

# CRIMEWATCH

## EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

■ Jan. 19 - Benjamin Tyler Winslow, 27, of Tip Toe Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of driving while license revoked. That same day, Winslow received a citation for failure to stop at a stop sign.

■ Jan. 16 - Kayla Nicole Villanueva, 17, of Greenville, NC, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of simple physical assault.

■ Jan. 16 - Scott Lucas Dunlow, 23, of Windsor, NC, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of driving while license revoked and one misdemeanor count of expired registration. Dunlow was also issued a citation that same day of driving a vehicle with tinted windows.

■ Jan. 15 - Antonio Lee Riddick, 23, of Sandy Ridge Road, was issued a citation for one misdemeanor count of possession of less than ½ ounce of a Schedule VI controlled substance and one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Jan. 13 - Nekel De'Shuar Fleming, 21, of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, was charged with one misdemeanor count of trespassing.

■ Jan. 13 - Qatias Boone, 17, of North Oakum Circle, was issued a citation for possession of one-half or less of marijuana, a Schedule VI controlled substance.

■ Jan. 13 - Darius Earl Holley, 31, of East Gale Street, was issued a citation for carrying a concealed weapon while off-personal premises.

■ Jan. 12 - Princeton Sentel Smith, 32, of Sunbury, NC, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest.

■ Jan. 12 - Charles Riddick Jr., 30, of Greenhall Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of assaulting an officer and one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest.

■ Jan. 11 - Nita Jones Wilson, 58, of Cox Avenue, was issued a citation for use of fictitious registration.

■ Jan. 11 - Anthony Quinn Bridges, 51, of Cox Avenue, was arrested on

one misdemeanor count of displaying a fictitious license plate, one misdemeanor count of operating a motor vehicle without insurance and one misdemeanor count of having no operator's license.

■ Jan. 10 - Deandre Keithale Copeland Jr., 18, of Badham Road, was arrested on one felony count of possession with intent to sell or distribute cocaine, one felony count of possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance, one felony count of maintaining a vehicle or dwelling place for the sale or distribution of a controlled substance, one misdemeanor count of possession of drug paraphernalia, one misdemeanor count of littering, and one misdemeanor count of having no operator's license.

■ Jan. 9 - Wendy Marie Jones, 30, of Johnston Street, was charged with one misdemeanor count of cyberstalking.

■ Jan. 3 - Daniel Leslie Foltz, 18, of Plantation, Florida, was issued a citation for possession/use of drug paraphernalia and pos-

session of less than ½ ounce of marijuana, a Schedule VI controlled substance.

■ Jan. 3 - Joshua Sam Sherman, 17, of Parkland, Florida, was issued a citation for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of less than ½ ounce of marijuana, a Schedule VI controlled substance.

### INCIDENTS

■ Jan. 13 - Discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling, injury to real property and injury to personal property on West Peterson Street.

■ Jan. 13 - Discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling, injury to real property and injury to personal property on Johnston Street.

■ Jan. 12 - Using counterfeit money at Pizza Hut in Edenton.

■ Jan. 12 - Discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling and discharging a firearm inside the town limits at Waterford Place.

■ Jan. 12 - Bank card fraud on Reginald and Mary Avenue.

■ Jan. 12 - Discharging a firearm inside the town lim-

its on Paradise Road.

■ Jan. 12 - Discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling and injury to real property on Paradise Road.

■ Jan. 11 - Injury to real property at Waterford Place.

■ Jan. 9 - Shooting into an occupied dwelling and discharging a firearm inside the town limits on Cauthen Lane.

■ Jan. 3 - Discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling and injury to real property on Paradise Road.

■ Jan. 2 - Breaking and entering and larceny from a motor vehicle on Morris Circle.

### CHOWAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS

■ Jan. 20 - Chasity Bernbury, age unknown, of Colony Drive, was charged with simple assault.

■ Jan. 17 - Mathew Alexander Kellam, 32, of Corey Trail, was arrested on one felony count of identity theft, two felony counts of financial card theft and 10 counts of obtaining property under false pretense.

■ Jan. 17 - Stephanie

Nicole Nunez, 32, of Snow Hill, NC, was charged with misdemeanor communicating threats.

■ Jan. 17 - Terrence Mjolly Harris, 32, of Johnston Street, was arrested on one felony count of breaking and entering, one felony count of larceny and one felony of stolen goods/property.

■ Jan. 12 - Ethan Andrew Berry, 22, of Soundside Road, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of larceny, one misdemeanor count of possession of stolen goods, one felony count of probation violation, one misdemeanor count of probation violation and one felony count of larceny.

■ Jan. 12 - Roni Michelle Sampson, 35, of Center Hill Road, was arrested on one felony count of identity theft, one felony count of financial card theft and one misdemeanor count of financial card fraud.

■ Jan. 10 - Timothy Aaron Boothe, 24, of Center Hill Church Road, was charged with one misdemeanor count of resisting arrest.

### INCIDENTS

■ None reported.

## Citizens ask commissioners to take lead on planning

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Editor

Two citizens told the Chowan County Board of Commissioners last week that the board needs to review the county's land use ordinances and take a proactive approach to land use planning.

Harriet DeHart told the commissioners they need to review the county's ordinances and take a lead in land use planning.

She mentioned the question that arose at a recent

planning board meeting regarding whether or not a solar energy facility should be considered an industrial or commercial use.

"In light of the fact that there seems to be a lack of clear language regarding solar energy facilities in Chowan County's ordinances, perhaps the county should undertake a review of their zoning ordinances to make sure that they are clear and explicit so that there are no misunderstandings between the county and potential developers that would lead to

problems in the future," DeHart said.

DeHart said that since the county's land use plan is more than a decade old and much has changed in 10 years - with renewable energy now at the forefront as residential development and boat building were 10 years ago - "I believe it is necessary for you, commissioners, to take a hard look at how you want to see Chowan develop."

DeHart told the commissioners that the people elected them to lead on is-

issues such as planning.

"I personally don't want to see appointees making permanent decisions about this county's future direction," she said.

Another citizen, Robert Kirby, also called for a thorough review of county ordinances.

"I believe that it is time for the entire planning process in Chowan County to receive a comprehensive review by the county manager and the board of commissioners," Kirby said, describing his proposal as

a NewYear's resolution for the county.

The review, he said, "would include a rewrite of much of the planning documents and ordinances especially in the context of how we as a county expect to address continued pressure from outside developers who desire to change the face of our rural and bucolic viewscape, not to mention how these developers may impact the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Chowan County."

Kirby also called on the

county commissioners to specify in an ordinance exactly how much of the county's farmland should be allowed for non-farming activities.

"Unless Chowan County places a limit on how much development will be permissible, then you will be opening yourselves up to a lawsuit at some future time when you arbitrarily decide 'enough is enough' and cut off a development for no other reason than 'the citizens do not want anymore,'" Kirby said.

## Chowan Herald Editor shares his love of writing at library series

BY GERARD COONEY  
Correspondent

The editor of the Chow-

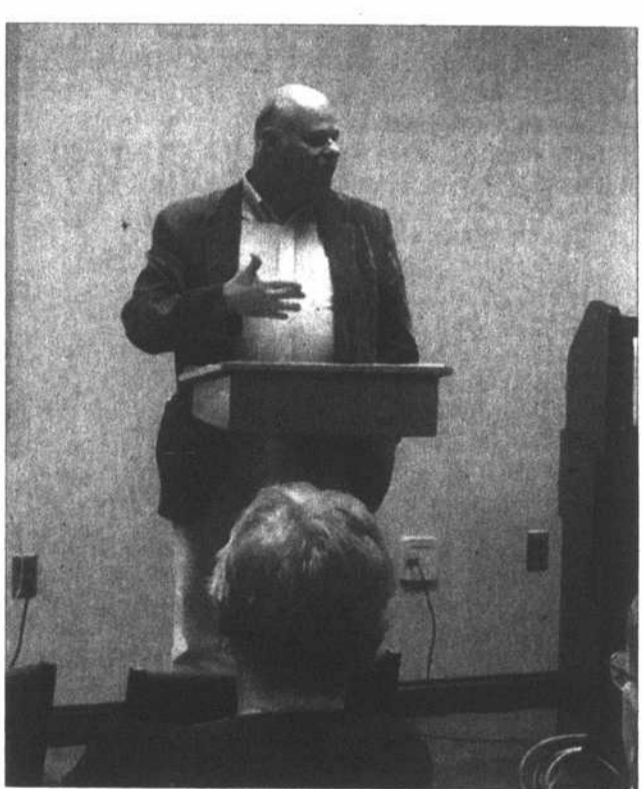
an Herald, Reggie Ponder, spoke on community newspaper writing and editing to an enthusiastic audience

at the third session of the Blomquist Memorial Lecture Series Monday night at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library.

"The three main principles that define my reporting are fairness, balance and compassion," Ponder said. "These principles are

so important to me as a community newspaper editor."

Ponder identified Jock Lauterer, a UNC Chapel Hill professor and former editor, as an inspiration to him and many other reporters and editors. "He wrote a wonderful book, 'Com-



GERARD COONEY PHOTO  
Reggie Ponder, news editor of the Chowan Herald, speaks to a gathering at the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library Monday as part of the David Blomquist Memorial Lecture Series.

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**The Chowan County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) announces its Request for Proposals for 2017 - 2018**

**Chowan County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council announces \$75,906 for 17-18. Needed services: Mentoring, Parenting, Interpersonal Skills, Tutoring, Vocational, Experiential Skills, Mediation, Restitution, Teen Court, and Psychological Assessments. For additional information, full RFP or info about the grantwriting workshop, call Nancy Hodges at 252-947-1565 or Dee Spruce, 252-333-8919. Program applications are due noon March 8th.**

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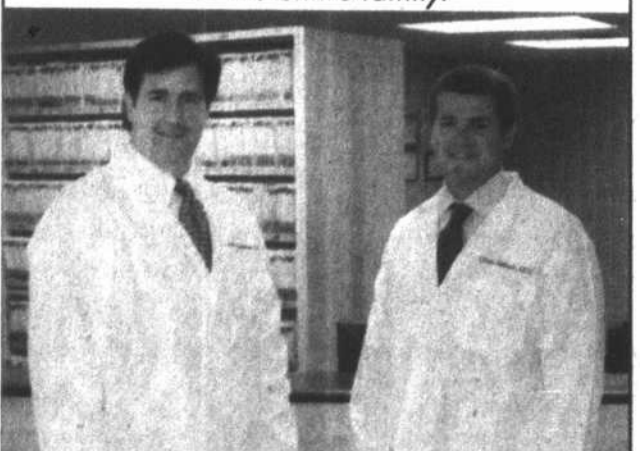
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community Journalism: Relentlessly Local,' that has become an important guide to the world of the community newspaper."

Ponder reflected on other journalists and editors over the many years of his newspaper career who have shaped his editorial style and his love of writing. Michael D. Esposito, a feature journalist, and John Rose, a former editor of the Henderson Daily Dispatch, were important mentors. The Dispatch was an important training ground that shaped his craft.

"There are some basic rules that constitute a good newspaper article," he said. "The story must be clear, significant and interesting, but most of all, the information must be accurate."

Although community events, and local government activities were identified as a mainstay of the community newspaper, Ponder's favorite memories

were interviews with celebrities such as Charlie Rose, Ben E. King (singer of the hit song "Stand by Me") and country singer Ashton Shepherd. He said that irrespective of their fame they were delightful people to interview.

During the question time at the conclusion of Reggie's lecture, his editorial policy on selection of Letters to the Editor was raised.

"We don't publish letters that are obviously personal attacks, and others that contain vulgarity," he said. "Otherwise, our policy is to publish."

The David Blomquist Memorial Lecture Series is a tribute to David, who was a prolific writer and a dear friend of the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library. Malcolm King, co-owner of Edenton Bay Trading Company, opened the evening's event by reading one of David's poems, fittingly called "Edenton Bay."