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Winslow, Browder are winners in Chowan County

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Chowan County voters turned out in large numbers today to

choose new members for the local board of education, and return incumbent Chowan County Commissioner Harry Lee Winslow to office. Winslow defeated Libertarian

challenger John Sams. Incumbents George Jones, James Taylor, and Jerry Downum were re-elected without opposition.

Elected to the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education District 2 seat was Ricky Browder. He replaces longtime board member Alice Jones, who was not eligible to serve another term on the board. Tom Abbott ran unopposed for the at-large seat on the board held by board of education chairman Glorious Elliott. She also was ineligible to run for another term. Returning to the board is incumbent Randy G. White, who represents District 1.

Browder, a partner in the Edenton-based Northeast Guttering Company, has two sons attending John A. Holmes High School and another child who will be starting school soon. He is a past president of the Chowan Middle School PTA.

In announcing his candidacy, Browder said, "I want to make a difference in the lives of my kids and in the lives of other children. I think there's some things that can be done to improve the school system itself."

Among the areas that could use improving, Browder said, was a strengthening of the school district's technology program. "We need to continue to invest in the technological side of the school system," Browder said. "Technology is...the key to just about everything we do."

In state election results, incumbent NC Rep. Bill Culpepper, D-Chowan, was the overwhelming choice of Chowan County voters. Culpepper faced opposition from Republican newcomer Cheryl Byrd of Dare County. The Edenton attorney and legislator was recently ranked third among the NC House's 120 members in terms of effectiveness last year in a survey compiled by the NC Center for Public Policy. Culpepper serves as chairman of the House Rules Committee.

In his keynote speech at this year's Chowan County Democratic Convention, Culpepper told delegates that this election could be "one of the most important in the last 100 years...It is your state Senate and state House that will redistrict legislative districts. It (2000 election) will have an impact, well,

for at least 10 years."

Chowan County voters also voted approval of the state education improvement bonds.

They chose Democrat Mike Easley for governor over Republican challenger Richard Vinroot. For lieutenant governor, they favored Democrat Beverly Perdue over Republican Betsy Cochrane.

Chowan County voters also backed Democratic challenger Leigh McNairy over Republican incumbent Walter Jortes.

In other contested races:

Attorney General — Cooper, 2,544; Boyce, 1,506; Palms, 65

Auditor — Campbell, 2,519; Merritt, 1,481

Commissioner of Agriculture — Phipps, 2,498; Troxler, 1,651; Long, 2,724

Commissioner of Insurance — Long, 2,724; Causey, 1,421

Commissioner of Labor — Berger, 2,472; Berry, 1,501

Secretary of State — Marshall, 2,621; Blake, 1,439

Superintendent of Public Instruction — Ward, 2,612; Barrick, 1,423

Treasurer — Moore, 2,609; McKoy, 1,404

Chief Justice NC Supreme Court — Frye, 2,463; Lake, 1,703

Associate Justice of NC Supreme Court — Freeman, 2,467; Edmunds, Jr., 1,553

Judge of Court of Appeals — Horton, 2,446; McCullough, 1,519.

Judge of Court of Appeals — Fuller, 2,480; Tyson, 1,489

Judge of Court of Appeals — Hudson, 2,466; Stam, 1,486

Judge of Court of Appeals — Martin, 2,517; Enochs, 1,446

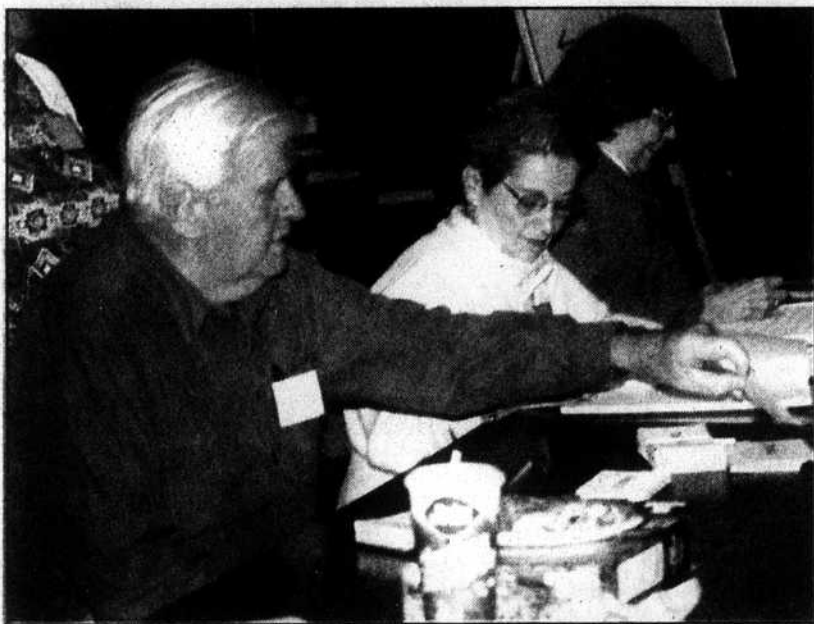
Judge of Court of Appeals — Wynn Jr., 2,491; Schollander, 1,439.

In the First District Senatorial District, Chowan County voters also voted by a wide margin for incumbent Democratic Senator Marc Basnight of Dare County over challenger Ron Toppin, Sr., a Chowan County native.

Other candidates running unopposed in the election were:

Edgar Barnes for Judge of District Court, 1st District; Susan Rountree for Register of Deeds.

There were 562 absentee ballots cast in yesterday's election, and more than 55% of those registered to vote in Chowan County did so. There are 7967 registered voters in the county.



Election day required the services of several judges and assistants stationed throughout Chowan County. Assisting voters at Edenton's East Precinct voting location inside the Old National Guard Armory are (l-r) Gil Johnson, Anne Nixon, and Cindy Penny. (Staff photo by Derrick Armstead)

Office	President				Congress 3 rd Congressional Dist.				Governor				Lieutenant Governor			State Senate 1st Dist.		Representative Dist. 86		Comm. Dist. 1, Seat 1		Board of Ed. Dist. 2	
Candidate	Gore	Bush	Browne	Buchanan	McNairy	Jones	Russell	Easley	Vinroot	Howe	Schell	Perdue	Cochrane	Carter	Basnight	Toppin, Sr.	Culpepper	Byrd	Winslow	Sams	Browder	Denton	
East Edenton	529	326	11	3	530	269	11	610	212	19	4	565	191	11	665	145	628	179	0	0	88	83	
West Edenton	702	579	4	6	708	533	20	913	376	20	7	819	347	26	998	269	918	372	0	0	317	255	
Tocky Hock	254	439	4	3	260	348	14	362	297	15	8	305	257	15	415	241	389	254	313	291	0	0	
Center Hill	175	149	1	1	181	121	7	211	91	13	2	188	79	6	218	84	219	86	196	92	0	0	
Wardville	173	284	1	2	169	241	4	248	183	12	4	205	173	5	282	160	278	160	302	127	0	0	
Yeopim	351	373	3	0	348	333	13	430	275	8	3	378	250	8	466	230	435	262	0	0	287	227	
Absentee	239	259	4	2	222	262	6	274	198	7	2	269	194	5	325	143	306	167	45	38	95	124	
TOTAL	2423	2409	28	17	2418	2107	75	3048	1632	94	30	2729	1491	76	3369	1272	3173	1480	856	548	787	689	

Outstanding law officers are recognized

BY DERRICK ARMSTEAD
Staff Writer

EDENTON — Relatively few words were provided by the 30th Annual Chowan County Law Enforcement banquet's top honorees—Optimist Club Officer of the Year winner, Mark Rich, and Chowan County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year recipient, William Anderson Bunch.

Instead, the majority of the comments were delivered by guest speaker, N.C. Assistant Attorney General, John J. Aldridge.

Focusing on the need to enhance the law enforcement community's ability to prosecute computer-related crimes, Aldridge addressed the current situation in regard to that particular realm of criminal activity.

"We've got to be smart, computer literate and one step ahead," said Aldridge, "because there are some real technologically savvy people out there that we are going to have to deal with."

Aldridge also referred to a recent report that listed the number of sexual offenders, constructing a local angle to the story.

"(Here) in 2000, there are 5,076



(Left photo) Chowan County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year William Anderson Bunch, receives congratulations from his wife, Lynn, and three-year-old son, Chandler. (Right photo) Wildlife Officer Mark Rich was named recipient of the Optimist Club's Youth Officer of the Year Award. (Staff photos by Derrick Armstead)



registered sex offenders," said the assistant attorney general. "And there are 10 right here in Chowan County."

In addition to Aldridge, several other law enforcement agencies

were in attendance for the event, including the Chowan County Probation and Parole office; N.C. SBI; NC Highway Patrol; DMV; and the Chowan County District Attorney's office.

All of whom were thanked by Edenton mayor Roland Vaughan and American Legion Post 40 representative, E.C. Toppin.

"I know that what you do makes our community safer," said Vaughan.

"On behalf of (American Legion) Post 40, we would like to thank everyone for being here," Toppin said.

"We started this 30 years ago to let you know that we care about (law enforcement officials)."

Toppin added, "you have to be marriage counselors, guidance counselors...as well as police officers."

Reflecting on an issue germane

to the profession highlighted during the affair was Chowan County Clerk of Court, Mike McArthur.

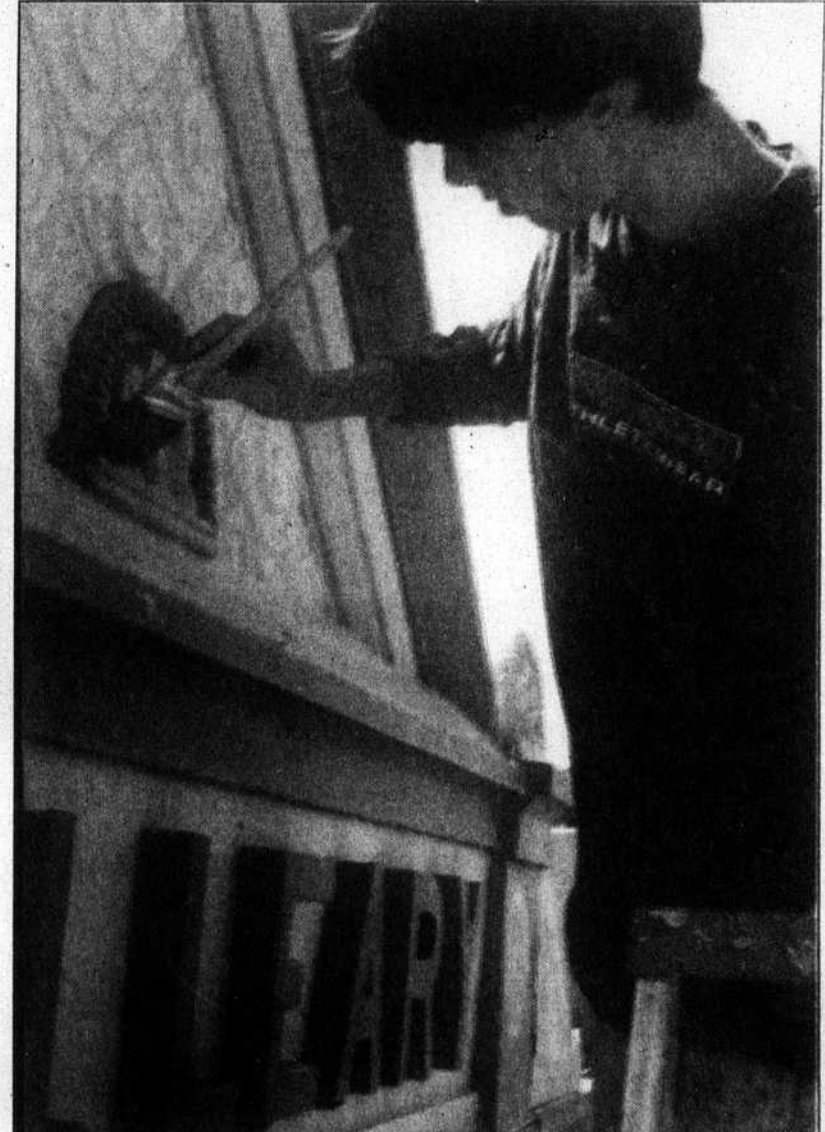
"Whether it means carrying a gun or pen...our main job is helping people get through life," he said.

"That's what law enforcement is all about."

McArthur, who was responsible for introducing the officer of the year, stated "it's so difficult to arrive at one name," just prior to announcing the recipient of the 2000 award, William Anderson Bunch.

"I'm at a lost for words," said an emotional Bunch, "and I just want to thank everybody."

Also overcome with emotion was the Chowan-Edenton Optimist Club's Youth Officer of the Year winner, Mark Rich, saying "A lot of people helped out, so thank you very much."



A worker high atop the J.N. Leary building paints intricate Victorian-style trimwork. The building, which houses The Chowan Herald, will be the site of an open house and reception from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow night. The public is cordially invited to attend. (Staff photo by Paul Boaz)

Open House tomorrow

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Tomorrow (Thursday) evening local residents are being invited inside the Chowan Herald to attend a special reception and open house from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m.

that will allow many their first look at the newspaper's newly renovated building.

Major work on the building began during the summer, as work on the newspaper and in the print

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