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Arrests made in Snug Harbor, Bethel break-ins

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Four men were arrested last week in connection with several break-ins in the Bethel and Snug Harbor areas.

Investigator Shelby White, with the Perquimans County Sheriff's

Department, said the four men face numerous felony charges related to breaking into the Bethel Fishing Center and Snug Harbor Clubhouse. Three of the men are also tied to breaking into several cars in the Snug Harbor area while two are linked to break-ins in three homes in the area

over the last six months. "This area has been hard hit by break-ins for the past 18 months," said White. "We stepped up patrols in the area and watched certain areas. Investigation is continuing and more charges are expected."

White said the Bethel Fishing Center was broken

into May 26 around 3:30 a.m. with \$586 in alcohol, cigarettes, cigars, and lighters reported stolen.

Police say the following men were arrested and charged in connection with the store break-in: Devin Carmichael, age 18, of the 100-block Arapahoe Trail; Thomas Bridges, age 19, of

the 100-block Cottonwood Street; Joshua Burkheiser, age 18, of the 200-block Creecy's Lane; and Matthew Morgan, age 17, of the 100-block Arapahoe Trail. Each face charges of breaking and entering, larceny, possession of stolen goods, and possession of burglary tools.

The Snug Harbor Clubhouse was also broken into that same evening, but nothing was reported taken, police said. All four men are charged in connection with that break-in as well.

White said Morgan,

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Memorial Day honors the fallen

By CATHY WILSON
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Ninety-two year old Marcella Kumlander could barely keep still as the spirited strains of Anchors Aweigh blared out on the loud speakers. With a quick salute followed by clapping hands, the veteran of the U.S. Navy grinned and danced as they played "her" song.

Originally from New York, Kumlander was one of many veterans showing and voicing pride in their military service Monday during the Memorial Day Observance sponsored each year by American Legion Post #126. Her joy brought smiles to many faces around her as the patriotic Navy song brought excitement and happiness to eyes that, just moments before, reflected memories of not only her own service to her country, but that of other members of her family as well.

The World War II veteran deciphered code for the Navy in Washington, DC for three years, family members said. She met her husband while he was serving in the Army during World War II.

Her father, also a Navy man, saw action during both world wars and sailed around the world four times. Her son, an Army man like his father, served in Korea and in other stations in Europe.

Today, she has her memories of those who have gone before her, a feeling shared by many others as they gathered under the courthouse shade trees to pay tribute.

"The observance of Memorial Day is one of our richest and most cherished of



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Navy veteran Marcella Kumlander, 92, remembers those gone but not forgotten during the Memorial Day observance in Hertford on Monday. Her father, husband and son also served in the military. See more photos at DailyAdvance.com.



Veteran Earl Owens, a member of American Legion Post 126, helps place flags on more than 550 graves of veterans in Perquimans County during the Memorial Day observance. Owens lost a leg from injuries received while serving in the Vietnam War.

women willing to lay their well being on the line for the well being of this nation."

"Americans of every conflict who went to war were not faceless and feelingless robots," he added. "They came from everywhere in our country, every town, every city, every village and farms and reservations across this nation. They were sons and daughters,

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Counties like plan to change district

By REGGIE PONDER
The Daily Advance

County commissioners in Perquimans and Gates counties have endorsed a Gates citizen's proposal to unite Perquimans, Pasquotank, Chowan and Gates counties in a new state House district.

Officials in Pasquotank and Chowan, meanwhile, are discussing the redistricting proposal advocated by Gates resident and former state Board of

What is the plan?

Under the plan, Perquimans and Gates, now part of the 5th House District, an enclave that also includes Bertie and Hertford counties, would leave to join the other two counties. Pasquotank would leave the 1st House District which it now shares with Currituck, Camden and Tyrrell counties, to join the new district. Chowan, meanwhile, would leave the 2nd House District, which it shares with Washington, Dare and Hyde counties.

Transportation member Earl Rountree. Rountree says he believes the four counties can be a "tight-knit group" in a new House district.

The four counties already are connected economically, he said.

Rountree indicated the plan would not harm the minority strength of the 5th District, which is currently represented by state Rep. Annie Mobley.

Rountree said Gates County is about 60 percent white, so pulling Gates out of the 5th District actually would strengthen the percentage of black residents in that district.

Rountree says he has sent letters to the House redistricting committee and walked door to door at the General Assembly, talking to legislators.

A letter from Perquimans Board of Commissioners Chairman Ben Hobbs to the Redistricting Committee states that commissioners have agreed unanimously that they would like to see Perquimans grouped in legislative districts with Pasquotank, Gates and Chowan.

"There may be other counties that could be included as well, but as a

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Nixon retires from Chowan Hospital volunteer services

By REBECCA BUNCH
The Chowan Herald

Barbara Nixon, of Perquimans County, worked at Chowan Hospital for 23 years. But she'll quickly tell you, she considers her work as director of volunteer services was a mission, not a job.

Being able to bring comfort and encouragement to

those who passed through the hospital's doors was her goal. And she uses an example about the hospital's gift shop to make that point.

"No matter what trauma a family is going through," Nixon said, "they could still get a smile and a hot cookie there."

Nixon, who retired at the end of May, first became associated with the hospital as a volunteer. At the time she was operating a gift shop in Elizabeth

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PCHS names top 10 honor seniors

By CATHY WILSON
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The top 10 honor seniors for the Class of 2011 each carry grade point averages over 4.0, and, in fact, only .273 of a point separates the top honor graduate from number 10.

With such high GPAs, it's no surprise that each top senior plans to attend college following high school graduation.

As Perquimans County High School seniors prepare for baccalaureate service Thursday evening, top honor seniors recently took the time to reflect on what they feel are highlights of their years in high school.

Carrying grade point



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The top 10 honor seniors at Perquimans County High School for the class of 2011 include: (front, l-r) Samuelle Copeland, Rachel Hudson, Rachel Phthisic, Kylli Lassiter, Brandon Winslow; (back, l-r) Elizabeth Phelps, Stephen Parker, Zachary McGee, Deniqua Nelson and Arnetia Wills.

averages that range from 4.6083 to 4.41, the top 10 honor students include Samuelle Copeland (valedictorian), Rachel Hudson (salutatorian), Rachel Phthisic, Kylli Lassiter, Brandon Winslow, Elizabeth Phelps, Stephen Parker, Zachary McGee, Deniqua Nelson, and Arnetia Wills.

Copeland, son of Mac

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