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'Operation Peace and Quiet' unveiled

Police chief pitches idea to city council

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Monday night during the town council's monthly work session Police Chief Jay Fortenbery unveiled Operation Peace and Quiet — an initiative developed in response to recent citizen complaints about nuisance-

related violations of town ordinances.

The nuisance behaviors included loitering, curfew violations, loud music, drug dealing, prostitution and other activities that were disturbing residents' peaceful enjoyment of their homes in the North Broad and West Albemarle Street neighborhoods.

Fortenbery said that high visibility patrols in an expanded target area from

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Edenton Police Chief



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"We've beefed up our methods of enforcement," Fortenbery said. "We want people who are violating these ordinances to know that we're serious

about enforcing the law."

Besides a strict enforcement policy and high visibility patrols in the target area, Fortenbery's plan of action includes officers conducting foot and bike patrols, and vehicle stops.

Officers will also take a tougher stance with regard to issuing tickets and citations, the police chief said. In the past, Fortenbery

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Herald to begin candidate questions

To start questionnaires in next week's edition

From staff reports

With one-stop voting in the Nov. 5 election for Edenton Town Council starting on Oct. 17, the Chowan Herald will begin running a question-of-the-week feature with council candidates in the Sept. 4 edition.

For several weeks beginning Sept. 4, each edition of the Chowan Herald will include answers from each of this year's council candidates to a question posed by the newspaper's staff.

One-stop voting begins Oct. 17 and ends at 1 p.m. on Nov. 2.

Registration to vote in the Nov. 5 election will close at 5 p.m. on Oct. 11.

There are three council seats on the Nov. 5 ballot in Edenton.

LoriAnn Curtin and Elton Bond Jr. are vying for the Fourth Ward town council

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Police investigate restaurant break-in

From staff reports

A popular downtown restaurant was broken into over the weekend.

Edenton police are investigating the break-in at Waterman's Grill, a restaurant located on South Broad Street.

The break-in occurred between 12:20 and 12:30 a.m. Sunday, police reported.

An undisclosed amount of cash was taken, according to police.

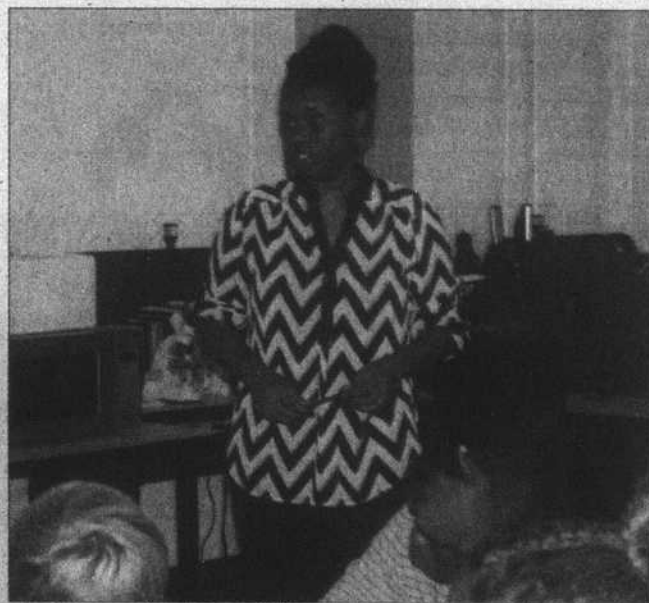
Police Chief Jay Fortenbery said the police are following up on leads in the case.

Anyone with information about this crime is asked to call the Edenton Police Department at 482-5144.



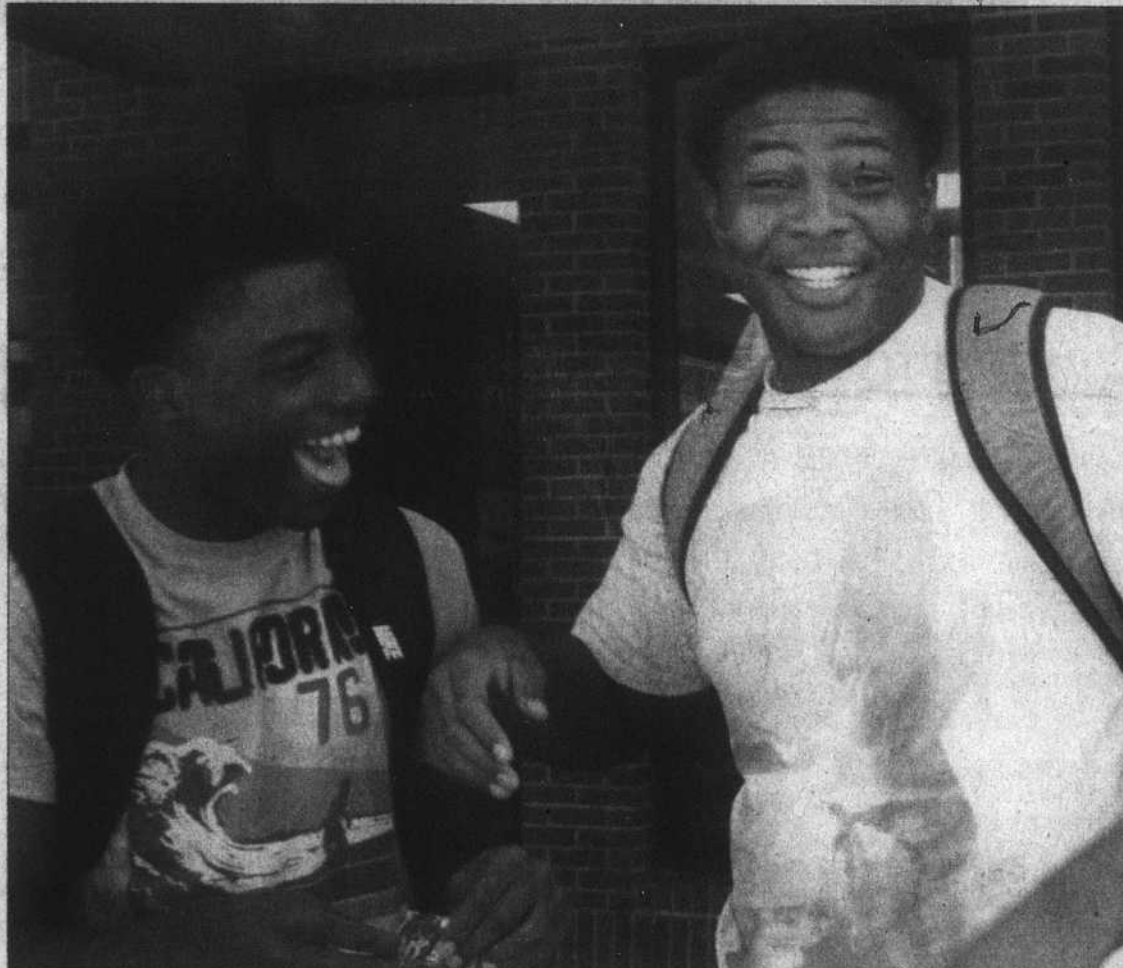
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BACK TO SCHOOL



Shala Spence, a teacher at Chowan Middle School, talks to her eighth-grade students Monday about the technology explorations they will be doing this year.

The message is clear (left photo) on this sign, located at the Chowan County Convenience Center on Virginia Road (Highway 32) just north of White Oak and D.F. Walker schools.



STAFF PHOTOS BY REGGIE PONDER

Layla Webster, 6, (above) is excited about the start of school because her class has an incentive system that allows students to earn an opportunity to sit at the teacher's desk. John A. Holmes High School freshmen Jaquan Rankins (left photo, left) and Lajarvius Thomas enjoy a lighthearted moment after school Monday.

Literacy, technology top E-Chowan school goals

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

White Oak Elementary School second-grader Demetric Bond's interest in reading is exactly what the Edenton-Chowan Schools are looking for as students start a new academic year. Demetric said Monday

that reading with teacher Dorothy Bunch was one of the most enjoyable things he did over the summer.

And the 8-year-old said reading is what he is looking forward to most about the new school year.

"That's what I'm talking about," Kathy Capehart, Demetric's mother, said excitedly when she heard

her son cite reading as his favorite thing about school.

Capehart arrived at school Monday morning with Demetric and her nine-year-old daughter, Tamia Bond, 9, who is in fourth grade.

Tamia was looking forward to social studies and said math would probably be the most difficult thing

about school this year.

Demetric agreed math would be tough.

Jamie Bowers, the principal at D.F. Walker School, and Michelle White, principal at White Oak Elementary School, both noted Monday that literacy is a central focus this year.

Bowers pointed out that's true every year,



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but both agreed it will be a special emphasis this year. Bowers said parents, teachers and students have been

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Chowan has high cancer death rate, study finds

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

Chowan County's cancer death rate is 20 percent higher than the statewide rate, according to data in the recently completed Community Health Assessment.

Sheila S. Pfaender, the public health consultant who prepared the assessment, presented the findings last week in a public forum at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

Cancer is the leading cause of death in the county among both men and women. But the rate is 64 percent higher for men than for

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women and 17 percent higher for blacks than for whites.

Pfaender drew attention to an unusual finding in the assessment: Cancer is tied for third place as the leading cause of death among 20- to 39-year-olds in Chowan County.

It is uncommon to see cancer

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Sheila Pfaender, a public health consultant, presents the Chowan County Health Assessment last Thursday.



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