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K-9 deputy kills family's dog

Labrador allegedly attacked officer

By **RITCHIE E. STARNES**
Editor

A family is distraught after a Chowan County sheriff's K-9 deputy fatally shot their dog while serving a subpoena at a neighboring house.

Deputy Edward Brian "Scooter" Basnight shot the Labrador around 3 p.m. Friday after the dog broke loose from a cable, charged and grabbed hold of his ankle, according to Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin.

Goodwin said once Basnight had walked about 25 feet away from his vehicle, the deputy saw the dog charge and break his cable.

"The dog was bee-lining for him. Scooter tried to get the dog to turn the other way," Goodwin said. "The dog grabbed hold of his ankle and pants leg when Basnight shot him."

Goodwin defended Basnight's actions.

"I don't think he had any choice in the matter," Goodwin said. "I don't know if there's anything he could have done differently. I know Scooter wishes there was something he could have done differently."

Bennie Holley, owner of the 10-year-old dog named Blackie, said he believes a trained K-9 officer could have handled the situation without killing his dog.

Holley said his property is clearly posted with "Beware of the Dog" signs and that Blackie was on his land when Basnight shot twice.

"If (Basnight) had blown his horn, someone would have come to his vehicle," Holley said.

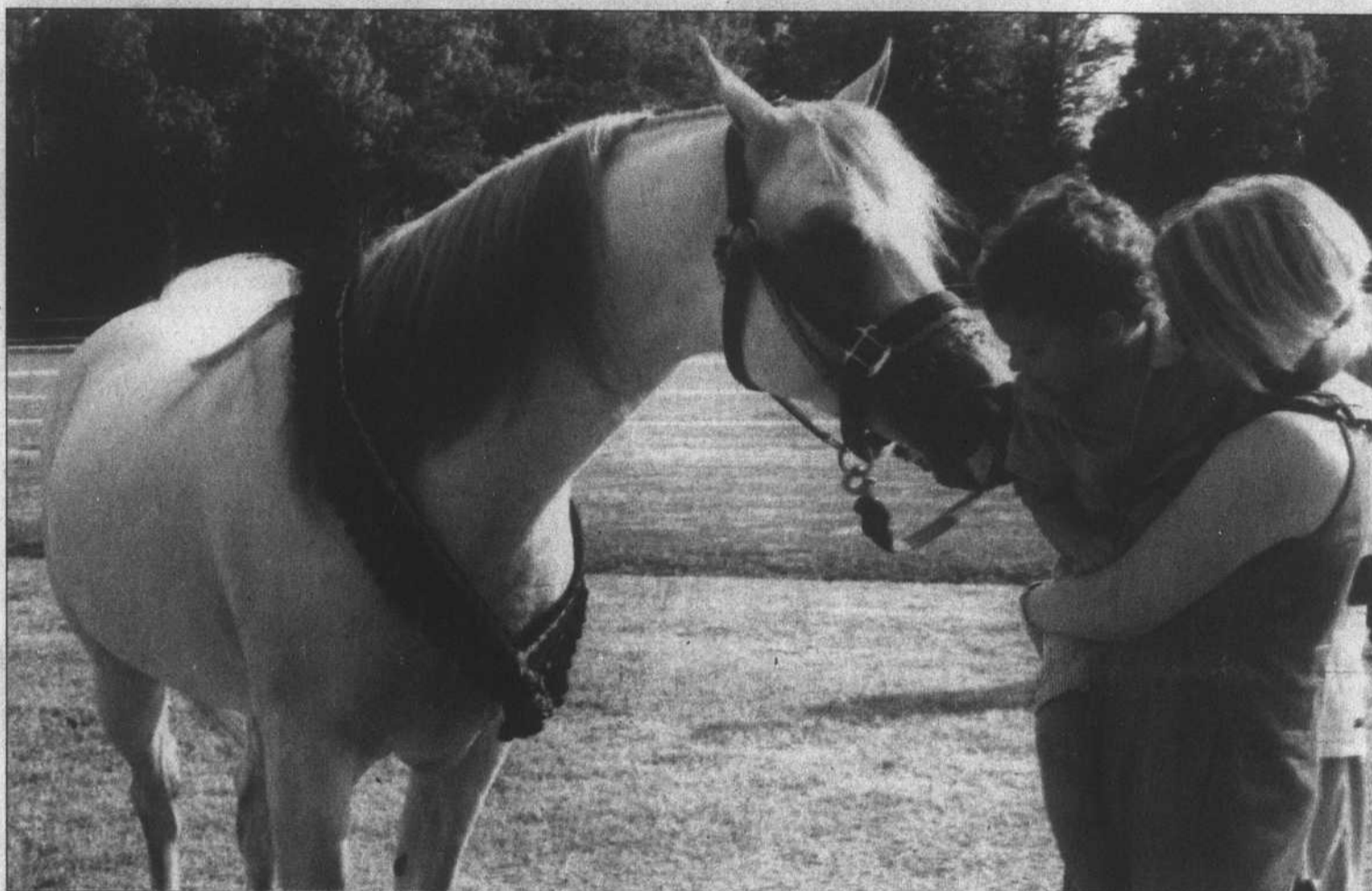
Goodwin countered that Basnight said he never saw the signs and that the dog never barked before charging.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A Chowan County deputy shot this 10-year-old Labrador, Blackie, after the dog broke loose from a cable and attacked the officer, Friday. See **DOG**, 2A

SYCAMORE FUNDRAISER



STAFF PHOTO BY LESLIE FOREHAND

Three-year-old Holden Ford, safe in his mom Erica's arms, gets a friendly nudge from an Arabian horse belonging to Al and Chloe Cox during a fundraiser at their home, Sycamore, on Sunday afternoon. Organizers said 250 tickets were sold for the \$35 per plate event. Proceeds will help with the cost of restoring the interior of the Roanoke River Lighthouse on the Edenton waterfront.

Organizers call fundraising event a success

By **REBECCA BUNCH**
Staff Writer

A fundraiser held Sunday afternoon at Sycamore, the home of Al and Chloe Cox, raised \$8,750 (before expenses) to help furnish the interior of the Roanoke River

Lighthouse on the Edenton waterfront.

Organizers said 250 tickets were sold for the \$35 a plate event and that they hoped to meet their target goal of \$5,000 after expenses are paid. Major expenses connected with the event were underwritten by

Chowan Animal Hospital.

A cook team headed by Ernest Knighton of Edenton — assisted by Bill Schultz, David Herr and John Nicholls — prepared the food for the event.

Live entertainment was provided by musical duo Mike

and Lynn (otherwise known as Mike Molloy and Lynn Dail).

Gregg Nathan, executive director of the Edenton Historical Commission, termed the fundraiser "very successful."

Don Herr, who attended the

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Norway honors local veteran

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World War II may seem like something that happened a long time ago to many Americans. But in the hearts and minds of some grateful Norwegians, the memories are as fresh as yesterday.

Recently, the Norwegian government honored some of their country's heroes, the survivors of the 99th Battalion of the U.S. Army.

Among those honorees was Bob Chapman of Edenton. Chapman, a native of Saginaw, Mich., was accompanied to Washington, D.C. by his daughter, Leslie Lippincott, also of Edenton.

Chapman and 13 others

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Chapman

Library will close on Saturdays

Hours are affected by county funding

By **REBECCA BUNCH**
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The Shepard-Pruden Library in Edenton will soon be changing its hours of operation so that it can resume opening on Mondays.

However, since it did not receive a requested increase in funds of nearly \$70,000 from the county, the library will be open shorter hours on Fridays and closed on Saturdays so that it can be open on Mondays and still stay within its operating budget of \$142,076.

Linda VanSistine-Yost,



STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

Rosa Sylvester spends some quality time at the library on a recent Saturday morning with her son Miles, 7. Scenes like this will become a thing of the past when the library's new hours go into effect July 1. In order to reopen on Mondays, the library will be closed on Saturdays.

The library will be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Fridays, the library will be open from 10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

VanSistine-Yost said the action was made in an effort to keep the library open later at the beginning of the week when the most people visited.

"Our busiest days come at the beginning of the week," VanSistine-Yost said. "Our new hours reflect that."

VanSistine-Yost noted that the library's operat-

ing budget for the coming year remains at the same level it has received for the past two years. The library had requested, but did not receive, additional funds from the county for the 2011-2012 fiscal year that would have allowed the library to reopen on Mondays without cutting hours on other days for the first time since the county's budget crisis.

VanSistine-Yost said the library requested \$210,000 from the county. The library would at least have liked to see funding restored to its 2008-2009 level of operation, which was \$174,500, she said.

But, VanSistine-Yost said, the library's only other option if it wanted to restore service on Mondays was to cut hours later in the week.

Friends of the Library President Sharon Adams also described the change in hours as necessary.

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Schools must return \$1.3M

Owens: Opponents distort numbers

By **PETER WILLIAMS**
The Daily Advance

Area school districts will have to return nearly \$1.3 million more to the state's coffers next year under the budget plan approved by state lawmakers last week.

Of the five school districts in the area, the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Public Schools will receive the largest "discretionary" cut to its funding. Based on projections from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, Elizabeth City-Pasquotank will have to return \$1.7 million to the state next year — \$500,000 more than the \$1.2 million it returned this year.

Camden, the smallest school district in the area, will see its repayment to

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