



727 fuselage haul kept secret



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A 727 jet fuselage is seen being transported by Waff Contracting, Inc. of Edenton across eastern North Carolina last week en route to Hertford for use by the U.S. Department of Defense.

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Motorists traveling area highways Friday may have rubbed their eyes and done a double-take at the sight before them: a jet airliner — minus wings and tail — being hauled from Laurinburg to Hertford, including a brief stop-over in Edenton.

If it caught travelers by surprise, it was because the trip was unannounced at the request

... the media and general public were kept uninformed about the jetliner and the travel route ...

of the airliner's new owner, the U.S. Department of Defense, according to a spokesman for the shipping contractor, Waff Contracting, Inc., of Edenton. Owner Paul Waff said the fuselage was headed to a DOD installation at

Harvey Point.

The mystery cargo was a Boeing 727-200 passenger jet fuselage formerly owned by Northwest Airlines. It measured about 12 1/2 feet wide and 150-feet long, including the custom-built stair-

well attached to the rear, and weighed in at about 25,000 pounds with most of the interior intact, Waff manager Pat Wemple said. From ground to top, the jetliner was kept at a manageable 15 feet, 7 inches, made possible by a specially built trailer that kept the body 15 inches off the ground, Wemple said.

Because of the cargo's bulk it had to travel along a prescribed

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Autopsy: Trauma killed Jordan

By RITCHIE E. STARNES
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An autopsy revealed that William Thomas Jordan died from the trauma of the June 7 fiery airplane crash at Edenton's North-eastern Regional Airport, according to a report released Monday by the state medical examiner.

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Dr. William R. Oliver
State medical examiner

The report cites the cause of death as multiple blunt trauma from the crash. Among Jordan's injuries were multiple fractures to his ribs, spinal transection, laceration of the right lung and diaphragm, and trauma to the upper right chest.

Evidence suggests that Jordan's injuries occurred before he died, but that the trauma ultimately contributed to his quick death.

"The presence of soot in the trachea suggests that the decedent was breathing at least minimally at the time of the fire. However, the carbon monoxide level of postmortem blood suggests that death occurred before significant carbon monoxide could be accumulated," Dr. William R. Oliver's report stated.

Although the report states that the lack of carbon monoxide could be due the presence of other toxic chemicals in the smoke, Oliver stated that the likely cause was due to extensive trauma.

"There is clear anatomic evidence of massive trauma to the chest, which would have been life-threatening and inhibited respiration, and relatively good preservation of the airways. Thus, it is likely that the death in this case is more likely due to the direct effects of trauma," the report read.

Jordan's body had been badly charred from the

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Area man mounts standoff

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An armed man kept deputies at bay after a one and a half hour standoff last Wednesday.

Six deputies responded to a residence off N.C. Highway 32 after a man called 911 around 1:30 p.m. and made threatening comments, according to Chowan County Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin. Goodwin described the subject as "drunk and distraught."

When deputies arrived on the scene, the subject was inside his Virginia Road house, located in the northern part of the county - about 10 miles outside of town. Officers managed to talk the man outside the house, Goodwin said. He was found to be in possession of a firearm as the subject had previously indicated.

"He never pointed the gun at or threatened an officer," Goodwin said. "It's not against the law for someone to possess a firearm on his own property."

Deputies surrounded the man who could be seen at one point sitting on his porch where officers continued to talk to the subject. The officers were wearing bulletproof vests and some had their service weapons pointed at the subject.

Goodwin described the officers' actions as precautionary.

After continued negotiations with the man, deputies managed to swoop in and take the subject into custody.

"We took him to the hospital where he can get the help that he needs," Goodwin said.

No charges were filed, Goodwin said.



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Churches unite for community Thanksgiving

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A small crowd of local residents gathered at Edenton Baptist Church Monday at noon for a community-wide Thanksgiving service. In addition to Edenton

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The Rev. Julia Webb-Bowden
Assistant pastor,
Edenton United Methodist

Baptist, the service was co-sponsored by Edenton United Methodist, First Presbyterian, St. Paul's Episcopal and St. Anne's Catholic Church.

A special Thanksgiving offering raised just over \$300 that will be given to the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry to help feed the needy this holiday season.

The guest speaker was the Rev. Julia Webb-Bowden, assistant pastor at Edenton United Methodist. Webb-Bowden spoke about the need for people to work on developing an attitude of gratefulness for all the blessings God gives them



STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

The Rev. Julia Webb-Bowden, associate pastor at Edenton United Methodist, speaks at a community wide Thanksgiving service held Monday at the church.

in their lives.

"We have so much, we are so blessed," Webb-Bowden told those assembled.

But she reminded them that the true meaning of blessings was not the accumulation of material things but rather having a rich and blessed relationship with God.

And part of that relationship, Webb-Bowden said, should be to develop a sense of caring for those around us who are

in need.

That need, she said, exists all year long — not just during the holidays.

We all, Webb-Bowden said, need to be mindful of looking for opportunities to serve even in the summer months when perhaps our thoughts do not turn as much to those in need as they do during the holiday season.

The Rev. David Brooks, pastor of Edenton Baptist, welcomed those attending the service. His

associate pastor, the Rev. Kelly Rhodes, offered the invocation and led the congregation in reciting the Lord's Prayer.

The Rev. Thomas Rick-enbaker, of St. Paul's, offered an Old Testament lesson based on Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and the Epistle Lesson based on Philippians 4:4-9.

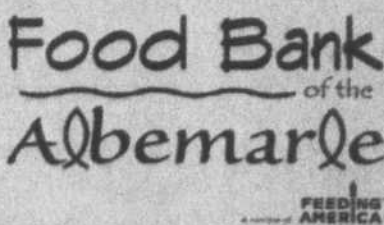
Wendy Callahan, of St. Anne's, led a Gospel lesson centered around

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With the holidays upon us, remember needs of the hungry

This week brings the celebration of Thanksgiving, a day centered on sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends, a day to be thankful for our good fortune.

As we prepare to celebrate the holiday, we should be especially mindful of those for whom good fortune has been replaced by misfortune — loss of jobs, loss of homes. Though unemployment and foreclosures have inched downward in some of the counties in the Albemarle region, many families and individuals continue to struggle, and face the grim reality of not knowing where their next meal will come from.



You can help bring food to their tables by participating in the third annual Albemarle Food Relief, Hunger Hurts, Giving Heals fundraising campaign for the Food Bank of the Albemarle.

Today you will find an envelope in your Chowan Herald addressed to the Food Bank. This year, these envelopes were provided by our

campaign partner, Farm Fresh. You can mail your contribution, or drop the envelopes at any of the First Citizen bank locations are at The Daily Advance office in Elizabeth City, Perquimans Weekly office in Hertford or Chowan Herald office in Edenton. For every dollar you donate, the Food Bank can buy 5 pounds of food or enough for four meals.

What does hunger look like in the Albemarle area? Data from the Food Bank provides a paint-by-the-numbers picture:

- 20 percent of the recipients are working poor;
- 80 percent are not working;
- 16 percent are senior citizens;

• 15 percent more new families sought assistance this year than in 2009;

• 40 percent of the households served also receive food stamps.

Many of those in need are on fixed incomes or disabled.

Liz Reasoner, executive director of the Food Bank, said that overall there has not been a dramatic increase in the number of people seeking food at the Food Bank and other pantries. The number of households seeking assistance grew by 2 percent from 2009 to 2010, totalling 88,095. Some people visit the Food Bank or its partners

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