news in the April county data is that there has been an increase in the number of workers employed throughout the state," said ESC Chairman Lynn R. Holmes.

"At the same time, the

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Butterfield answers to health vote

Residents OK reform, oppose bill

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EDENTON — U.S. Rep. G.K. Butterfield, D-N.C., encountered Chowan County's version of a "tough crowd" during what turned out to be a confrontational town hall discussion about health care reform and Medicare in Edenton Thursday.

Butterfield, who voted for the landmark health care reform legislation in March, was peppered with mostly hostile questions



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Congressman G.K. Butterfield, D-N.C., visits the Chowan County Senior Center in Edenton, to address concerns about healthcare and Medicare reform, Thursday.

and comments about the new federal law by an audience of about 60 at the Chowan County Senior Center.

A number of question-

ers reminded Butterfield that national polls continue to indicate that a majority of Americans — roughly 65 percent and rising — do not support

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