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## Alligood, Privott are among Rescue Squad honorees

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In 1965, the newly formed Edenton-Chowan Rescue Squad sped around in a 1948 Pontiac ambulance, ferrying patients seeking medical attention.

Fast-forward 40 years, and the town-county organization staffs roughly 60 paid and volunteer emergency medical technicians, who transport patients in six ambulances from four response locations.

Times have changed, said retired EMT Willis Privott, one of a number of founding members of the first rescue squad unit on hand for the annual banquet honoring rescue workers Monday night at Leon Nixon's Catering.

"We got started piece by piece," Privott said of the group which first met at the old Chowan County Courthouse on Friday, May 14, 1965.

"We had to work for what we got," said Privott, who was honored after his retirement

last fall with 39 years of service. "People were good to us."

For starters, the charter group had to scrounge up the money it needed to pay for a charter.

"We had to pass around the hat about three times," Privott told the approximately 120 people on hand for the annual awards banquet, which included the installation of new officers for the 2005-06 year.

Though times have changed, services and equipment have expanded, the spirit of EMTs

has remained the same, Privott indicated. He hopes rescue workers "continue to work as sisters and brothers" in their life-saving occupations.

County Manager Cliff Copeland, the event's feature speaker, said EMTs are an invaluable asset to the community. Copeland, himself a former trained EMT, related stories of how rescue workers responded to and dealt with the devastation from Hurri-

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Staff photo by Sean Jackson

Chowan EMS Director Doug Belch, at left, looks on as Jimmy Alligood, at right, accepts a 25-year service award from Lynn Hobbs during the annual appreciation banquet.

## Commission okays hike in taxation

BY EARLINE WHITE  
The Chowan Herald

The word most dread to hear, taxes, was on the tips of tongues at the Chowan County Commissioners meeting Monday. Though the approved occupancy tax will not affect the residents of Chowan County, the property reassessment revaluation most likely will.

The Occupancy Tax that has found its way through Town Council and onto the desks of the Commissioners was approved 4 to 3 Monday morning. The occupancy tax is one that is placed upon hotels, motels and B&Bs. The monies generated from the tax are used for local promotional efforts like brochures and billboards. Unlike other tax hikes, this one will not affect locals — only those who may opt to stay in one of the local accommodations like Super 8 or The Granville Queen. By increasing the occupancy tax by just 1% to 4%, the tax would generate \$20,000. After much consideration and talk, the Chowan County Commissioners voted to increase the occupancy tax by 2% and request a capped total of 5%. Regionally, Pasquotank County is seeking authorization to increase their occupancy tax to 6%; Dare County remains at 5%.

With the recent tax evaluation, Tax Administrator Lynda Hendricks and others have found that the tax value of sites in Chowan County differed by as much as 15-75% of their sale price. As mandated by the state statute, every 8 years NC counties must reassess real property and all property is to be assessed at 100% market value. The county will therefore be looking at a reappraisal within the year. Pearson Appraisal Company, under the supervision of Robert Ezzell who conducted the last revalue in 1998, is currently 60% complete with the field review. A schedule of values will be presented to the Commissioners in June or July. A public hearing will be set concerning the schedule of values

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## DOING TIME



Staff photo by Earline White

Over 50 people, including Chowan Hospital Foundation Executive Director Ginny Culpepper, were placed behind bars on Friday April 29. But all for a good cause. The Edenton United Methodist Church Relay for Life team hosted a daylong Jail-a-thon in downtown Edenton. There was terrific participation and most participants even turned themselves in rather than waiting for Deputy Cord Palmer to come and 'arrest' them. A special thanks goes to the Chowan County Sheriff's Department for their help, to East Coast Deck and Fence of Edenton who donated the 'jail', and especially to all those who came out so generously and donated to help 'bail' their friends out of jail. The efforts of the Edenton United Methodist Church Jail-a-thon raised over \$6,000 for the Relay for Life. The effort was organized by Edenton United Methodist Church committee members: Tom and Jean Credle, Go and Curtis Baker, Bob and Jan Germain, Kay and Kenny Donaldson, Richard and Jean Bunch, Paul and Silvia Peterson.

## New principal hired for JA Holmes

Edenton-Chowan Schools announced today the appointment of an innovative educator with experience in building "Family Friendly Schools" as the next principal of John A. Holmes High School.

William J. Moore, Jr., from Yonkers, New York will be the school's next head administrator, bringing to a close a nationwide search for the position. Moore received unanimous Board of Education approval for his appointment at Monday's school board meeting. He begins his duties at Holmes on August 1.

"We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Moore to

our Edenton-Chowan Schools family," said Supt. Allan T. Smith. "His proven experience, dedication and community outreach will be a tremendous asset to John A. Holmes staff, students and parents."

As principal at Roosevelt High School in Yonkers, Moore implemented programs based on the Family Friendly School model, designed to increase family engagement in student learning. Moore also worked with Brown University in its Breaking Ranks Program for Smaller Learning

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## BOE greets new Teacher Assistants



Staff photo by Earline White

Newly certified teacher assistants Gail Bain, Gloria Carter, Mary Rayner, Sadie Riddick, and Sarah Wills were recognized by the Board of Education Monday night, seen here with Dr. Allan Smith and Gene Jordan.

BY EARLINE WHITE  
The Chowan Herald

The central office conference room was filled to the brim Monday night at the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education's monthly meeting, several special recognitions on the agenda.

The JV and Varsity cheerleaders from John A. Holmes were the first to be recognized for their outstanding efforts that took them to the National Competition in Williamsburg, VA this past spring. Board member Ricky Browder expressed his awe of the student athletes that performed so professionally at all of the competitions.

"These ladies are just as good athletes as the others at Holmes and they certainly deserve the trophies they received and the recognition," Browder said. The JV team was recognized as the first runner up at the national competition; Varsity as second runner up. Eleven ladies also received All-American bids to perform in Hawaii, including Lauren Small who made the journey and returned second place prize in hand.

Michelle Maddox introduced the three NC Teaching Fellows recipients from Holmes. Sara Elliott, Hannah Murphy and Graham Elmore each the recipients of the most prestigious program in NC stood before the board Monday night and told the former educators of their future plans and in what field and on what level they would like to teach.

"Assisting students with their Teaching Fellows applications and helping them prepare for this is a part of my job that gives me the most pleasure," Maddox said. "All of these students are outstanding young people, dedicated and professional. I am excited that they've chose teaching as a profession and while I hope they return to teach in Chowan County I am proud that they will be teaching a future generation of young people."

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## Man faces drug charges

BY SEAN JACKSON  
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A Chowan County man was arrested at an Edenton apartment complex last month after a police detective found cocaine the suspect allegedly hid inside a hallway wall outside an apartment.

Marcus Antonio Logan, 17, of 234 Happy Home Road, Tyner, was charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, possession of cocaine, resisting a public officer, giving false information to police, and second-degree trespassing.

He was jailed at the Chowan

County Detention Facility under a \$6,500 secured bond, police Chief Greg Bonner said Tuesday.

Logan was arrested on April 21 after being spotted by Det. Aaron Davidson outside the 400 building of Edenton Manor Apartments. Logan had been banned from the site, Bonner said.

Davidson approached Logan, who ran.

"(Logan) knew he was trespassing," the chief said.

Davidson found crack cocaine stuffed in a purple cup concealed in a shelf in the wall, Bonner said.

Logan was later appre-

hended that same day.

In a separate incident, another Chowan County man was arrested Friday on drug charges after being spotted in a known drug area in Edenton, Bonner said.

Det. Dwight Rawlins spotted Jeffrey Thomas Bass, 20, of 728 Chambers Ferry Road, in the driver's seat of a black Chevrolet truck on Dr. Martin Luther King Avenue late Friday afternoon. A "known drug dealer" was in the passenger seat of the truck, Rawlins stated in his incident report. Rawlins went around Bass' face during an altercation

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## Stabbing results in woman's arrest

An Edenton woman was arrested April 21 and charged with a stabbing at the intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and South Moseley Street.

Alicia Danielle Bowe, 25, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, police Chief Greg Bonner said late last month. Bowe allegedly stabbed 21-year-old Shanita Evans in the face during an altercation

then fled the scene, Bonner said.

Police received a description of Bowe from Evans. Bowe was arrested and placed under a \$75,000 secured bond. She made her first court appearance on April 26.

Evans' stab wounds were "pretty deep," the chief said. She was treated and released from Chowan Hospital on the day of the incident, he added. "She's going to be OK," Bonner said of Evans.