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## Kehayes, Steinburg post GOP primary victories

Voter majority favored marriage amendment

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Chowan's candidates fared victoriously in last Tuesday's primary election.

Republicans Alex Kehayes, Bob Steinburg and Eddie Goodwin all finished as top vote getters in their respective races. Steinburg amassed the most votes in Chowan with 1,050 to Goodwin's 989 among a 29 per-



Kehayes

cent voter turnout. Local conservatives were not the only victors as state voters shared Chowan's majority perspective in favor of the constitutional

amendment that bans same-sex marriage.

In the race for county commissioner whereas only one local could win, Kehayes defeated Tim Phelps by a 484 to 340 margin, or a 59 to 41 percent disparity, to be-

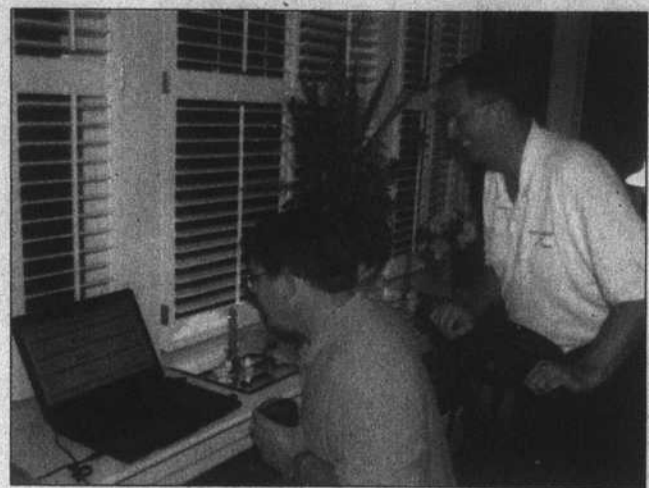
come the next commissioner for District 2, Seat 1.

Both political newcomers, Kehayes attributed his victory over Phelps to establishing name recognition early in the contest.

"When the voters go to the polls, it's important that they recognize your name," Kehayes said.

In addition to name recognition, Kehayes ran a grassroots campaign that included of fashion tactics. With his wife's encouragement, he also began

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Bob Steinburg (right) looks at election returns with supporter Harvey West at Steinburg's home in Edenton.

## Quinn: Too many rentals

Neighbors fear sinking values

By REBECCA BUNCH  
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Already facing growing resentment from neighbors worried about plummeting property values, developers of a proposed low-income housing project are under attack about whether Edenton can support more rentals.

Edenton Councilman Bob Quinn peppered the Raleigh-based Evergreen Construction with statistics that differed sharply from the company's marketing study. Neighbors of the proposed 50-unit multi-housing development fear a low-income project will adversely impact their property values.

Evergreen wants multi-family townhouse and garden-style units to be built on an 11.64-acre tract on Coke Avenue.

At the Town Council's May 8 meeting Quinn questioned the findings of Evergreen's marketing study that support plans for more low-income rentals in Edenton. He said that he could not understand the need for the development and said he believed the proposed new housing would damage property values in the community.

"Below standard housing units requiring town action could be the result if marginal landlords are faced with newer, subsidized units," Quinn said. "This would affect the value of property throughout Edenton."

Quinn added that the high number of existing low-income housing units and vacant rental properties were a cause of concern to the town, in particular those located near the proposed new development.

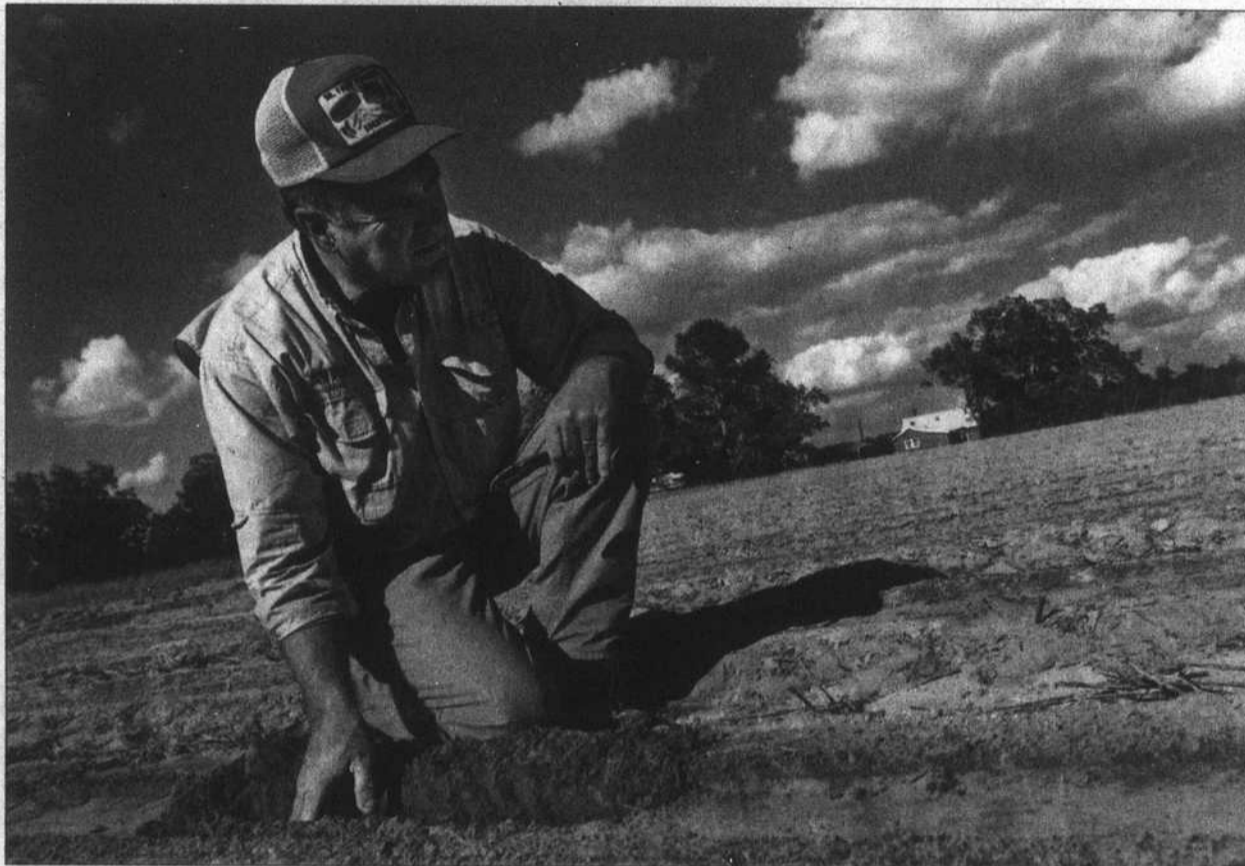
"The proposed Evergreen property will affect

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## Goodwin collects most statewide votes



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Eddy Goodwin, the first-place finisher in Tuesday's Republican primary for North Carolina secretary of state, inspects the land in Chowan County where he was planting peanuts, last Thursday.

## Runner-up Gardner files for runoff

By RITCHIE E. STARNES  
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A relatively unknown political figure from tiny Chowan County surprised many last Tuesday night after collecting the most votes en route to winning 76 of the state's 100 counties for the office of secretary of state. Despite the feat, his hardest work lies ahead.

Current Board of Commission Chairman Eddy Goodwin, or simply Ed after dropping the "dy" for the statewide campaign, garnered 245,006 votes, or 36 percent of the total vote, in the GOP primary, edging runner-up Kenn Gardner's 203,276 votes.

"Even people 'round here said 'you couldn't win something like that,'" Goodwin said Thursday morning.

On Monday, Gardner filed to challenge Goodwin in a runoff, which is set for July 17. Nonetheless, Goodwin remains confident that he's in the driver's seat.



Eddy Goodwin walks behind a tractor planting peanuts Thursday. Goodwin next faces a runoff bid to be the GOP nominee for secretary of state.

Goodwin, among four candidates originally vying to become the first Republican elected as secretary of state, said he reached out last

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## School lunches increase 10 cents

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Lunches in the Edenton-Chowan school system will be more expensive next year.

The Board of Education voted unanimously at its May 7 meeting to raise school lunch prices by 10 cents per student beginning with the 2012-13 school year. Breakfasts, which currently cost \$1 per student, will not be affected.

Karen Tynch, child nutrition director for the school system, said the current \$2 per meal local children pay is less than the \$2.51 the U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends that school systems charge students for full-price meals. That figure is equal to the amount that the USDA pays for free lunches minus the paid lunch reimbursement.

Tynch said that federal officials are encouraging school systems to slowly edge their meal prices toward that figure.

The additional funds realized from the increased price of lunches will help schools meet new, improved federal nutrition standards for school systems, she said. Those standards focus on increasing the amount of fruits and vegetables included in student meals.

Superintendent Allan Smith said prior to the vote that school officials hated to see the cost rise. A 10-cent increase might not seem like much but on a daily basis, he said, but "it adds up."

Tynch said that currently about 70 percent of the students in the local school system are eligible for free and reduced price lunches.

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## Colony Tire sells retail stores to Munro Muffler

Focus turns to commercial, wholesale

By RITCHIE E. STARNES  
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Area service center Colony Tire has agreed to sell its retail stores to Munro Muffler and Brake in exchange for the purchase of a commercial tire business.

After rejecting bids from Munro for several years to part with

its retail stores, Colony Tire confirmed Tuesday that it will sell 18 of its retail centers across North Carolina. In exchange, Colony will acquire the commercial tire facilities previously part of the Tidewater-based Kramer Tire, which Munro purchased in April. Charlie Creighton, president of the family-owned Colony Tire, said the opportunity for both companies to focus on what they

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The family owned Colony Tire has sold its retail stores to Munro Muffler & Brake with the exception of its Edenton location (above) at the corner of Broad Street and Coke Avenue.

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