

CRIMEWATCH

EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

■ Aug. 18 - Jeane Laevittia Strunk, 23, of Hertford, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of possession of up to 1/2 ounce of marijuana, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia and one misdemeanor count of driving while license revoked.
 ■ Aug. 17 - Orlando McKinley Blount, 54, of

Albemarle Street, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.
 ■ Aug. 15 - Edward Devonne Wiggins, 35, of John Hill Lane, was issued a true bill of indictment on one felony count of possession of a firearm.
 ■ Aug. 13 - Montana Parnell Harrell, 37, of Hertford, was charged with one misdemeanor count of assault on a female.
 ■ Aug. 13 - Jayquan

Darell Perry, 24, of Filbert's Creek, was charged with one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.
 ■ Aug. 12 - Nita Jones Wilson, 58, of Cox Avenue, was charged with one misdemeanor count of second degree trespass.
 ■ Aug. 12 - Barry Mundie Eure, 32, of Evans Church Road, was arrested on three misdemeanor counts of failure to appear.

INCIDENTS
 ■ Aug. 19 - Discharging firearm into occupied dwelling on Johnston Street.
 ■ Aug. 17 - Vandalism on East Queen Street.
 ■ Aug. 15 - Assault and communicating threats on East Gale Street.

CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS
 ■ Aug. 21 - Ethan Andrew Berry, 22, of Soundside Road, was arrested on one felony count of

breaking and entering, one count of felony larceny after breaking and entering and one count of possession of stolen property.
 ■ Aug. 16 - Marcia Perry, 41, of Filbert's Creek Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of probation violation.
 ■ Aug. 15 - Shakitta Necole Long, age unknown, of Boswell Street, was arrested on one count of failure to appear.

■ Aug. 15 - Edward Devonne Wiggins, 35, of George Willie Drive, was arrested on one count of failure to appear.
 ■ Aug. 14 - Kenneth Tyrell Holley, 33, of Cabarus Street, was arrested on two counts of failure to appear (show cause after failure to appear).

INCIDENTS
 ■ Aug. 21 - Criminal damage to Amerigas property (vandalism) on Whitemon Lane.

Walk for Hunger Captain's Meeting to be held Aug. 25

From staff reports

ELIZABETH CITY — The Food Bank of the Albemarle is hosting a second Team Captain's meeting for the 33rd Annual Walk for Hunger on Thursday, Aug. 25, in response to those who were unable to attend the previous meeting.

The meeting will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Hugh Cale Community Center, located at 524 S. Road

Street, Elizabeth City.

The Walk for Hunger is a 4.1 mile walk through the Riverside area, and is the Food Bank's single largest fundraising event of the year. The success of the Walk plays an integral role in the success of the Food Bank's mission to "Fight hunger and poverty in northeast North Carolina." Businesses, churches and individuals are encouraged to put together teams for the walk. Please be

sure to register by September 15th to guarantee event T-shirts for your team.

This year's walk will feature games and activities for the children, pumpkin painting, music, snacks and the opportunity to have lots of fun while raising money to fight hunger in northeast North Carolina. We encourage anyone and everyone to participate in some way by walking or donating.

Thursday's Team Captain's meeting will involve discussion around the logistics for this year's Walk and ideas to make team efforts enjoyable and exciting. It is asked that representation be limited to two members per team. Light refreshments will be served, and we ask that you RSVP your attendance with Carolyn Anderson, 252-335-4035, ext. 111 or caranderson@feedingamerica.org.

The Mission of the Food Bank is to fight hunger and poverty in its 15-county service area in northeast North Carolina. We are a regional clearinghouse for the collection and distribution of food and grocery items to 134 non-profit and faith-based organizations for their food programs, and to eligible individuals for their food needs. For more information call (252) 335-4035 or visit www.afoodbank.org.

Former range manager sentenced in federal case

From staff reports

RALEIGH — A former U.S. Navy range manager convicted in a six-year scheme to steal property from the U.S. Department of Defense has been sentenced to a year in a half in federal prison.

U.S. District Court Judge James C. Dover III on Friday sentenced Harry C. Mann, 80, of Manns Harbor, to 18 months in prison and ordered him to pay \$149,999 in restitution to the federal

government and a \$75,000 fine, a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of North Carolina states.

Mann pleaded guilty to accepting illegal gratuities in October.

According to the federal government, Mann had been employed by the Navy at a practice bombing range southwest of Manteo since 1968. Both Navy and Marines aviators use the range as a place to drop inert bombs and fire live rounds

at practice targets, and as range manager. Mann's job was to construct and maintain the targets.

Between January 2005 and May 2011, the government said, Mann requisitioned nearly \$16 million in surplus government property, including trucks, excavators, bulldozers, cranes and trailers. Mann got the property from the property from DoD's Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, the agency charged with disposing of excess

property or reusing it for military purposes.

According to court documents, prosecutors alleged that Mann allowed two recycling operators based in Chowan County - Rudy Lozano and John Williams ‐ to take the government-owned property from the bombing range and sell it for scrap metal. The two recyclers would then pay Mann kickbacks that totalled \$175,000, the government said.

Mann demanded the two

scrapers pay him in cash when they were alone so the payments could not be observed by others, the government said. One cash payment for \$16,300 was paid to Mann at his home on May 18, 2011. The government claimed Mann had the local scrapper put the payment in a flower pot to hide it.

According to prosecutors, the scheme to defraud the government came to light after N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles inspectors spotted heavy pieces of

equipment being transported in the Edenton area and alerted the Navy, which initiated an investigation. The Navy Criminal Investigative Service, the Department of Defense Investigative Service, and the Defense Logistics Agency, Office of the Inspector General, ended up taking part in the probe.

Lozano and Williams have already pleaded guilty to federal charges of theft and conversion of government property, as well as aiding and abetting the theft

READING

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to rural North Carolina," Steinburg said.

Steinburg said the number of kids participating in the program at Edenton was remarkable.

"I was blown away by the numbers - happily blown away," Steinburg said.

Steinburg noted that smaller libraries such as Edenton's generally are part of a regional library system.

"I think this has helped our library and other libraries like it," Steinburg said.

Summer Reading included 26 programs over a 10-week period. Counting kids and the adults who came with them there were 1,336 people who participated in the programs. Sixty-five Soda Shoppe ice cream cone certificates were given out for reading 15 books.

There were 31 children who read 30 books or more, including Jayla Phelps who read 46.



STAFF PHOTO BY REGGIE PONDER

Crystal Hale, left, from Smart Start is introduced by children's library director Lee Lolkema.

The participants as a group read an estimated 1,500 books this summer.

One of the highlights of Shelton's magic show was his account of learning about magic when he was a fifth-grader. The first day he

went to the school library there was one book about magic, which was what he was interested in. He read that book and learned as much about magic as he could.

But throughout the school year additional books about magic became part of the collection. He read everything he could get his hands on about magic.

By the end of the year there were 11 books about magic in the school library.

Shelton said he learned at his 40th high school reunion that his teacher had bought the other 10 books about magic and donated them to the library so he would have books to read about magic.

He told the children that reading could open pathways for them the same way it had opened for him a pathway to being a magician.

One of the most popular tricks Shelton performed was stuffing a box with loose sheets of paper, placing a lid on it, and then lifting a lid to reveal a box full of dollar bills. He then repeated the closing and opening of the box, revealing a rabbit in the box where the money had been.

"The only thing better than a box full of money is a box filled with a bunny," Shelton said as the rabbit appeared inside the box.

The trick not only delighted the kids but also had the adults in the room turning to each other and asking, "How'd he do that?"

OBITUARIES

Katie O'Connor

EDENTON - As a family, filled with great sorrow, we share the passing of our Katie, on Sunday, August 21, 2016. She was an amazing young woman who never complained and we will forever be grateful for her life with us.

Kathryn Ashlin "Katie" O'Connor was born on August 14, 1970, in Albany, NY, and was the daughter of John and Kathie O'Connor. A graduate of Bishop Gibbons High, she was a freshman at Siena College when she was diagnosed with MS in 1988. She was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church.

In addition to her parents, her family who survives are her sisters, Kara Kearney and husband Kevin, Maura Collins and husband Ed, and Marci Callahan O'Connor. Also she is lovingly remembered by nieces and nephews, Jack and Dan O'Connor, Katie, Clare, and Ryan Kearney, and Meaghan, Aidan, and Helen Collins; and by her extended family, the Ted Burke, Don Morris, and Redmond Newell families. She was preceded in death by her brother, Andy.

A memorial service will be held Friday at 11:00 a.m. in St. Anne Catholic Church, 207 N. Broad Street, Edenton. Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, 735 Virginia Road, Edenton, is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Ann Catholic Church, P.O. Box 422, Edenton, NC 27932.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfhc.com.

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