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Edenton man killed in morning collision

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An Edenton man was killed and several others suffered serious injuries in a two-vehicle crash on U.S. 17 in Chowan County Tuesday morning.

Christopher Lee Bowe, 30, of Edenton, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper T.F. Langley.

Nine others were reported injured in the accident.

The accident, which occurred near the Pembroke Creek Bridge on U.S. 17, is still under investigation by

the Highway Patrol.

Bowe was a passenger in a 2001 Ford van that David Edward Holley, 61, of Edenton, was driving, Langley said.

The van apparently was taking farmworkers to White Brothers cabbage farm in Weeksville, Langley said.

Shortly after 6 a.m., Holley, who had been driving the van south on U.S. 17, missed a turnaround and began backing the vehicle on the highway, Langley said.

The van collided with a 2003 Jeep that was being



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A Ford van rests in the median of U.S. Highway 17 in Chowan County following a fatal two-vehicle crash early Tuesday.

OVERTON URGES NATION TO HONOR VETERANS

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Amy Sgt. Maj. Tyler V. Overton last week called on Americans to remember and appreciate the nation's military veterans.

Overton, an Elizabeth City native stationed at Fort Bragg, asked those in the audience at the Nov. 11 Veterans Day program to think about whether any corporate or government leader has a greater responsibility on his or her shoulders than does a 19-year-old soldier on patrol in Afghanistan or another war-torn region.

"Fewer than ten percent of Americans can claim the title 'veteran,'" Overton said. "Less than one percent of our population is currently defending us in the Global War on Terrorism. And yet many seem intent on trying to balance the federal budget by diminishing the quality of life programs designed for the families who have already made critical sacrifices.

"Veterans are responsible for giving us freedom, security and the greatest nation on earth," Overton added. "It is impossible to put a price on that. We must remember them. We must appreciate them."

Overton paid tribute to veterans and the organizations that serve them during his keynote speech at the program, which is held each year at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial in Edenton and is sponsored by Edward G. Bond Post 40 of the American



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Residents attend a Veterans Day ceremony at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial on Nov. 11. The event was sponsored by American Legion Post 40. Inside: White Oak celebrates Veterans Day, page 6B.



Members of the American Legion Post 40 Honor Guard prepare to lay wreaths during the annual Veterans Day ceremony held last Wednesday.

Legion.

Overton began by pointing out that the Veterans Day ceremonies Americans attend each fall are some-

thing special.

"I am honored to be in the United States of America on a day that is unique among nations in

that we honor those who are still with us, as we reserve Memorial Day for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice," he said.

Overton, who entered the U.S. Army in 1984 and has worked in military intelligence for over three decades, noted that the local Legion post has a history of providing service and support to the community, particularly to veterans and the youth of Chowan County.

Overton, who has served in Afghanistan and other areas of the Middle East, also spoke about the value of a career in the military.

"While the military isn't for everyone, for thousands of young people, it is a ladder to the middle class," he said. "Those who join give much, and they get much

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Miglurie to retire at end of year

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

After three years on the job, Frank Miglurie is retiring as the executive director of the Edenton Chowan Partnership.

Miglurie said he hopes to leave his position at the end of December but would be willing to remain until the ECP finds a replacement.

A gifted potter and member of the Albemarle Craftsman's Guild, Miglurie said that when he and his wife relocated to Edenton in the summer of 2012 from their home in Vermont, he had no plans to take on a job but did have a desire to be active in the community and to contribute any skills he possessed that would help.

He got a chance to put that commitment to the test when a conversation with then-ECP Education Committee Chair Frank Palm over a cup of coffee at the Edenton Coffee House led to a lunch with ECP Chair



MIGLURIE

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Officials discuss future of Commission building

From staff reports

Inching toward progress on deciding the future of the former Northeast Commission building, the town council at its Nov. 10 monthly meeting discussed the need for protecting the site.

That would be achieved by reviewing proposed covenants and conditions pertaining to the redevelopment of the site.



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Councilman Sambo Dixon suggested reaching out to Preservation North Carolina for advice on how best to accomplish those goals. He said feedback from PNC could be available as soon as the council's next meeting. That would be a work session scheduled for next Monday night.

Councilman Bob Quinn expressed concern that the council needed to make sure it appropriately addressed operational questions as well as covenants. Both need to be in place before any final arrangements are made concerning the future use of the property, he said.

Denied amendment prompts solar farm delay

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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A developer who has requested a proposed text amendment from the town that would allow solar farms in the R-A zoning district is facing a delay until January after the town council did not approve the amendment during its Nov. 10 monthly meeting.

Instead the council voted unanimously to table the matter until after the holidays.

Heath McLaughlin of Blue Green Energy, LLC based in Orlando, Florida, brought the request that was the subject of a public hearing during council's meeting.

Three issues dominated the discussion among council members as McLaughlin appeared before them to answer questions about the proposed Beechnut Lane project. Those were buffering, setbacks and bonding.

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Town councilman

when you come into town," said Councilman Sambo Dixon.

Dixon said he had seen some buffers consisting of only a few trees such as wax myrtles planted that did not do a good job of hiding solar panels. He said he would like for the buffer to be something that could not be seen from the overpass.

"It would have to be a really high

buffer," he said.

Councilman Steve Biggs said that he felt it would be prudent for the council to consult its attorney about requiring a bond before the project was approved.

"I think if we're going to do this, I think we ought to talk to our attorney and see if we can get a bond," Biggs said. "I think that's something we need to have in the UDO. We want to make sure that our citizens are protected."

Dixon agreed.

"I think we just saw in the paper how important a bond is," he said, referring to a front page article in the Chowan Herald's Nov. 4 edition titled "Chowan nets \$1.85M for Riversound owners".

McLaughlin disagreed, saying he felt a bond was unnecessary.

"In 10 solar farms, I've never done a bond," he said.

Larry McLaughlin (no relation to Heath McLaughlin), who spoke during the public hearing, expressed concern

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