

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 County Sheriff Dwayne streets. As the men were besame day concerns about Goodwin. They were then a fight prompted school officials to cancel outside activities.

men who were walking on asked to leave, the deputies gun or anything like that. campus near Historic Hicks opted to cite the two men It was found stuffed in his Field at the time of school dismissal, said Chowan as Oakum and Freemason down," Goodwin said.

ordered off the property. But after school officials informed the officers that two Deputies confronted three of the men had already been who had walked away as far waistband during a pat

ing cited for trespassing, it 17, of 72 Chowan Court in was discovered that one of the men was armed with a loaded .22-caliber handgun.

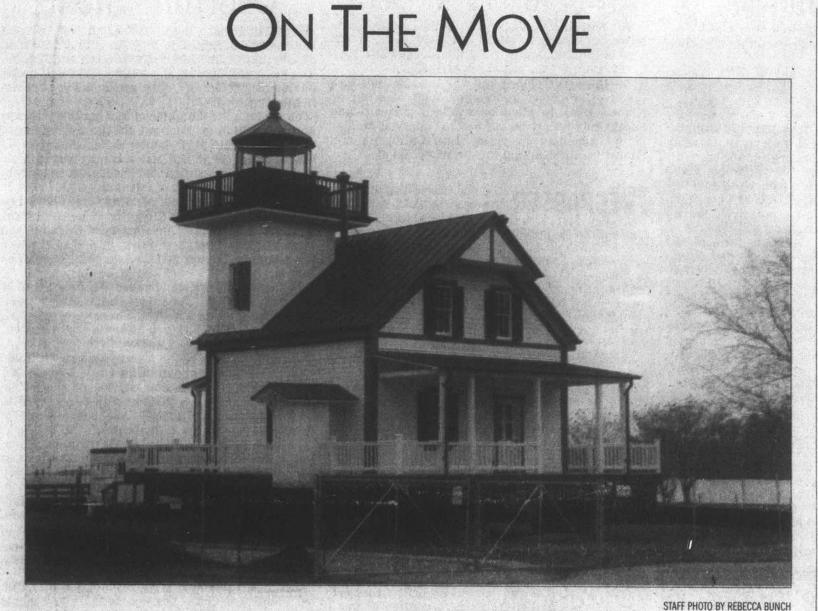
"He wasn't waving the

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



By REBECCA BUNCH Staff Writer

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

Known as Edenton Place, the development will consists 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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Lighthouse to be moved by summer T • 1 11

States OKs relocation funds

By REBECCA BUNCH Staff Writer

he 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. Depart- office and unavailable for comment 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 NCDCR, 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

ment.

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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volunteer

Forcier plans to appeal

By RITCHIE E. STARNES Editor

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 Staff Writer

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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cate to the western part of the state to be able to work again. Small said the couple had discussed letting their home be taken by their banker.

"We talked to them and said, 'Let us try for a short sale'," Small said. There was not enough money there with the current market at that time for them to break even or make money."

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.



STAFF PHOTO BY THOMAS J. TURNEY

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

