

# Pets of the Week



Brandy, a red Hound mix, is ready to move into a house full of love. She is a lovely, sweet and easygoing young adult.



Happy go lucky Izzy is a medium size Pit mix. She is full of energy and would be a great companion for a runner.



Callie is a medium size mixed breed female with a coat of silky brindle fur. She knows a few command and listens very well. Callie is heartworm positive and is eligible for AWARE's Healthy Heart Scholarship. Details are available at the shelter.



Baxter is an American Bulldog Mix that is white with brown brindle spots. He has a friendly, outgoing personality.

MARY JO SELLERS PHOTOS

The Tri-County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center is on Icaria Road in Tyner and can be reached at 221-8514.

# Edenton woman shot in chest, leg

From staff reports

EDENTON — Police said a woman was shot in the chest and leg during a party Saturday morning on Paradise Road.

Officers responded to Vidant-Chowan Hospital around 4 a.m. where Kierra Holley, 26, of Edenton was being treated for her injuries before she was taken to Norfolk-Sentara Hospital.

She was in stable condition, according to a news release issued Saturday by Edenton Police Chief Jay Fortenbery. Holley told police that a dark colored Grand Marquis or Crown Victoria stopped

in the street by the party and started shooting, the release states. During the investigation, neighbors told officers there were multiple gunshots fired, but no one called po-

lice at the time of the shooting. It is also reported there were multiple people present at the time of the shooting, but no witnesses have come forward at this time. Anyone with additional

information about this shooting is asked to call the Edenton Police Department. Callers will remain confidential. Contact Sergeant Laura Wilkins at 252-482-9884, or 252-482-5144.

## CRIMEWATCH

### EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

**ARRESTS**  
■ April 26 – DeShannon Kenta Stepney, 35, of Creek Court, was charged with

one count of failure to appear.  
■ April 26 – Alyssa Morgan Hartman, 24, of Morris Circle, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of failure to appear.

■ April 24 – Rasheen Jerome Arnold, 22, of Hertford, was arrested on one felony count of probation violations, one misdemeanor count of larceny and one misdemeanor count of in-

jury to real property.  
■ April 24 – Lessel Jackson, 46, of Waterford Place, was charged with one misdemeanor count of communicating threats.

**INCIDENTS**  
■ April 26 – Communicated threats on North Broad Street.  
■ April 24 – Larceny and vandalism on North Granville Street.

■ April 18 – Jerod Montrey Littlejohn, 32, of Birch Lane, was issued a citation for failure to stop at a stop sign and carrying a concealed weapon off premises.

## BILL

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of Pasquotank County, called the bill "a solution in search of a problem" and voted against it, saying "state politicians should leave our universities alone and not rush through one-size-fits-all policies in response to things that may be happening in other states."

Steinburg said he's concerned because there have been efforts at public universities across the country to squelch free speech.

Steinburg expressed a concern about incidents on university campuses in other states — notably at the University of California at Berkeley — where events featuring conservative speakers have been disrupted

to the point where they couldn't continue, or in some instances have been canceled in advance because of threatened disruptions.

Steinburg acknowledged that there haven't been a lot of problems related to free speech on North Carolina university campuses. But that doesn't mean there won't be, he said.

"We don't want to get in the position that some of these other universities and other states have found themselves in," Steinburg said.

For his part, Hunter said he believes there already is free speech on university campuses.

"Our universities should be places where free speech is respected and young men and women can learn and grow," Hunter said. "In our area Eliza-

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**Bob Steinburg**  
State representative, R-Chowan

beth City State is a major asset to the community. It provides jobs, opportunities, and makes this area a better place to live."

ECSU, the only campus of the University of North Carolina located in the Albemarle, has been relatively free of problems related to free speech issues.

ECSU spokesman Rob Kelly-Goss said the university has not had any complaints or concerns raised regarding free speech.

Josh Ellis, a spokesman for the University of North Carolina General Administration, confirmed that, saying that as far as he knows, there has been no controversy regarding free speech at ECSU.

"We're unaware of any speech-related complaints at ECSU," Ellis said.

Ellis noted the UNC code already includes a commitment to preserving free speech on campuses.

That code states: "The University and each constituent institution shall protect faculty and stu-

dents in their responsible exercise of the freedom to teach, to learn, and otherwise to seek and speak the truth."

ECSU and the other campuses of the UNC system have adopted similar language, according to Ellis.

"Our campuses also have adopted policies reinforcing this same commitment," Ellis said.

"We will be monitoring the (House) bill as it moves forward and the (UNC) Board of Governors would make any necessary changes to comply with state law."

Steinburg said he won't dispute the claim by UNC General Administration that language protecting free speech is already present in the university code and in campus protocols.

But he added he doesn't see that as a reason not to add additional free speech protections through state law.

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language like this already, I still don't understand why anybody would have a problem with the legislation and vote against it," Steinburg said.

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In the Senate, state Sen. Erica Smith-Ingram, D-Northampton, whose district includes Chowan County, plans to vote against the bill, while Sen. Bill Cook, R-Beaufort, whose district includes Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck, supports it.

"I'm just kind of leery when I place this in the context of what I see as attacks on the UNC system and their students and their faculty," Smith-Ingram said.

She pointed to other legislative actions such as ending the Center on Poverty at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"I saw this as more of the same," Smith-Ingram said. She also said she is concerned about the title of the bill, because she believes it could actually restrict the free speech rights of students who are protesting.

Smith-Ingram said one of her favorite quotations is from Warmoth T. Gibbs, who was chancellor at N.C. A&T State University during the Civil Rights Movement and the Woolworths

lunch counter sit-ins in Greensboro. Gibbs said: "We teach our students how to think, not what to think."

Smith-Ingram said she agrees that inciting violence is not acceptable, but she said there are already laws and policies in place to address that.

She is skeptical, she said, about saying the state is going to protect free speech "as if that is not already being done."

Like Hunter, she said, "I don't believe you fix a problem that does not exist."

But Cook believes the law is necessary.

"The state of North Carolina has a duty to protect the basic elements of the First Amendment on (the campuses of) its public universities," Cook said in an emailed statement. "In those protections, it is important to protect the right for an individual to freely express themselves without fear of censorship or being shut down and silenced."

Hunter said he sees more important priorities for the General Assembly.

"My priorities are advancing policies that create jobs, better our schools, and expand health care access," Hunter said.

"We should focus our legislative time on things like Medicaid expansion, which will bring jobs and health care to this area, rather than creating political battles to fight in our university system."

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