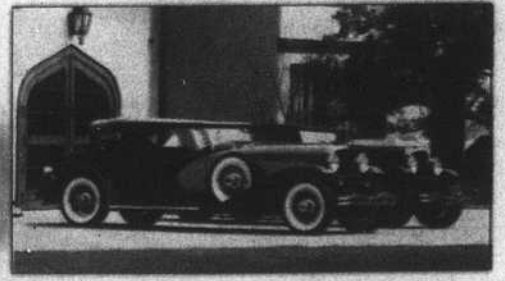


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Reception for car charging station not so electric

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Edenton's selection as one of six locations chosen to participate in the installation of electric car charging stations in North Carolina Public Power communities is drawing mixed reaction

from local officials. Glenn Andersen, director of Edenton's electric department, said during a town council work session on Sept. 22 that he had received very positive reactions from Destination Downtown officials as well as Historic Edenton Histor-

ic Site Manager Karen Ipock and Chowan Tourism Director Nancy Nicholls. "They can definitely see the potential for this to help grow tourism," Andersen said. "They are all for it." Councilman Sambo Dixon also was quick to embrace the idea. He said that

people with electric cars are well-to-do and that the town could benefit financially from making itself user friendly to potential visitors with money to spend here on shopping, dining out and staying at local establishments. "I like the idea," he said.

But the remaining council members and the mayor expressed concern over possible parking lot sites in town — several of them in the downtown area — that Andersen suggested might be suitable for installation of the double pedestal GE Durastation electric charg-

ing station. They also balked at a suggestion by Electricities that towns participating in the pilot program not charge users the \$3.41 it would cost them to charge a car for 8 hours.

The suggested sites

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ONE 'SHELL' OF A GOOD TIME



Cubbe, the mascot for White Oak Elementary School, waves to the crowd as the school's float continues down the Peanut Festival Parade route on Saturday morning.

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Saturday's Peanut Festival activities got started with an early morning Peanut Run/Walk, with top finishers in the men's division including Ray Mock, first place; Johnny Reinhold, second, and Pete Gibson, third.



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STAFF PHOTO BY REGGIE PONDER

Vehicles parked at Vidant Chowan Hospital last week sport bumper stickers supporting Tim Brabble (l-r) and Dwayne Goodwin in the race for Chowan County Sheriff.

Chowan Herald candidates forum Thursday at PSC

From staff reports

The Chowan Herald forum for local and regional candidates will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Chowan County Public Safety Center.

The moderator for the forum will be Reggie Ponder of the Chowan Herald. There also will be one panelist each from the Chowan County Democratic Party and the Chowan County Republican Party.

Candidates are being invited in the county commissioner, school board, sheriff, district attorney and 1st District State House races.

Early voting begins Oct. 23 and Election Day is Nov. 4.

The public is invited to submit question ideas to the Chowan Herald for consideration.

Questions may be delivered by hand or mail to the Chowan Herald office or sent by email to rponder@ncweeklies.com.

The Public Safety Center is located on West Freemason Street.

Candidates invited to the forum are Rep. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, and Camden Board of Commissioners Chairman Garry Meiggs, in the 1st District N.C. House of Representatives race; District Attorney Andrew Womble and Nancy Lamb in the district attorney race; Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin and Tim Brabble in the Chowan County Sheriff race; Commissioner John Mitchener, Brian Ferraraccio and Carey Y. Parrish IV in the 2nd District Chowan County Commissioner race; Commissioner Jeff Smith and Ron Cummings in the 1st District Chowan County Commissioner race; and school board Chairman John Guard and Rhonda Jordan in the 2nd District Edenton-Chowan Board of Education race.



Guard, Jordan differ on experience

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

John Guard says his years of experience in the Edenton-Chowan Schools, both as an educator and longtime school board member, are why voters should return him to his District 2 seat on the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education.

But Rhonda Jordan, a first-time candidate challenging Guard for his seat on the board in next month's election, says it is exactly that experience that should motivate voters to elect someone new.

"Forty years of experience that is for the most part invested in the past way of tackling public education is not necessarily a resume that best

addresses the new state standards and shifts to the use of technology in the classroom," said Jordan, a retired flight attendant.

Guard, however, says he is up to date on the most recent trends in education. Since his retirement from the Edenton-Chowan Schools, he has remained active as an education consultant. He notes that he currently serves on two important



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JORDAN

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Disagreements abound in sheriff race

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

Chowan County Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin and Tim Brabble, a former deputy sheriff challenging him in next month's election, both agree the best thing about the sheriff's office is the opportunity it pro-

vides to serve the people of Chowan County.

But they don't agree on much else.

Brabble, a Republican who got enough signatures to get on the Nov. 4 ballot as an unaffiliated candidate, said he's not impressed with the job Goodwin has done over the past eight years,

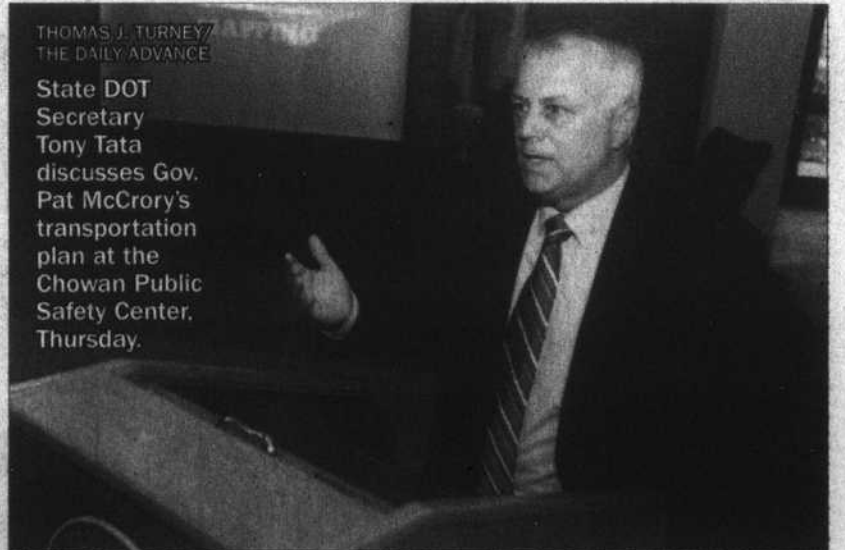


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THE DAILY ADVANCE

State DOT Secretary Tony Tata discusses Gov. Pat McCrory's transportation plan at the Chowan Public Safety Center, Thursday.

Tata: Northeast big part of statewide connectivity

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

State Transportation Secretary Tony Tata sought to reassure a group of public officials and citizens from across the region last week that northeastern North Carolina is not being ignored or forgotten in Gov. Pat McCrory's 25-year transportation vision.

In fact, Tata told those gathered at the Chowan County Public Safety Center Thursday that rural areas — and especially northeastern North

Carolina — are what he thinks about first when he thinks about the state's transportation needs.

"I do think of you first," Tata said. "I think of small town North Carolina and I think of coastal and eastern North Carolina because that is my roots."

Tata noted he grew up just across the state line in Virginia Beach, Va.

"I grew up just up the road and spent a lot of time in this part of the state as a kid," Tata said.

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