



School bus overturns on icy road

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Eight John A. Holmes students and a bus driver were taken to the hospital Tuesday morning after the driver lost control on an icy patch and overturned, according to school officials and law enforcement. Chowan County Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin was among those on the scene of

the 9:30 a.m. single-vehicle crash along Chambers Ferry Road.

"It looked like the bus went into the ditch and rolled on its side," Goodwin said. "The road was slick in that area."

Schools were operating on a two-hour delay due to inclement weather.

"We made that decision (delay) yesterday, as a precaution," said Michelle Madrox, schools spokeswoman.

Only eight students were on Bus 50 at the time of the crash as the driver had not been long into his delayed route.

No one was seriously injured.

Goodwin said one student was complaining of a hand injury and the driver cited an injured shoulder.

Several were treated for minor injuries and released

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Emergency personnel attend an Edenton-Chowan school bus wreck Tuesday morning.

Schools could lose \$3 million

Eight teachers and programs to be cut

By **REBECCA BUNCH**
Staff Writer

The Edenton-Chowan school system could lose as many as eight teachers the next school year due to projected state and federal budget cuts in education.

"We are expecting drastic reductions in state and federal funding estimated to be between 2 and 3 million dollars," Superintendent Allan Smith said.

Smith said the school system knew cuts were coming and has tried to prepare for the shortfall. "But when you lose 2 to 3 million dollars," he said, "it's hard to prepare for that."

Smith said that about 64 percent of the school system's \$22.6 million current operating budget is

made up of state funding. Federal funds make up 14 percent.

Fifteen percent comes from Chowan County, and the remaining 7 percent from sources such as fines and forfeitures, investments and competitive grants, Smith said.

Federal stimulus proceeds to the tune of nearly \$1.4 million will be absent from next year's school budget. The stimulus dollars, Smith said, "provided needed funds to maintain approximately 26 positions within the school system" this year.

"Unfortunately, this resource will cease at the end of the current school year," Smith said. "The Board of Education has prepared for this eventuality but adjusting for personnel implications will be necessary."

In addition to losing classroom teachers, the impact of the cuts would be felt in other places, too.

Those areas are anticipated to include a reduction in funds for the Exceptional Children's Program

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Smith

Edenton cops arrest suspect in break-in

By **RITCHIE E. STARNES**
Editor

Video surveillance led to the quick arrest of a suspect that broke into two downtown businesses early Friday morning, according to the owner of one of the victims.

"That's what got him caught," said Kristy Byrum of Kristy's restaurant.

Later that same day Edenton police arrested Christopher Thomas Venters, 24, of 1049 Macedonia Road for the 6 a.m. break-in of Kristy's and Blount's Mu-

tual Drugs, according to police Chief Jay Fortenbery.

Byrum said Venters entered through the restaurant's front door. Although the eatery has no alarm, a video camera at the restaurant recorded the crime.

"He even took the time to throw away a piece of paper in the trash can," Byrum added.

Fortenbery said Venters was a former employee at Kristy's.

"When officers went to get him at his home, they found a Blount's pill bottle in his car," Fortenbery said. "It all came together then."

Venters is accused of stealing narcotics from Blount's after breaking in the business through a back door.

"He pried open the door like a sardine can with a crowbar," said Jim Blount, business owner.

A security alarm at Blount's sounded and alerted police of the break-in.

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Venters

LOOK ALIVE



PHOTO BY RITCHIE E. STARNES

Scott Harlow of Scott's Wildlife Gallery stands beside one of his many mounts inside his taxidermy shop.

Taxidermist seeks to perfect craft

By **RITCHIE E. STARNES**
Editor

There are taxidermists; then there are taxidermists.

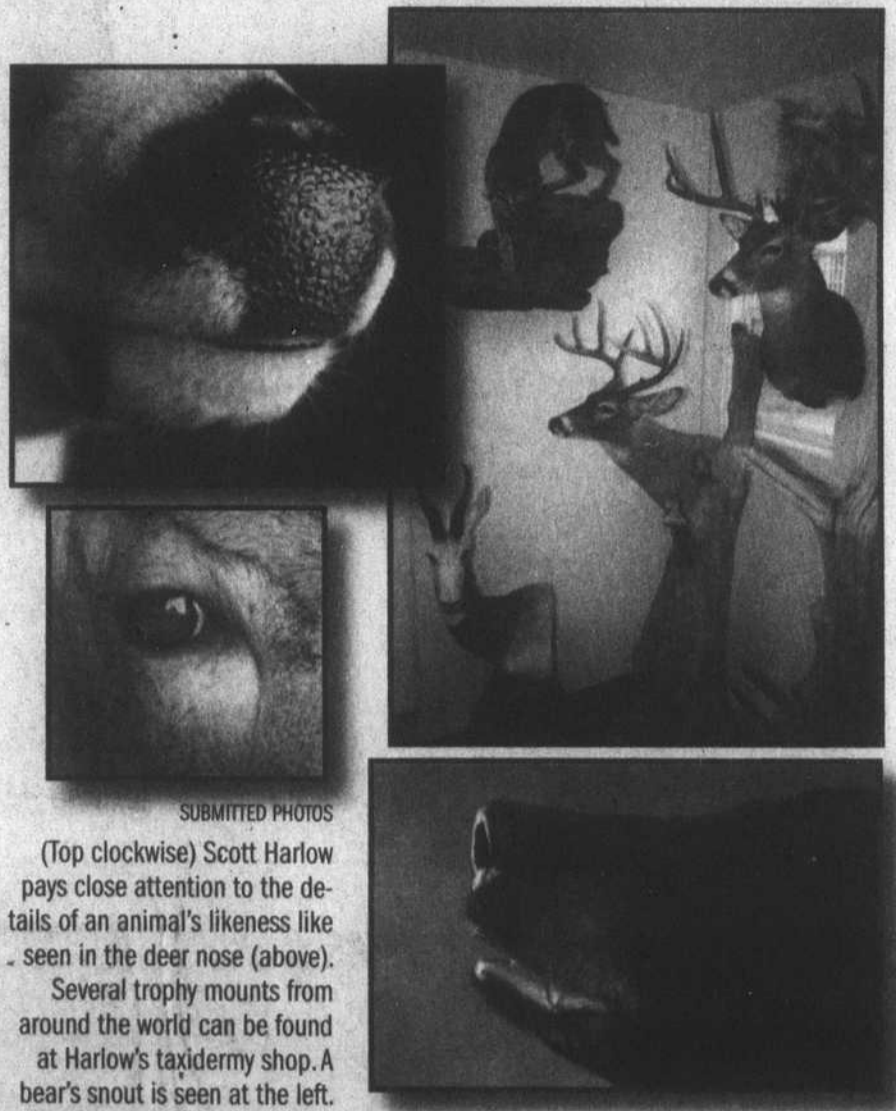
Scott Harlow of Scott's Wildlife Gallery falls into the latter category if not something more unique. If the wildlife mounts that consume his shop aren't proof enough, the bevy of championship ribbons decorating the wall behind his desk certainly get a prospective client's attention.

"You've got to be a sculptor, painter, and seamstress, Harlow said. "Everything that comes in here has a bullet hole in it."

Harlow, 41, is as much an artist as anything else. He balks, however, at the comparison, adding that he inherited a "thumb nail" amount from his mother.

"It's more a craft than art," he counters. "Art is duplicable and increases in value. I've never seen any of these mounts increase in value."

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(Top clockwise) Scott Harlow pays close attention to the details of an animal's likeness like seen in the deer nose (above).

Several trophy mounts from around the world can be found at Harlow's taxidermy shop. A bear's snout is seen at the left.

A realistic-looking eye of a deer is seen above.

Deer meat business irks neighbors

Business ran despite complaints

By **RITCHIE E. STARNES AND REBECCA BUNCH**
Chowan Herald

Several Arrowhead

Beach residents are angry that a neighbor has been operating a deer processing business from their home while Chowan County officials have done little to stop the practice.

Although the Arrowhead Beach Property Owners

Association first gave the go-ahead for Danny and Angela "Sissi" Dupraw to operate Hunter's Deer Processing from their 307 Chinook Trail residence, the association rescinded the approval June 17. Then on Nov. 5, the county noti-

fied the Dupraws that their business is not permissible under current zoning.

"Meat processing is not permitted in the R-15 district, and an operation such as this would only be

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