

# CRIMEWATCH

## Edenton Police Department ARRESTS

■ Aug. 30 - Donte Jermaine Scott, 24, of North Oakum Street, was charged with one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest.

■ Aug. 30 - Sharhonda Davinia Holley, 27, of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of

failure to appear.

■ Aug. 29 - Joel Daniel Dilucia, 18, of Johnson Lane, was arrested on one felony count of first degree burglary, one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to inflict serious injury and one felony count of larceny.

■ Aug. 24 - Trevin Areese Elliott, 29, of Morris Lane, was arrested on one felony count of failure

to appear.

■ Aug. 23 - Rayshawn Lamont Anthony, 24, was arrested on one felony count of possession of a firearm by a felon, one misdemeanor count of possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Aug. 23 - Daijana Leshrika Lankford, 23,

of Reginald and Mary Avenue, was issued a citation for operating a vehicle without a driver's license.

**INCIDENTS**

■ Aug. 30 - Failure to pay for food at Garden Buffet on Virginia Road.

■ Aug. 28 - Hit and run on Virginia Road.

■ Aug. 27 - Breaking and entering and larceny at the NC Division of Motor Vehicles office on

North Broad Street.

■ Aug. 27 - Assault and communicating threats on West Carteret Street.

■ Aug. 27 - Criminal damage to property (vandalism) on Houghton/Thick Neck Roads.

■ Aug. 18 - Credit card fraud on Morris Circle.

**Chowan County Sheriff's Office ARRESTS**

■ Aug. 31 - Israel James

Hughes, 27, of Chambers Ferry Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of communicating threats.

■ Aug. 24 - Treven Elliott, age unknown, of Morris Lane, was arrested on one count of failure to appear.

**INCIDENTS**

■ Assault by strangulation and simple assault on Lynnhaven Drive.

# Chowan Democrats organize efforts for Nov. 8 Election

From staff reports

On Aug. 17, Chowan County Democratic volunteers, steering committee members and interested citizens met for dinner and an organizational meeting to plan voting efforts in the upcoming election.

The event, held at Nothin' Fancy Cafe, drew 32 people to hear a presentation from Brenda Pollard, a Durham resident who was a North Carolina Democratic delegate selected to attend the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia in July. Pollard, a delegate pledged to Hillary Clinton, gave a rousing recap of convention activities and the prevailing spirit throughout the entire week.

Pollard mentioned the North Carolina delegation



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Sam Davis, candidate for District 1 seat in the North Carolina General Assembly, was among the featured speakers at the Aug. 17 meeting of the Chowan County Democratic Party in Edenton.

was electronically linked in every phase of the convention action, with each delegate required to have a cell phone at all times to receive critical communi-

cations on matters requiring them to be present on the floor. Even if their convention lodgings were outside Philadelphia, arranged shuttle service made their daily commute to the Wells Fargo Center relatively easy.

During the meeting, in addition to the discussion of planning strategies for registering voters, getting out the early vote, and getting the vote out on Nov. 8, several office-seekers spoke to the group and encouraged support for their candidacy, as well as support of the overall ticket.

Sam Davis, who is seeking the General Assembly Seat for District 1, rallied supporters to back him in his bid to unseat incumbent Rep. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan.

County Commissioner

candidates Donald Faircloth and James (Jill) White also spoke, asking for party support in getting residents registered to vote and supporting their fund-raising efforts. Lynn Gilliard, treasurer of the Chowan County Democrats, who is running unopposed for Chowan County Register of Deeds, was also in attendance.

Regional Coordinator of the North Carolina Democratic Party, Jasmine Johnson, was introduced at the meeting and announced plans to provide the local party with skilled campaign volunteers, on a county-by-county basis, to help train local volunteers. She identified Kelvin Stallings as the local Democratic campaign coordinator who will be working with the county

committee.

William Miller, Chowan County Democrats Chair, closed by repeating the pleas for volunteers, financial support for the party, and for maintaining ongoing enthusiasm as the final days of the campaign begin in earnest.

"We have fewer than 83 days until Nov. 8, but we have much to do; if each of us enlists two or three people, we can extend our influence and get the word out about the positive steps that our Democratic ticket, from top to bottom, can make for all of our citizens, not just the narrow interests courted by the Republican Party in North Carolina," Miller said.

If you care to volunteer to work on the Democratic vote-getting team email: Bill@AhearnArts.com.

## SCHOOLS

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continually improve student outcomes."

Jackson said he believes in the steps the schools are taking to improve.

"I believe in our students, teachers, and staff," Jackson said. "The school system's progress clearly shows our focus on being better today than we were yesterday. As our students achieve historic accomplishments like the highest

cohort graduation rate in the history of the school system, we know that we stand on the shoulders of giants.

"We acknowledge those who paved the way and commit to continuing on the path to excellence," Jackson continued. "Our students deserve our very best, including using this data to further improve our instructional practices."

Test results from the 2015-2016 school year show that schools are making progress in several areas toward

increasing the proficiency rate and student growth. At the district level scores for Math Grades 3-8 Career and College Ready increased 3.4 percent and Grade Level Proficient scores increased 1.8 percent over last year. Scores in Science Grades 5-8 Career and College Ready and Grade Level Proficient increased over .5 percent from the previous year.

Holmes High School increased over last year the percentage of students meeting the UNC System admissions

requirement of a composite score of 17 on the ACT to 48.4 percent, and increase of 4.4 percent over the previous year. The percentage of students who have earned four CTE credits in a career cluster and the percentage of graduates who were awarded at least a Silver Level Career Readiness Certificate based on ACT WorkKeys increased at total of 6.8 percent over last year to total 76.7 percent. John A. Holmes students who earned Career Readiness Certificates continue to lead

the way in National Career Ready Certification credentialing in Chowan County. The large number of students earning NCRC credentialing was a significant factor that led to Chowan County being named the first county in Northeastern North Carolina as a NC Works Certified Work Ready Community by The North Carolina Chamber Foundation in the spring of 2016. Chowan County is the 11th county in the state (out of 100) and the only county in Northeastern NC to earn this

designation.

Additionally, more than 95 percent of graduates took and passed high-level math courses such as Math III.

At Chowan Middle School the percent of students' proficient on the Math and Reading End-of-Grade Tests and in the overall performance composites for College and Career Ready and Grade Level Proficiency decreased slightly. Chowan Middle School has met or exceeded the growth standard nine times in the past 10 years.

## STORM

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the incident at 3:45 a.m. and worked until 8:30 a.m. clean-

ing and sanitizing the area around the overflow.

There was a discharge totaling approximately 13,877 gallons of untreated wastewater reaching Filbert's Creek/Pembroke Creek. The untreated wastewater entered Edenton Bay and the Chowan River Basin.

This discharge was due to the extremely heavy rain associated with tropical storm Hermine and the significant amount of rainfall helped dilute the impact of the discharge.

Recent smoke testing has identified areas

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where storm water is entering the sanitary sewer system, which during extreme heavy rain events causes these overflows, town officials reported. Repairs are being made to the system and the town will continue to inspect manholes in the vicinity of

the overflows to identify where inflow and infiltration is entering the system and make the necessary repairs to stop the inflow and infiltration, according to town officials.

Knighton noted the storm made for a long night for town employees.

The Edenton Fire Department responded to multiple calls throughout the night. Power outages caused a few fire alarm calls and tree limbs making contact with electrical distribution components also resulted in fire calls. Town officials have

been inspecting town facilities and so far have no reports of damages.

Staff at the Northeastern Regional Airport took precautions to tie down tee hanger doors and assisted aircraft owners who had aircraft on the ramp find space temporarily in hangars. Two aircraft remained on the ramp but there did not appear to be any damage to those aircraft.

The Edenton Police Department assisted with road-closing due to flooding, responded to a few minor traffic accidents and assisted with traffic at fire calls.

Knighton said the town planned to begin using the street sweeper on Tuesday. There is a lot of work to do this week collecting yard debris and cleaning up parks, sidewalks and streets, she said.

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- Door Prizes

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- Young Farmer and Rancher Food Drive

(bring nonperishable food item then you will be enter in twice for the door prize drawings)

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