

CRIMEWATCH

Chowan County Sheriff's Office

Arrests
David Scott Austin Wilder, of Shannonhouse Road, was arrested on May 22 on charges of possession with intent to sell/deliver marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Olivia Whitehurst Bass, of Harris Landing Road, was arrested May 28 on charges of larceny and credit card fraud.

Hunter Blake Briley, of Rockfish Road, was arrested May 29 on a charge of assault on a child.

Kayla Warren, of Woodland Drive, was arrested June 1 on charges of larceny and shoplifting, concealment of goods.

Major Lee Kimble III, of Poplar Neck Road, was arrested June 2 on charges of insurance fraud.

Tyler Dail Edmundson, no address given, was arrested June 2 on charges of driving while license revoked (non-impaired) and expired registration.

Emma James Ervin, of Jackson Street, was arrested June 3 on Pitt County warrants for consumption of alcohol under age and failure to appear in court.

Damian Dixon, Phillips Road, Greenville, was arrested June 3 on a charge of failure to appear.

Brittini Cooper, Waterside Drive, Elizabeth City, was arrested June 4 on a charge of larceny.

Incidents
Deputies are investigating a May 10 report of attempted fraud on victim's account on Wildcat Road.

Deputies are investigating a May 17 report of counterfeit check drawn on victim's account on Hickory Ford Road.

Deputies are investigating a May 21 report of destruction/vandalism of property on Coree Trail.

Deputies are investigating a May 21 report of larceny on Rocky

Hock Road.
Deputies are investigating a May 24 report of vandalism on Willow Drive.

Deputies are investigating a May 26 report of breaking and entering on Gliden Road.

Deputies are investigating a June 4 report of breaking and entering, larceny, vandalism and destruction of property on Ryland Road.

Edenton Police Department

Arrests
Milton Herman Copeland Jr., 37, of West Buncombe Street, Roper, was arrested May 15 on a misdemeanor charge of failure to work after being paid. Arresting officer, Cpl. R.J. Michael Jr.

Shawnquin Devon Privott, 26, of Hawthorne Road, Edenton, was arrested May 7, on a misdemeanor charge of assault on a female. No bond was set. Privott was confined to the Chowan County Jail. Arresting officer, Cpl. R.J. Michael Jr.

Jenell Schaechergrenier, 35, of Squire Reach Road, Suffolk, Virginia, was arrested May 16 on a misdemeanor charge of larceny. According to the report, she was accused of stealing four malt beverages from the Speedway on Virginia Road. Arresting officer, Ptl. B.A. Adams.

James Lewis Stillman, 40, of Ridge Road, Belvidere, was arrested May 17 on a misdemeanor charge of driving while license revoked, not impaired revocation. An unsecured bond of \$2,000 was set. Arresting officer, Sgt. J.F. Simpson Sr.

William Eugene White, 25, of Louis Spivey Road, Belvidere, was arrested on May 19, on a misdemeanor charge of no operator's license and a misdemeanor charge out of Perquimans County for failure to appear. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set. He was confined to the Chowan County Jail. Ar-

resting officer, Cpl. W.S. White.

Incidents
Police investigated a May 12 report of injury to a flower pot at America's Best Value Inn, on Virginia Road. According to the report, the suspect made a right turn and hit the flower pot with vehicle. Investigating officer, Officer D.J. Romano.

Police investigated a May 13 report of vandalism on West Queen Street. According to the report, the suspect placed an explosive device in a mailbox. Investigating officer, Cpl. D.A. Smith.

Police are investigating a May 17 report of breaking and entering, larceny and injury to real property at a residence on West Peterson Street, Edenton. According to the report, the suspect entered the home through the back door and stole a flat-screen television. Investigating officer, Ptl. B.A. Adams.

Police are investigating a May 18 report of larceny on South Broad Street, Edenton. According to the report, a Kent beach cruiser bicycle, valued at \$200, was stolen from the bike rack in front of Edenton Bay Trading Company. Investigating officer, Cpl. W.S. White.

Police are investigating a May 17 report of breaking and entering and larceny at a residence on Tyler Run 2, Edenton. According to the report, the suspect took a LG smartphone. Investigating officer, Cpl. D.A. Smith.

Police are investigating a May 20 report of larceny at Red Apple Market, on North Broad Street, Edenton. According to the report, a debit card was taken from the center console of a vehicle. Investigating officer, Ptl. B.A. Adams.

Police are investigating a May 21 report of larceny at a home on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue, Edenton. According to the report, an 8-foot ladder was taken out of a yard. Investigating officer, Ptl. B.A. Adams.

OBITUARIES

MORE OBITUARIES

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Opal Wright Kehayes

EDENTON - Opal Wright Kehayes, 85, of 203 Kimberly Drive, died Wednesday, June 12, 2019, in her home where she was surrounded by her family.

Mrs. Kehayes was born in Gaston County on August 19, 1933, and was the daughter of the late James Thadeus Wright, Sr. and Gladys Fisher Wright. A retired Loan Officer with Bank of America, she was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church where she had served as chairman of the Altar Guild, a longtime member of the Edenton Woman's Club, and had served with the Chowan County Board of Elections.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Emily Sue Bright; and by brothers, Ural Alexander Wright and James Thadeus Wright, Jr.

Surviving are her daughter, Sylvia Davidson and husband, William, of Edenton; her son, Ernest G. Kehayes and wife, Beverly, of Greensboro; four grandchildren, Andrew, Joy and husband, Troy, Jonathan and husband, Matthew, and Kate and husband, Stephen; seven great-grandchildren, Destiny, Brock, Nathan, Ethan, Makayla, Sean, and Sierra; extended family, Regina Linton and her children, Hannah, Alexis, and Maggie; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Monday at 11:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Friends joined the family in the Parish Hall immediately following the service, or all other times at the residence.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 548, Edenton, NC 27932.

Online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfhc.com.



BRIEFS

SUBMITTED REPORTS

Sheriff's Office warns residents of scam

Local sheriff's offices are alerting residents of a scam.

According to the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office, Dare County resident Alvin Ambrose



AMBROSE

needed for gas and other times he says it is needed

has been going to houses and businesses and asking for money. Some-

times the money is needed for gas and other times he says it is needed

for repairs to his vehicle, but he does not need the money for either purpose.

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Office says it has received reports from ar-ees all around the county. Several reports also stated that he was seen walking through barns and storage buildings on properties and in yards. There has been reports like this also

given to agencies from the surrounding counties, including Chowan County.

Ambrose usually operates alone and drives a white, early 80's two-wheel drive Toyota truck. Ambrose has been stopped several times in the past and was stopped again recently after receiving more reports about him.

If you come in contact

with him, contact the local sheriff's office.

Man calls in bomb threats at Regulator

An Edenton man was arrested after allegedly calling in a bomb threat at Regulator Marine recently.

Edenton Police Department charged Allen Devon Riddick, 35, of Mexico

Road, with communicating threats, a misdemeanor.

According to the report, Riddick called Regulator Marine on March 15 and said "he was going to blow everyone up."

Police arrested Riddick at the Chowan County Courthouse. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set. Riddick was confined to the Chowan County Jail.

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"It is a very important ordinance. We have one shot to change things every so often. We just got this this evening," she said. "In order for us to get this right, it would be best to give everyone a chance to review it."

The board approved three other amendments to the zoning ordinance. Two of the changes allowed for documentation to be

provided in person, and via first-class or electronic mail. Another change, for special- and conditional-use permits, changed the wording to set the "burden of proof" on the entity applying for the permit, rather than the "burden of persuasion."

The board also postponed the public hearing on the Boys and Girls Club renovation of the old D.F. Walker building. It also will be postponed to July 15.

County Manager Kevin Howard said the delay was

needed because all of the bids came in at around \$1.9 million, over the estimated project cost of \$1.65 million. The Boys and Girls Club does not want to take out a larger loan to pay for the additional costs, he said.

Howard said he is working with the nonprofit and A.R. Chesson, the lead contractor, to bring the cost down. He hopes to have something next week.

In other matters, the Chowan County Senior Center is in the process of

moving out of the College of the Albemarle and back into its home at Swain School. Howard said the center is expected to be closed June 26 at the COA and reopen at its old location June 27. The center's activities are closing on a rolling basis, so equipment can be moved in stages from COA to the old site.

Howard said he expects a grand re-opening to be held in mid July or early August.

In regards to the 2020 Census, Chowan County

Commissioners were told Monday that they will need to form a board to help make sure everyone is counted. In 2010, the county's population was undercounted, Howard said.

Having everyone counted will help the county when it applies for loans and grants, he said.

"The members can be community members, religious leaders ... people who can get publicity out about the census and make sure people are counted,"

Howard said.

In other matters, the board approved sending a letter written by Commissioner Bob Kirby regarding the county being selected by the Office of the State Auditor to participate in Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System testing.

Kersey said they thought it was unfair for the county to participate in an unfunded mandate. The county only has 75 retirees in the system and about 110 current employees.

POPULATION

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"To maximize the use of this study as a planning tool, the ultimate goal is not simply to project the past into the future, but rather to assess various factors' impact on the future," the study said. "The future population and enrollment change of each school district is influenced by a variety of factors. Not all factors will influence the entire school district at the same level. Some may affect different areas at dissimilar magnitudes and rates causing changes at varying points of time within the same district."

Demographic trends may vary.

"The forecaster's judgment, based on a thorough and intimate study of the district, has been used to modify the demographic trends and factors to more accurately predict likely changes. Therefore, strictly speaking, this study is a forecast, not a projection; and the amount of modification of the demographic trends varies between different areas of the district as well as within the time frame of the forecast," the study said.

Moreover, the study suggests evaluating population growth or decline in small areas may be subject to interpretation as

variables may change.

"Small area population forecasts are more complicated to calculate because local variations in fertility, mortality, and migration may be more irregular than those at the regional, state or national scale," the study reports. "Especially challenging is the forecast of the migration rates for local areas, because changes in the area's socioeconomic characteristics can quickly change from past and current patterns."

According to the study:
1. Total district enrollment is forecasted to decrease by 153 students, or -7.5%, between 2018-19 and 2023-24. Total enrollment will decrease by 113

students, or -6.0%, from 2023-24 to 2028-29.

2. The resident total fertility rate for the Edenton-Chowan Schools over the life of the forecasts is below replacement level. (1.98 vs the replacement level of 2.1.)

3. Most in-migration to the district continues to occur in the 0-to-9 and 25-to-44 year old age groups.

4. The local 18-to-24 year old population continues to leave the district, going to college or moving to other urbanized areas. This population group accounts for the largest segment of the district's out-migration flow and will increase steadily over the next 10 years. The second largest migration outflow is in the

70+ age groups.

5. The primary factors causing the district's enrollment to decrease over the next 10 years is the increase in empty nest households, the relatively low number of elderly housing units turning over, coupled with a flat rate of in-migration of young families.

6. Changes in year-to-year enrollment over the next 10 years will primarily be due to small cohorts entering and moving through the school system in conjunction with larger cohorts leaving the system.

7. The elementary enrollment will slowly decrease over the next 10 years school years.

8. The median age of the district's population will increase from 44.8 in 2010 to 46.8 in 2030.

9. Even if the district continues to have some amount of annual new housing unit construction over the next 10 years, the rate, magnitude and price of existing home sales will become the increasingly dominant factor affecting the amount of population and enrollment change.

COUNCIL

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regarding applications for a loan from the USDA Rural Department for funding needed for repairs and resurfacing for eight streets — Johnston Street, Oakdale Drive, 100 block of East Hicks Street, Badham Road, East Eden Street, East Queen Street, West and East Freemason streets, Third Street, East Carteret Street and Jackson Street. The cost estimate including engineering

and contingencies is around \$950,000.

Also, Town Hall will be awarding a construction contract this summer for the repair of sanitary sewer lines which includes funding for street resurfacing — streets to be overlaid under this project include Wood Avenue, East King Street, Morris Circle and Stratford Road.

Town Hall is pursuing grant funds to purchase fire mobile command vehicle and three police cars. The estimated cost of this project is \$150,000.

In other matters, a shout out goes to the town's Purchasing Agent Bud Powell to make sure the town is up to date with agreements with electricities, who solicits bids from contractors for the repair and restoration of power lines in event of a natural disaster.

In other news, Albemarle Hopeline Executive Director Courtney Cottrell presented the organization's annual report. Worth noting, Edenton Police Capt. Daroyll Brown's wife Rachel

works for Albemarle Hopeline. Police Department has always been supportive of Hopeline and promotes Hopeline's services when responding to domestic incidents. But it is extra special to have a husband and wife connection from Police Department — reinforces the partnership for sure. Also, Police Chief Henry King has worked hard over the last year to strengthen the working relationship between police department and Albemarle Hopeline.

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