

Pets of the Week



Charming and shy Charcoal is a one year old male Golden Retriever mix. He is healthy and heartworm negative. Charcoal is in need of TLC and the security of a loving home.



Little girl kittens Snowflake and Snowball are just hanging out with their brother Frosty. All the kittens are accomplished at playing, snuggling, and napping.



Snuggles, Nibbles, Bundles and Jiggles are delightful gray and white kittens. These girls and boys are a fun bundle of activity. Their adoption fees include spaying/neutering, basic shots and micro chips.



Little Jack seems to be a combination of Beagle and Catahoula Cur. He is an inquisitive energetic young male ready for action.

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.

Crimewatch

EDENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTS

■ June 6 — Denzel Lamont Evans, 24, of White-mon Lane, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of assault, one misdemeanor count of affray (fighting)

and one misdemeanor count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

INCIDENTS

■ June 19 — Larceny on North Granville Street.

■ June 18 — Larceny on Hawthorne Road.

CHOWAN COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE ARRESTS

■ June 25 — Dustin Sean Bunch, 30, of Montpelier Drive, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of second degree trespass.

■ June 24 — Daniel Hunter Mizelle, 21, of Seaview

Drive, was arrested on one misdemeanor count of second degree trespass, one misdemeanor count of assault and battery, and one misdemeanor count of littering.

■ June 23 — Gary Ester, 47, of Juniper Drive, was arrested on one misdemeanor

count of assault on a female, one misdemeanor count of assault inflicting serious injury and one misdemeanor count of interfering with an emergency communications call.

■ June 22 — Donovan Quante Rountree, 27, of

Wingfield Road, was arrested on one count of

■ June 20 — Michael Tabor Ellis, age unknown, of Yeopim Trail, was arrested on two misdemeanor counts of indecent exposure.

INCIDENTS

■ None reported.

ALGAE

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Powell noted that the first bloom in Chowan County was reported on June 12 and worsening conditions had prompted those working on the issue to look at why a surge in the presence of algal blooms was occurring.

"What's changed in the last few years that has allowed the blooms to come back," Powell said.

Powell said that sighting was on a Monday and by Friday "we had a report" from the Division of Environmental Quality.

"Getting reports has been reduced to a week," he added. "It used to take much longer."

Powell credited efforts by the CEEG at five monitoring sites with making a difference. He said that toxins were not found in that initial sampling. But algae blooms in the water diminishes the amount of oxygen present and can have deadly consequences as one couple from Arrowhead Beach seated in the audience pointed out.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kirby said that a man constructing a bulkhead in their neighborhood discovered a large fish kill.

Powell said that was not surprising given that the presence of algae in the water decreases the amount of



STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

Cathy Davison of the Albemarle Commission talks about the challenges of determining what caused an algae outbreak in Chowan County waters during a Citizens Information Forum held at the COA Edenton campus on Thursday night. Davison was one of several leaders of community organizations that have banded together to address the issue who spoke at the gathering.

oxygen available to aquatic life and causes them to die from oxygen deprivation.

"He said he had never seen anything like it," they said.

Colleen Karl said that at this point there are still more questions than answers. But she emphasized the importance of volunteers joining

the 5-monitoring site effort to help gather information that can quickly be provided to NOAA offices in North and South Carolina.

"We're doing the work but we need more people to join us," she said. "We're citizen scientists and we're doing the work."

Thousands of gallons of wastewater discharged during heavy storm

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

EDENTON — More than 40,000 gallons of untreated wastewater was discharged from Edenton's sewer collection system into two creeks in the town's north end during June 24's heavy rainstorm, town officials said this week.

According to a press release issued Monday by the Edenton town manager's office, approximately 17,850 gallons of untreated wastewater discharged from a manhole near 719 N. Granville Street reached Filbert's Creek/Pembroke Creek.

A second discharge from two manholes near 209 E. Water Street totalling 26,774 gallons of untreated wastewater reached Queen Anne Creek.

The untreated wastewater entered Edenton Bay and the Chowan River Basin.

The discharges were caused by the extremely

heavy rain that created, according to the National Weather Service, flash flooding in Edenton.

The significant amount of rainfall — 3 inches in three hours — helped dilute the impact of the discharge, Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said.

"This event Saturday evening was unusual in that we had so much rain in a short period of time," she said.

Knighton said town crews worked to contain the overflows as soon as they were discovered around 10 p.m. Saturday. The discharges were stopped by 1:30 a.m. Sunday, she said.

"It is not uncommon for sanitary sewer systems to experience overflows during extreme heavy rains," Knighton explained. "We had overflows during Hurricane Matthew and so did just about every (municipally-owned wastewater) system in eastern North Carolina."

The areas around the dis-

charges were cleaned and disinfected Saturday and again on Sunday morning, town officials said.

Edenton recently received a grant from the state for Hurricane Matthew disaster relief to hire a contractor to videotape sewer collection lines to find where stormwater is entering the sanitary sewer system during extreme heavy rain events.

Repairs can then be made to stop the inflow and infiltration of stormwater from entering the system.

"We recently smoke tested the lines in these areas and found a few cross connections, where stormwater lines are tied into sanitary sewer lines," Knighton said. "We are working on plan of action eliminate these cross connections. Also, we are hopeful that our grant project will identify other areas where stormwater is entering the sanitary sewer and then we will make the necessary repairs."



Dan Evans, center, a member and representative of the Albemarle Sounds choral group, presents checks in the amount of \$1,000 to Edenton-Chowan Schools music teachers Carolyn O'Kelley, choral music teacher at Chowan Middle School and Justin Smith, choral music teacher at John A. Holmes High School. The funds were donated by members of the Albemarle Sounds to purchase equipment and supplies for the music programs.

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SCAM

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County are aware and don't fall for this scam," he said.

So what should you do if you get such a call?

First, ask a question that only your grandchildren can answer. Sometimes that is enough to make a scammer end the conversation by hanging up. If that doesn't work, pause, calm yourself and say you will have to check with other family members and then proceed to hang up the phone.

Immediately check on the whereabouts of the grandchild in question. If the need is real, you can still respond and offer help. If not you will have just avoided becoming one of the more than 10,000 citizens to file a "family/friend" fraud complaint each year.

Another important step is to notify the Chowan County Sheriff's Office by calling 482-8484 so that others in the

community can be alerted.

The primary thing, the sheriff said, is not to be embarrassed but to share your experience so that others can be aware and respond appropriately.

To report contact by a scammer, you can file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by calling 1-877-382-4357 or the AARP Foundation Fraud Fighter Call Center at 1-800-646-2283.

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