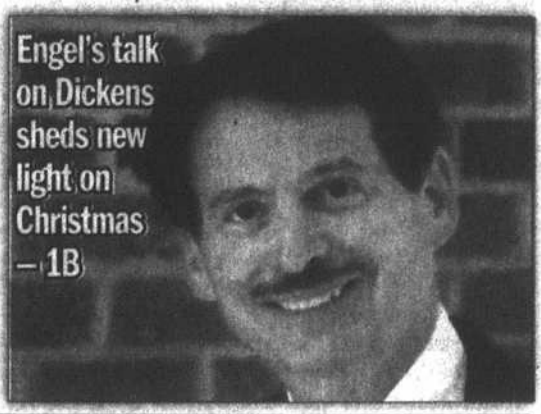


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Early voting continues in state, federal and local races

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Editor

As of mid-morning Tuesday Chowan County voters had cast 3,047 early ballots in the Nov. 4 General Election.
 Of those who had voted so far during the early voting period, 1,477 were Democrats, 819 were Republicans, 747 were Uniliated and four were Libertarian.

Leading the way in early voting is Chowan Commissioner District 2, with 1,403 early ballots cast. District 3 is second with 913, while 734 early votes have been cast in District 1.

Early voting continues today (Wednesday) through Saturday. At the Chowan County Agricultural Center on North Granville Street in Edenton you may vote today, Thursday and Friday from

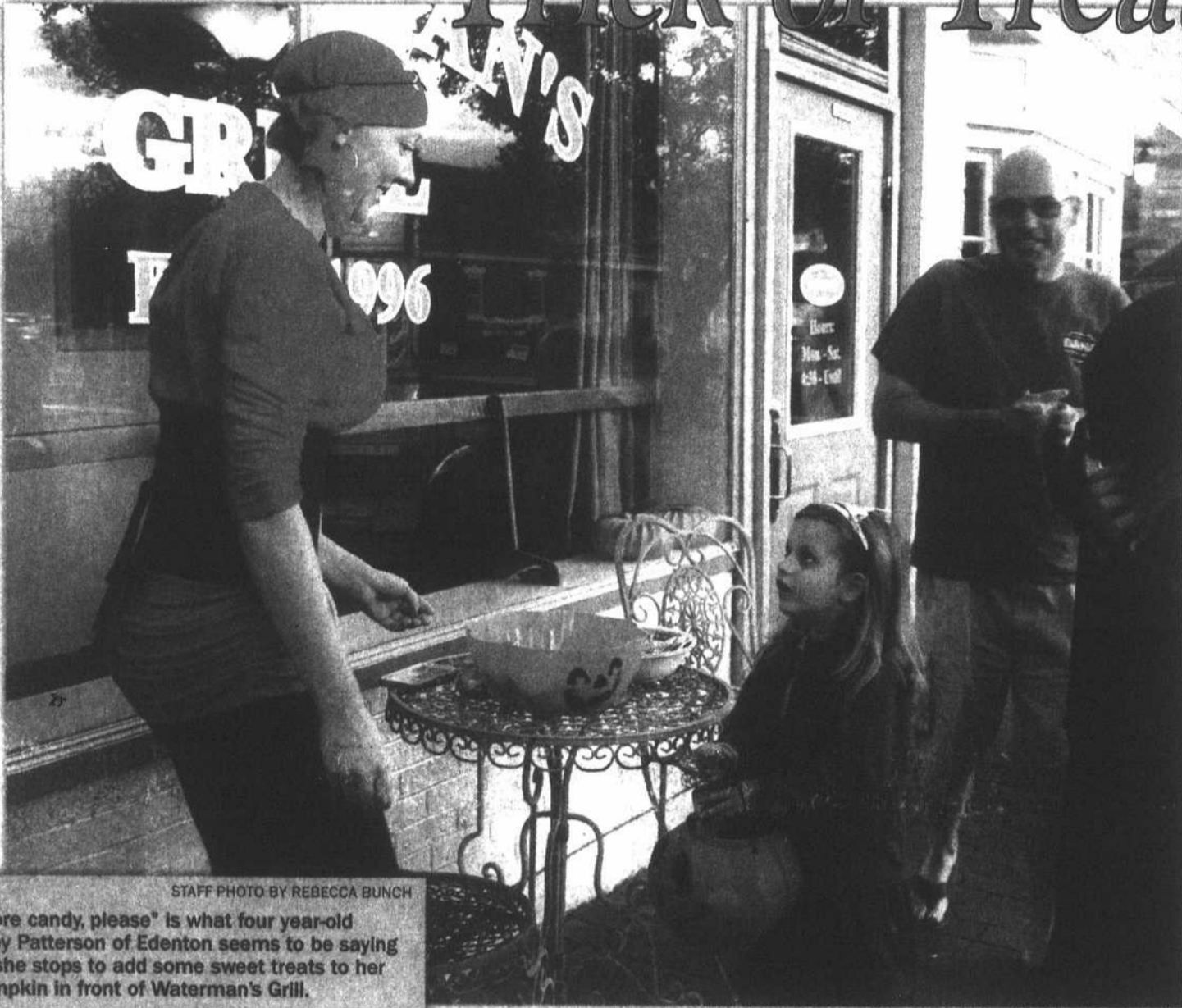
7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. At the Northern Chowan Community Center on Virginia Road in Tyner there will be early voting Thursday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. In addition to the high-profile races for president, governor and other state and federal offices, there are three contested races

for seats on the Chowan County Board of Commissioners. In District 1, voters have a choice between Democrat James "Jill" White and Republican Ron Cummings. Voters in District 2 will choose between Democrat Derrick Wadsworth and Republican Patti Kersey. Democrat Don Faircloth and Republican Brian Ferraraccio are

competing for the at-large seat on the board. All voters in the county are eligible to vote in the at-large race. Commissioner Greg Bonner, a Democrat, is unopposed in District 3. If you haven't voted during the early voting period you have an opportunity to vote Tuesday at your

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Trick or Treat



Chief: Motorist shot in leg

From staff reports

Edenton police are seeking a suspect in the shooting of a local motorist who was hit by gunfire as he drove through town Friday night. Torzay Privott, 23, was driving in the 200 Block of North Oakum Street around 10:35 p.m. when he was shot in the leg, Edenton police Chief Jay Fortenbery said Sunday. Privott was treated for non-life threatening injuries at Vidant Chowan Hospital, Fortenbery said. Fortenbery said Privott was unable to provide police any information about the shooting. "We did recover some shell casings in the area," Fortenbery said. There were two other people in the car with Privott but neither was injured in the incident, according to police. Anyone with information about the incident should contact the Edenton Police Department at 482-5144.

STAFF PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH
 "More candy, please" is what four year-old Riley Patterson of Edenton seems to be saying as she stops to add some sweet treats to her pumpkin in front of Waterman's Grill.

Jones to address annual Veterans Day Ceremony

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

Edenton businessman Frank Jones will be the keynote speaker for this year's annual Veterans Day Ceremony. Jones, owner of the Downtown Café and Soda Shoppe, is a U.S. Navy veteran and former submariner. He is also a deacon at St. Anne's Catholic Church, a member of the American Legion and the United States Submarine Veterans. The walls of his business are lined with military memorabilia from all branches of service.



JONES

Many of the items have been donated by those who have eaten there. The ceremony, sponsored by American Legion Post 40, will take place Friday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial in Edenton. According to Legion Commander Ron Green, a commemorative bricklaying ceremony is planned during the event.

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CHOWAN HERALD FILE PHOTO
 The Albemarle Sounds will perform patriotic songs at the Nov. 11 Veterans Day ceremony under the direction of Gil Burroughs.

Cummings, White vie for District 1 seat in Chowan

BY REGGIE PONDER
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Voters in the northern part of Chowan County have a choice between a Republican making his third bid for a seat on the Board of Commissioners and a Democrat running for office for the first time.

Republican Ron Cummings, who previously ran

for county commissioner in District 1 in 2012 and 2014, and political newcomer James "Jill" White, a Democrat, are vying for a District 1 seat.

Cummings was unopposed in the Republican Primary. White, meanwhile, had to get past Commissioner Emmett Winborne in the Democratic Primary in order to get his name on the ballot in the Nov. 8 General Election.

Cummings, 68, cited needs of the county's K-12 public schools as the main reason he is running for county commissioner this year.

"Right now what I feel we need to do is work on our education system," Cummings said. White, 69, said he was inspired to run for county commissioner by the example of his brother-in-law, James Taylor. White said Taylor worked hard to get things done as a county commissioner and was willing to stand alone



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improve things for citizens in any way he can. Cummings, an Illinois native who has lived in Chowan County since 1993, noted he has lived in Chowan

longer than he lived in Illinois. He said his goals for the local schools include increased funding, securing grants for school programs, updating classrooms with technology and addressing maintenance needs. "We need to start there," Cummings said. "Businesses tend to look at the schools as the foundation of a community. I would work with the school board to increase funding for the county schools." White also said he favors increased school funding, including an increase in the local salary supplement for teachers.

"The way things are now they have a lot to go through," White said of teachers. Both candidates were short on specifics of how to fund school increases, citing a need to look closely at the county budget in order to identify possible sources of funding. "I really haven't checked into that yet," White acknowledged in an interview this week. "I really don't have that much knowledge about the budget right now." White said much of his

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