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Filing opens in 2014 elections

BY REGGIE PONDER
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Five Chowan County residents filed as candidates for elective offices as the filing period opened Monday.

Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin was first out of the gate, filing as soon as the period opened at noon. Other candidates who filed Monday were incumbent Chowan Commissioner Jeff Smith, a Democrat; incumbent Clerk of Superior Court Mike McArthur, a Democrat; incumbent state Rep. Bob Steinburg, a Republican; and Meader Harriss, an assistant public defender who is running in the nonpartisan race for district court judge.

As of presstime, no one had filed in the 3rd District N.C. Senate race. The 3rd District, which includes Chowan and a number of other counties, is currently represented by Democrat Clark Jenkins of Edgecombe County.

Goodwin, 44, is in his second term as sheriff.

Goodwin said when he ran the first time he told voters he would be "fair, firm and consistent." He said he has continued to stress that throughout his tenure as sheriff, and all the deputies know the phrase by heart.

Goodwin said he also focuses on working with children and youth. The goal is to set young

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Chowan County Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin consults with Elections Director Rebecca Lowe as he fills out election paperwork Monday. Goodwin filed as a candidate in the Democratic Primary for sheriff shortly after the filing period opened at noon, becoming the first candidate to file in the county.



Marvin Evans

Evans, rural firefighting pioneer, dies

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Marvin Lewis Evans, the last surviving charter member of the Center Hill - Crossroads Fire Department, died last Friday, Feb. 7 at his home. Evans was 93.

Evans served as a member of the fire department for 45 years, a feat no other firefighter with the department ever achieved, according to retired Fire Chief Louis Nixon. Nixon, who was among those associated with the volunteer fire department that attended Evans' funeral Monday afternoon, remembered Evans as a very special man.

"Marvin was the type of person that was always giving back to his community and his fellow man," Nixon said. "Like the preacher said today at his funeral, Marvin would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it."

Nixon said that Evans took a lot of pride in being a part of the fire department and worked tirelessly to help train the firefighters there, particularly the younger ones.

Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin, who was a volunteer with the fire department for more than two decades, and one of its younger members, said he and Evans both had November birthdays and always celebrated them together at the fire station with cupcakes.

Evans was the department's founder and one of its most active members, Goodwin said.

"Even in his 90s, he was still one of the hardest working men I ever knew," Goodwin said. "Day or night, he would come out to help us."

County Commissioner Jeff Smith described Evans as a true community

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CHAMBER BANQUET



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Stella Brothers presents the 2013 Volunteer of the Year Award to William "Bro" Bonner during the annual meeting Thursday of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce.

Longtime volunteer, young banker among honorees

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Editor



Eric J. Bergevin was presented the 2013 Businessperson of the Year Award by Donna Winborne during the annual meeting Thursday of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce.

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Board mulls fire station for southern Chowan

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Editor

A satellite fire station for the southern part of Chowan County is once again on the front burner for the county commissioners.

Edenton Fire Chief Craig Forlines made a presentation on the fire station proposal during the Feb. 3 meeting of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners.

Although the topic of a proposed third fire station frequently comes up for discussion under the heading "southern Chowan fire coverage," the entire county in fact is already covered by fire departments. The Center Hill-Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department covers much of the northern part of the county and the Edenton Fire Department covers the town and the remainder of the southern part of the county.

During his presentation to the commissioners, Forlines emphasized that the southern part of the county already has fire coverage.

But a fire station in that part of the county would improve homeowners' insurance rates for residents who would then be within the six-mile orbit of a station, Forlines said.

The discussion about the need for a fire station toward the southern end of the county has been going on for several years, county officials noted.

Forlines pointed out that a new fire station would have to be approved by the state.

The commissioners would be responsible for building the fire station and paying the utilities, according to Forlines. The town's fire department already has personnel and equipment to cover the station, he said.

The county's support for the Edenton Fire Department — the ratio of county funding to town funding — is based on a five-year average of the number of calls in town and outside town.

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School system studies do-not-resuscitate orders

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The Edenton-Chowan school system is working



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on a draft policy to address whether it would honor a do-not-resuscitate order involving a student.

The school board heard details of those discussions during its Feb. 3 monthly meeting during a presentation by Karen Tynch, child nutrition/health safety director for the school system, and Jan Smith, school nurse at John A. Holmes High

School.

Tynch said that the Department of Health and Human Services is encouraging school systems across North Carolina to develop such policies. Tynch said at present no students for whom do-not-resuscitate orders have been issued are attending school in Chowan County. She said that to be valid the orders must be signed by

a physician at the request of parents.

"All of our school nurses have looked at this issue," Tynch said.

Smith said that as discussions continued it became obvious the school nurses would have trouble carrying out the dictates of a DNR order.

"We finally came to the conclusion that we could

not ask them not to help students," Smith said.

Thus, a recommendation that the nursing staff not be required to honor a DNR order was given to the school board at the monthly meeting. Tynch and Smith suggested that if an emergency arose they would want to leave obeying the DNR order to emergency personnel that responded to the scene.

Smith noted that there is a precedent for the Edenton-Chowan board to endorse such a policy. She said that the Camden and Gates County school systems are already declining to accept DNR orders. Only the Elizabeth City school district, she said, accepts them.

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