

Cooperative Extension holding public sessions

From staff reports

Chowan County Cooperative Extension is supporting a listening session at the Vernon James Center in Plymouth on Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

N.C. Cooperative Extension Service Director Joe Zublena will be in attendance at each session to update participants on progress and to engage in discussion about the organization's future.

As the North Carolina

Cooperative Extension Service nears its centennial celebration, the organization is holding a series of 12 listening sessions across the state. Cooperative Extension, which provides educational programs in 4-H, Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences and Community Development to citizens in all 100 counties and the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation, is seeking public input as the organization launches a strategic

planning initiative for the future.

"I cannot state enough the importance of this endeavor and the need for participation and feedback from the public," Zublena said. "At Cooperative Extension's core are people and communities, and it's their input we need to ensure another century of educational services for the people of North Carolina."

Register online at http://go.ncsu.edu/2013_ncces_listening_sessions or call the Chowan County Extension office at 482-6585.

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Cooperative Extension in North Carolina has seen recurring federal and state budget cuts of around \$20 million since 2000, leaving roughly 90 positions unfilled — mostly at the county level — over the past four years. The listening sessions and strategic planning process were implemented to help the organization adapt accordingly to the economic

environment and resulting impacts going forward.

Participant feedback gathered during the listening sessions will be reviewed and analyzed starting in January and will assist in the development of a recommended action plan to meet the needs of Cooperative Extension and its partners for the future.

N.C. Cooperative Extension was founded in 1914, in conjunction with the national Cooperative Extension

System, as part of the Smith-Lever Act. The organization will officially turn 100 on May 8, 2014.

"North Carolina Cooperative Extension has built and maintained a high level of success over the last century," said Zublena. "This is a journey we have to make together — employees, public and partners — and I believe that collectively we'll navigate Cooperative Extension through this process to another century of success."

Citizens Police Academy graduates first class

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Twelve local residents became the first graduates of the new Citizens Police Academy during a graduation ceremony held Dec. 5 at the Public Safety Center.

Each graduate received a certificate of completion and a monogrammed badge in recognition of their achievement.

The Citizens Police Academy was developed by Edenton Police Chief Jay Fortenbery.

During the ceremony, Fortenbery talked about the different classes that were part of the academy's training program and what students learned during the various sessions.

Topics included an overview of the police department and how it operates as well as patrol techniques, investigation and narcotics, use of force and laws governing juvenile offenders, among others.

Fortenbery added that while the topics they discussed were of a serious nature that did not stop participants from enjoying the course.

"We had fun, we had a good time," Fortenbery said.

Fortenbery said he was especially pleased to see so many citizens get involved at this grassroots level and added that he hoped some would go on to become volunteers who would serve the department in various



STAFF PHOTOS BY REBECCA BUNCH

Edenton Police Officer Daroyall Christopher "Chuckie" Brown, second from left, is congratulated by Police Chief Jay Fortenbery, right, after being officially promoted to the rank of sergeant during a pinning ceremony held last Thursday evening, Dec. 5, at the Public Safety Center. Looking on are Mayor Roland Vaughan, at left, and Capt. Tim Hickman (background).

capacities. He said that their participation was in keeping with the community-friendly approach he wanted to encourage as chief of police.

"We want people to realize that this is your police department, it belongs to the town of Edenton," Fortenbery said. "I think we do a good job at catching the bad guys but we can't do it alone. We need everyone's help."

The police chief also encouraged them to keep in touch with the department and let his officers know when there are situations in their neighborhood that

need addressing.

"We want to know when there are problems," Fortenbery said.

Fortenbery said that the graduates would be presented with monogrammed shirts in celebration of their graduation from the academy and that he hoped to hold a cookout for them as well. He said he also was working on plans to establish a Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

"You all will be our first members," he told the graduates who began attending classes at the academy on Sept. 26.

That same evening a pinning ceremony marked the promotion of Officer Daroyall Christopher "Chuckie" Brown. Officer Kevin Wayne Ange, who was not present, was also promoted to the position of corporal in the police department.

Fortenbery said he was very pleased to see Brown earn a promotion. He described Brown as someone with great people skills that would serve him well in the future.

"He's a real people person," Fortenbery said. "He's quick to get out of his patrol car and talk with everybody.



Sharon Renee Valentine accepts congratulations from Mayor Roland Vaughan and Police Chief Jay Fortenbery last Thursday night during a graduation ceremony for members of the first graduating class of the Edenton Police Department's Citizens Police Academy.

I think that's a very important part of his job, to talk with people and find out what's going on."

Members of the first graduating class of the Citizens Academy are:

- April Demetrice Bell
- Raymond Stephan Cheboski
- LoriAnn Curtin
- Charles Robert DeMoulin
- Elton Carroll Griffin, Jr.
- Jane M. Mabry
- William M. Mularie
- Sharon Renee Valentine
- Susan Marcia Williams
- John Michael Williams
- Thomas Edward Wilson
- Jeannine Annette Wright

Mayor Roland Vaughan said after the ceremony

that he saw efforts such as the police academy as just one more example of the outpouring of community involvement in worthy causes.

"There is a spirit of volunteerism that permeates our community, that I think makes it the special place that it is," he said.

Police Chaplain Jonathan Downing offered the invocation and benediction for the evening's ceremonies. Downing and her husband Anthony, who also attended, serve as co-pastors of the Shalom International Church in Edenton.

Anyone interested in more information about the Citizens Police Academy is encouraged to contact Fortenbery at 482-5144.

CRIMEWATCH

EDENTON POLICE

ARRESTS

• Dec. 5 — Charles Riddick Jr., 27, of Greenhall Road, was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon.

on.

• Dec. 5 — Kemon Lorell Harmon, 22, of Merry Hill, was charged with failure to appear.

• Dec. 4 — Octavion Tre'on Mizzelle-Jones, 18, of

Coke Avenue, was charged with failure to appear.

• Dec. 2 — David Harlan Culbreth, 60, of Elliott Street, was cited for driving while impaired.

• Dec. 1 — Derrick Lewis Winfield, 33, of Tyler Run 1, was cited for possession of an open container of alcoholic beverage while driving and driving while impaired.

• Nov. 29 — Christian Romoaldo Rodas-Castillo,

age unknown, of East Gale Street, was arrested for two counts of failure to appear.

• Nov. 26 — Jarret Trei Slade, 29, of Cox Avenue, was arrested for larceny by employee.

• Nov. 23 — Dazrelle Alyssa Williams, 20, of Elizabeth City, was arrested for larceny.

• Nov. 23 — Jonathan Robin Welch, 26, of Elizabeth City, was arrested for

larceny.

• Nov. 22 — Dexter Elliott Williams Jr., 25, of Elizabeth City, was arrested for having an open container after consuming alcoholic beverage and driving while license revoked.

INCIDENTS

• Dec. 5 — Larceny of gasoline at Frog Crossing on Virginia Road.

• Dec. 5 — Larceny from motor vehicle at Olam Edible Nuts on Peanut Drive.

• Dec. 2 — Fraud at Western Union ATM (location unknown).

• Dec. 3 — Larceny of dogs on Johnston Street.

• Dec. 2 — Hit and run in parking lot outside CVS Pharmacy on North Broad Street.

• Nov. 29 — Vandalism on Kimberly Drive.

• Nov. 29 — Vandalism on Iredell Drive.

• Nov. 28 — Vandalism at Ace Paging Carolina Communications on South Broad Street.

• Nov. 25 — Hit and run at the corner of Virginia Road and North Broad Street.

• Nov. 22 — Vandalism at Farmer's Foods on Virginia Road.

• Nov. 14 — Larceny of medication on North Broad Street.

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