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Waterfowl **Hunters Need to Practice Boating** Safety and **Hunting Safety**

The Home from the Hunt campaign of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is reminding waterfowl hunters who hunt from a boat to practice boating safety and hunting safety.

"Statistics show more hunters die from hypothermia and drowning than gunshot wounds," said Maj. Chris Huebner, the state boating safety coordinator. "Hypothermia is the loss of body heat and, left untreated, can prove fatal. Exposure to extreme cold, such as being in cold water or wearing wet clothes in cold conditions, can increase the chance of hypothermia.'

Boating safety tips include:

- Always wear a life vest.
- Don't overload the boat, especially with passengers.
- Keep hunting dogs prone in the center of the boat.
- Never move about the boat with a loaded firearm. In the event of capsizing or

swamping, stay with the

boat. İt will still provide some

flotation and will be the initial focus of a rescue attempt, said Maj. Huebner. Waterfowl hunters should handle shotguns in a safe manner. Be aware of muzzle direction at all times. Never shoot while standing in an

unsecured boat. Wear protec-

tive clothing and watch the

weather. Let someone know

where you are hunting and an approximate return time. To hunt waterfowl in North Carolina, individuals must possess various licenses, permits, stamps and certifications. All first-time hunting libuyers successfully complete Hunter Education Course, offered free across the state. Go to www.ncwildlife.org to consult the online version of the 2011-2012 N.C. Inland Fishing, Hunting and Trapping Regulations Digest or

call 919-707-0031 for more

information.



Colonel Gilchrist was guest speaker.

in Raeford Troop H District 6.

and their attendance was appreciated.

Sam Williams (left) has received the John H. Barnhill Civic Trailblazer Award, named for assistant vice president of University Advancement at Elon University John H. Barnhill, pictured right.

ted to improving community service opportunities for other students, was a two-time Alternative Spring Break peer leader and youth group director at a local church. His nominator Kate Johnson wrote, "One cannot walk through campus without meeting people who have been recruited to serve either on campus or in the community by Sam.

Trooper Joel Williams Promoted to Line Sergeant

In a release from the NC State Highway Patrol: On Wednesday, December 7, 2011, at

10:30 a.m., the Historic "Old Courthouse" in Monroe North Carolina was used by the North

Carolina State Highway Patrol as the location for the Promotional Ceremony of seven new

Line Sergeants. This was a historic event because to our knowledge the North Carolina State

Highway Patrol has never had promotional ceremonies outside of Wake County in its 82 year

history. Colonel Michael W. Gilchrist, Lt. Colonel Gary L. Bell, Major Jennifer A. Harris, and

Major Troy E. Butler were in attendance from the Executive Command Staff in Raleigh,

Captain David L. Allen (Troop H Commander) welcomed the audience to the ceremony. Lieu-

tenant William R. Maness led the pledge of allegiance. Pastor Chester Waters (Troop H Chap-

laincy Coordinator) gave the invocation for the ceremony. After Introduction from Captain Allen,

Colonel Michael W. Gilchrest (Commander of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol) delivered

Lieutenant Andrew C. Combs introduced the Honorable Superior Court Judge Christopher

The following Troopers were promoted to Line Sergeant; Darius L. Litaker stationed in

Gastonia Troop H District 1, Timothy B. Cason stationed in Monroe Troop H District 3,

Joel A. Williams stationed in Wadesboro Troop H District 3, Henry L. Dorty Jr. stationed

in Charlotte Troop H District 5, Jamie R. Moore stationed in Charlotte Troop H District

5, Glenn M. Smith stationed in Aberdeen Troop H District 6 and Perry Marshall stationed

Pastor Larry Whitley (Retired NCSHP Captain and also father in law to Line Sergeant Tim-

othy B. Cason), Sheriff Eddie Cathey (Retired First Sergeant of NCSHP), Clerk of Court J. R.

Rowell (Former First Sergeant NCSHP), Monroe Mayor Bobby Kilgore (Retired Chief of Po-

lice Monroe) and Assistant Chief of Monroe Police Bryan Gilliard were present in the audience

Samuel Williams Receives Statewide Service Award

Appalachian State University senior Samuel Williams received the inaugural 2011 John H.

Barnhill Civic Trailblazer Award during North Carolina Campus Compact's Student Confer-

ence: Connect the Dots held Nov. 12 at Wake Forest University. He is the son of Greg and

Named for John H. Barnhill, the

organization's founding executive di-

rector and an innovator in civic en-

gagement, the award is presented to

a student at a North Carolina Campus Compact member institution who

demonstrates creativity and innova-

tion to start or significantly deepen

campus efforts to address community

OUT, a new community service group

for students interested in getting more

experience with service event planning and getting more involved with Appalachian and the Community To-

clearinghouse for community service, service-learning and community based research opportunities). He also founded Men of Service Day at Ap-

palachian. Williams became a member

of the Student Conduct Board, co-

chair of the impACT Team, a team

consisting of student leaders commit-

(ACT),

Williams helped establish ACT

Appalachian's

issues and needs.

remarks, encouragement and congratulations to the newest of the supervisors for the Patrol

W. Bragg, who then delivered the Oath of Office to the 7 new Line Sergeants.

Due in part to Williams' service, more than \$20,000 has been raised and more than 1,000 volunteers have been recruited for events he helped plan, which include the MLK Challenge, BIG Sale, ACT OUT!, Alternative Spring Break, Men of Service and Hall Council. Nearly \$100,000 has been raised and more than 2,500 volunteers have participated in events he has been involved with, including Dance Marathon, Earth Day, and Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

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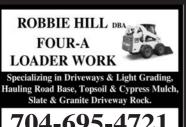
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