



Handgun found on school trespasser

Outside activities cancelled

By RITCHIE E. STARNES
Editor

A man was charged with possession of a gun on the campus of John A. Holmes

High School Tuesday - the same day concerns about a fight prompted school officials to cancel outside activities.

Deputies confronted three men who were walking on campus near Historic Hicks Field at the time of school dismissal, said Chowan

County Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin. They were then ordered off the property. But after school officials informed the officers that two of the men had already been asked to leave, the deputies opted to cite the two men who had walked away as far as Oakum and Freemason

streets. As the men were being cited for trespassing, it was discovered that one of the men was armed with a loaded .22-caliber handgun.

"He wasn't waving the gun or anything like that. It was found stuffed in his waistband during a pat down," Goodwin said.

Denzel DeQuan Williams, 17, of 72 Chowan Court in Edenton was charged with possession of a gun on educational property and second-degree trespassing, reports show. Adrian Kentral Rome, 19, of 113-C Ryan's Grove Road, Edenton was also charged with trespass-

ing. Police earlier alerted school officials after they responded to a morning fight on Oakum Street, near the Holmes' campus. The men fighting ran from the scene and no one was

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ON THE MOVE



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The 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse will be moved to its permanent location over the waters of Edenton Bay this summer.

Lighthouse to be moved by summer

States OKs relocation funds

By REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

The 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse on the downtown Edenton waterfront will be moved to its permanent location over the waters of Edenton Bay this summer and at the expense of the state.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said Monday she had

been notified by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources that funds could be available as early as the end of this week to make the move possible.

Knighton said that she was told by Mark Cooney, capital projects director for NCDRCR, that the state would provide \$271,000 in contingency funds for the move.

"I am so excited," Knighton said. "It will be good to have it (lighthouse) in its permanent location."

Cooney was away from his

office and unavailable for comment.

Currently, the lighthouse is sitting atop pilings at the waterfront and Knighton said she worries every time hurricane season comes around about what could happen.

With the exterior of the lighthouse restored, and funds secured to facilitate the relocation, the only step that remains will be to restore the interior of the building. Funds are being sought to make that possible.

Plans include moving the

lighthouse before the interior renovation.

Relocation will be handled by the A.R. Chesson Company of Williamston, contractor for the lighthouse restoration project. Chesson said Monday that he planned to subcontract the work locally.

Chesson said that once a strategy for carrying out the work is in place, relocation could begin. "Sometime in July or August, they (subcontractors) could get

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Plans call for rental housing

By REBECCA BUNCH
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A new rental housing development may soon be going up in Edenton.

Known as Edenton Place, the development will consist of 45 units located on about six acres of land on Coke Avenue. The rental units will include townhouses and garden apartments with patios.

Town planner Katy Van Doninck said the developer, Evergreen Construction of

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Guardian ad Litem dismisses volunteer

Forcier plans to appeal

By RITCHIE E. STARNES
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A Guardian ad Litem volunteer said she was recently dismissed from the program because she refused to endorse an abbreviated report that differed from her findings. She plans to appeal her dismissal.

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Local home market is seeking a strong turnaround

Gloomy statistics offer little relief

By WILLIAM F. WEST
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Cindy Small and her real estate sales team apparently have been quite busy helping some clients get out of financial trouble so they can put their homes on the market.

Small, who is based in Edenton, told of a Chowan County couple losing their jobs and having to relo-

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Small said the couple was happy to sell their house at a financial loss rather than face bankruptcy or foreclosure proceedings.

"And that was the right choice for them," Small said.

Small cannot disclose the couple's identity for confidentiality reasons.

Small and others in real estate, finance and economic development in the Albemarle continue to face tough times since the 2008 burst of the nationwide housing bubble and the financial collapse on Wall Street.

The foreclosure filings at the region's courthouses show gloomy statistics.



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See MARKET, 3A A foreclosure sign stands on Church Street in Elizabeth City, Friday.



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