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Man linked to alleged shootings, home invasion

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

An Edenton man, who was charged with attempted homicide, is being held on more than a \$3 million dollar bond in Chowan County Jail.

Chowan County Sheriff's Office arrested Dremale K. Vanterpool, 19, on Dec. 21 at his residence located at 2125 John Hill Lane.

Deputy/lead investigator John McArthur said when

Vanterpool was arrested, an investigation linked him to an alleged shooting and home invasion Dec. 7 in Chowan County. He was charged two counts of attempted first degree murder, two counts of felony conspiracy, first degree burglary, possession of burglary tools and fleeing to elude arrest.

Later after further investigation into another reported



VANTERPOOL

shooting, Vanterpool was charged with attempted first degree murder, assault with a deadly weapon and discharge of a weapon into an occupied vehicle from incident stemming from an alleged shooting at Lynnhaven mobile home park on Dec. 4.

Two 17-year-old teenagers, who were linked to the alleged shooting and home invasion Dec. 7, were also

charged with attempted first degree murder, felony conspiracy and first degree burglary when they were arrested Dec. 7. Both teens are being held in Chowan County Jail one with \$1.550 million bond and the other with \$750,000.

Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin praised witnesses who have come forward with information about these incidents.

"We are proud of the community for being willing to come forward with informa-

tion to assist law enforcement and making Chowan county a safer place," he said.

When Vanterpool was arrested at his residence on John Hill Lane, McArthur said, a man and woman who were living with him, were also arrested on unrelated charges. Moments before deputies were about to arrest Vanterpool, they saw Vanterpool's mother,

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Banquet pays tribute

The Henry Overton Football Banquet honored the past, paid homage to the present and served as a pep rally for the future. — 1B

Death penalty sought

Craig Wissink is officially facing the death penalty. Last week, Judge Quentin T. Sumner ruled there were aggravating factors in the homicide case against Wissink, who is charged with the murder of Sgt. Meggan Callahan. — 2A



Pets of the Week

Check out some of the pets the Tri-County Animal Shelter offers that would love to start the new year in a home of their very own. — 6A

Missing skull found

A resident in New Hope discovered a human skull Saturday on the shore near Web Street, Perquimans County Sheriff Shelby White said Tuesday. — 2A



Swimmers get titles

Like Olympian Michael Phelps surging past his rivals, the Aces made their mark on the competition and scored conference success, including coach of the year and conference titles. — 1B

Artist has no peer

Bertie County artist Pearlless Speller will be the featured artist for the month of February at the Chowan Arts Council Gallery in downtown Edenton. A reception to kick off the exhibit will be held Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. — 4B



After every Aces football game, Aces' Coach Paul Hoggard talks about what's important while instilling life lessons that players can carry forward long after graduation.

PHOTOS BY KIM ULLOM

Hoggard named Football Coach of Year

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

John A. Holmes coach Paul Hoggard has been named North Carolina Football Coach of the Year.

The Holmes teacher and head coach was nominated by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association as being the "most deserving recipient of this award."

A crowd gathered recently for the Henry Overton Football Banquet cheered loudly when Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Rob Jackson announced Hoggard had won the award.

During the last two football seasons, Hoggard led the Aces to a 25-5 record, the greatest two-year win total in Aces history. The two-year stint includes back-to-back appearances in the regional finals and a finish as runner-up in the state championship game in 2016. The NCHSAA will hold an official ceremony in May to honor Hoggard.

"This group — juniors and seniors — has had



John A. Holmes High School Coach Paul Hoggard was recently named as North Carolina Football Coach of the Year at the Henry Overton Football Banquet in Edenton. The NC High School Athletic Association will have an official ceremony in May to honor Hoggard.

tremendous success," Hoggard said at the banquet. "Dr. Jackson did that 'coach of the year' thing —

I appreciate that — but you all who have been around me for awhile know that is not me."

With trademark humility, Hoggard gave credit to the people who make the Aces a top-tier football team.

"The reason for success has nothing to do with me, it's because of all the people in this room — the players, coaching staff, our community; it's all those things that make it successful," he said. "It has been an amazing run — 25 and 5 over the last couple of years. Our seniors are leaving with that record. There have been so many records broken."

Before Hoggard came to Holmes, he was racking up more than a few victories for Richmond Senior High School. During Hoggard's eight-season tenure as head coach with the Raiders, he compiled an 88-19-1 record. Hoggard also led Richmond to its seventh state championship in 2008 when the Raiders rallied to defeat Jack Britt 38-35.

In March 2015, Hoggard gave up the pine needles in Rockingham to move to Chowan County. Jackson told the story of how he

See HOGGARD, 6A

Harrell docks in God's marina

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Joseph Scott Harrell, Sr., a local businessman who left a legacy of boat building and a marina died last week.

Harrell passed away Jan. 23 — he was 90 years old. See the obituary page A3 and related remarks on page B4.

By all indications from folks passing by Edenton Baptist Church on Saturday morning, a big crowd attended the memorial service with Reverend David Brooks officiating.

In 1951, Harrell founded Edenton Tractor and Implement, the beginning of a lifelong love affair with tractors. In the early 1950's, he began carving out Edenton Marina from a run of Pembroke Creek. In 1978, Scott founded Albemarle Boats, and a legacy of fine offshore fishing boats lives on.

Mayor Roland Vaughan described Harrell as the "grandfather" of the boat building industry in Chowan County.

"All those plants trace

See HARRELL, 2A

EDITOR'S NOTE

Due to a lot of late breaking news in this edition, an article about state Senator Erica Smith, D-Northampton talking about the Equal Rights Amendment, will not appear this week, but in the Feb. 7 edition. Thanks for your patience.

Man's best friend barks in higher place

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

A tough day was ahead that Chowan County Deputy Sheriff Edward "Scooter" Basnight knew was coming for a while but that knowledge, when it arrived, didn't make it any easier. That day (Jan. 22), Rico, his former K9 partner at the sheriff's

office for 10 years, died at the age of 13. Once Rico's law enforcement days were behind him, Basnight requested, and was granted, the opportunity to keep the canine at his family's home where he had spent the final three years of his life.

The deputy made the depth of their relationship clear when he shared the

news with the community.

"He was truly a great partner, friend and protector," Basnight said. "He was as gentle as a Lamb with children and the elderly but once the leather went on he was as fierce as a lion. There will never be another like Rico, a partner I loved

See FRIEND, 6A



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Chowan County Deputy Sheriff Edward "Scooter" Basnight mourns the passing of Rico, his K9 partner at the sheriff's office for 10 years.



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