

CRIMEWATCH

EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

■ Oct. 26 - Tracy Alan Jernigan, 43, of Filbert's Creek Apts., was arrested on one misdemeanor count of shoplifting at Food Lion and one count of failure to appear.
 ■ Oct. 22 - David Harlin Culbreth, 63, of Elliott Street, was charged with one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.
 ■ Oct. 18 - Jah'lil Menyata Cooper, 24,

of Chowan Court, was arrested on two misdemeanor count of injury to personal property.

INCIDENTS

■ Oct. 27 - Injury to real property and discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling on Morris Circle.
 ■ Oct. 25 - Breaking and entering and larceny from a motor vehicle on South Broad Street.

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 ■ Oct. 21 - Injury to personal property on McMullen Avenue.

■ Oct. 18 - Assault on North Broad Street.
 ■ Oct. 18 - Larceny on Coke Avenue.
CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

ARRESTS

■ Oct. 25 - Thomas Kevin Byrum, 31, of Surfside Drive, was arrested on one felony count of breaking and entering, one felony count of larceny and one felony count of possession of stolen property.

INCIDENTS

■ Oct. 25 - Burglary (forcible entry) and larceny from buildings on Hickory Fork Road.

First responders honored for service, involvement

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Seven awards were presented to first responders in the community on Oct. 27 during the 46th annual Appreciation Banquet for Chowan County Emergency Services.

The banquet, sponsored by the American Legion Edward G. Bond Post 40 Family, took place at the Legion before a crowd of honorees, family and friends.

Tim Dannelly, pastor of Hobbsville Baptist Church and a motivational speaker, served as the keynote speaker for the evening.

In introducing Dannelly, Chowan County Clerk Mike McArthur said, "Tim is a talented guy. I'm proud to know him. I'm proud to call him my friend."

Dannelly urged those attending the dinner to follow the example set by the evening's honorees and make the best use of their time by giving back to the community.

"It's so wonderful to be in a community where people

want to work together," he said. "Folks, I'm here tonight to tell you tonight whether you're young or old, this is your time. You can focus on your troubles, or you can focus on your blessings."

Dannelly encouraged the audience to remember in contemplating giving back that they are where they are today because somebody sometime believed in them and let them know it.

"I'm telling you tonight, you are somebody because somebody invested in you," he said.

The first award of the evening was the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club Friend of Youth Award, presented by Deputy Sheriff John McArthur to Hwy. Patrol Sgt. Lamon Hill.

McArthur described Hill as "decisive, a good listener and problem solver."

Next it was McArthur's turn to be surprised as he was presented the 4-H Top Cop Award in recognition of his work on behalf of young people in the Kids and Cops program by Chowan County 4-H Agent Beth Stanley and student Khalil Blount. McArthur was chosen to receive the honor, Stanley said, in recognition of demonstrating superior mentoring and leadership abilities.

The evening's Telecommunicator of the Year Award went to the county's entire 911 team and was accepted by Chowan County Emergency Management Coordinator Cord Palmer and Kristen Jones on behalf

of all of those in the department.

Retired Probation and Parole Chief Glorious Elliott handed out the Soundside #95 Fraternal Order of Police Award to Roger Chipps, a security officer at the Edenton College of the Albemarle campus.

"He is a man of many talents," she said. "He has a big heart."

Chowan County EMS Director Colin Ryan was up next to honor paramedic Tonya Ayers with the night's Emergency Medical Technician of the Year Award.

"She prides herself on doing her best at every level," Ryan said in describing her as highly deserving of the recognition.

The 2016 Fireman of the Year Award went to Center Hill - Crossroads Fire Chief Hamilton. It was presented by volunteer fireman Alan Monds.

"We're on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Monds said. "We do this to help our families and friends."

Hamilton noted that working that kind of a schedule required a high level of commitment not only from the firefighters but from their families as well.

"If anybody deserves this award," Hamilton said, "I guess my wife does."

He added that he loves and is dedicated to the work he does on behalf of the community.

"I have a passion for it, I have a passion for helping people," he said.

The final award of the evening, the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award, was presented by Chief Deputy Andy Bunch to SBI Agent Marsha Seal.

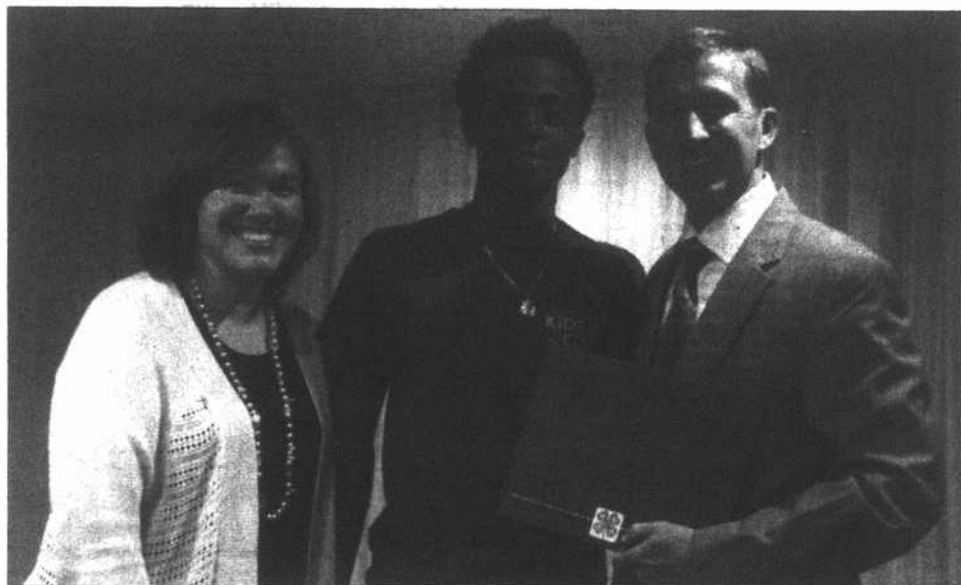
Bunch said that Seal, who was hired as a special agent with the agency in 2000 was highly qualified for this special recognition.

"Because of the job (she)



STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

Tim Dannelly served as the keynote speaker for this year's 46th annual Chowan County Emergency Services Appreciation Banquet on Thursday evening, Oct. 27 at American Legion Post 40 in Edenton. Dannelly, a motivational speaker and minister, is the pastor of the Hobbsville Baptist Church in Gates County.



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County 4-H leader Beth Stanley joins Khalil Blount in congratulating Deputy John McArthur, at right, recipient of the 4-H Top Cop Award for his work with the Kids and Cops program.

does, things happen behind the scenes that most people don't necessarily see," Bunch said. "But I can tell you this - Chowan County is a much better and safer place because of the efforts of this recipient."

In 2008 Seal was promoted to the role of assistant special agent in charge. Her

duties include supervising other agents in the Northeastern District.

The welcome at the banquet was offered by Mayor Pro Tem Jimmy Stallings

and the National Anthem was performed by the Albemarle Sounds.

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