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Candidates begin filing for elections

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Candidates for sheriff, county commissioner and clerk of court filed Monday, the first day of filing for the May primaries.

Dwayne Goodwin, the county's Democratic sheriff, filed for re-election — he was the first out of the gate for those filing for office in Chowan County.

"I love my job. I love coming to work everyday," said Goodwin, who has served three terms as sheriff.

Two candidates have filed for District 1, Seat 2 on the county Board of Commissioners. Jeff Smith, a Democrat, is running for



Chowan County Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin files for re-election on Monday at the county's Board of Elections.

re-election. Bob Kirby, a Republican, also filed for the seat. Kirby is a Navy veteran

and a retired businessman. "I think the citizens of

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Jones draws 2nd challenger; Steinburg files

BY JON HAWLEY
 For the Chowan Herald

U.S. Congressman Walter Jones will face at least two Republican challengers in his bid for a 13th term, as Phil Law on Monday became the first candidate to file for Jones' seat in North Carolina's 3rd Congressional District.

Elsewhere on the first day of filing for state and federal offices, both state Rep. Bob Steinburg, R-

Chowan, and Dare County businessman Clark Twiddy filed as expected for the open seat in the newly drawn Senate District 1. The 11-county district includes all area counties.

"I have never backed down from the opportunity to defend our conservative values, because the good people of Northeastern North Carolina deserve nothing less," Steinburg

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Wrestlers place second

The Bulldogs wrestling team finished the season on a high note this weekend, placing second overall in the AAC conference tournament. — 6B



Dacey to run for seat

Northeastern North Carolina needs a Congress member who strongly supports President Donald Trump — and that's not Rep. Walter Jones, 3rd Congressional District candidate Scott Dacey said last week in Elizabeth City. — 6A



Pets of the Week

Check out some of the pets the Tri-County Animal Shelter offers that would love to start the new year in a home of their very own. — 4B

Delay pleases schools

Area school officials said Friday they are pleased with an agreement state lawmakers have announced that allows school districts another year to plan for and implement the class-size mandates that previously had been set to go into effect in the upcoming school year. — 4A

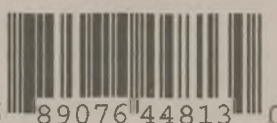


Event helps hunger

What do hunger and maybe law enforcement have in common? It's not a riddle, but a campaign known as Lock up for Hunger that collects food and donations for the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry. — 2B



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SAYING 'I LOVE YOU'



CHOWAN HERALD PHOTO

Brenda and Thurlis Little of Edenton will be observing Valentine's Day not by fanfare, but by observing the simple things and celebrating the ideals that have kept this couple happily married for 39 years.

Couple muses on Valentine's Day

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

Valentine's Day, for Brenda and Thurlis Little of Edenton, is about the simple things — a card, a gift, a smile and saying "I love you."

"I think if you're going to give something to your partner, make sure it's something that means something

special to them," Brenda Little said. "It's not always about a large gift and sometimes it's just about spending time together."

And after 39 years of married life, each of them has a good idea of what the other likes. Brenda, for instance, is not a woman who wants to receive roses from her husband on that special day.

"I've never been one for



flowers," she said. "One year Thurlis sent me flowers, but he found out I've never been a flower person."

In future years her gifts

became about things he observed that she does love such as clothes, pocketbooks and shoes, a change from the early years of their marriage when perfume for her and cologne for her husband were gifts they frequently exchanged.

"I think (celebrating Valentine's Day) is really about

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Flu rates rise across state

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

While exact numbers are not available, Vidant Chowan Hospital spokeswoman Kelly Herr said that flu rates in our community are mirroring those elsewhere.

"Flu rates continue to rise across the state, and that applies here in eastern North Carolina, and within the Vidant Health system as well,"

she said.

Flu deaths in North Carolina have reached 140, with 34 of those from the most recent week, according to state statistics released Thursday.

A total 218 N.C. residents died from the flu last season, which stretched from October 2016 to May 2017. Most deaths occurred in February, March and April, according to state statistics.

Nationwide, last season's

flu activity peaked in mid-March, according to the Centers for Disease Control. The flu season most commonly peaks between December and February, according to the CDC.

Herr, who serves as supervisor of Community and Marketing at the hospital, said that with that in mind hospital visitation restrictions announced on Jan. 23 remain in place at Vidant



Chowan.
 "The changes to our family presence and visitation

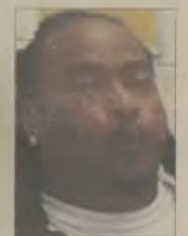
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Chowan Court round-up

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Chowan County Superior Court was busy Monday with cases ranging from homicide to sex crimes.

Among the cases to be heard was one concerning Edward Devonne Wiggins, 36, of Edenton, who is charged with first-degree murder in the Aug. 23 shooting death of Ronald Taylor.



WIGGINS

Taylor, 51, of East Church Street, Edenton, was gunned down in the 200 block of East Church Street and later died of his injuries at Vidant-Chowan Hospital.

Wiggins is being held at the Central Prison without bond. His case has been rescheduled to May 14.

In other court news, John Lee-Allen Gay, 55, of Edenton is charged with possession with intent to distribute of a controlled substance — a gram of cocaine — and driving while impaired after being arrested in January 2017 in the parking lot of a Virginia Road business. Also, Gay is charged with second degree exploitation of a minor, third degree sexual exploitation of a minor and soliciting a child by computer to commit a sexual act when he was arrested in March last year in Edenton. The drug and sex crime charges stem from a North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation undercover investigation initiated in January 2017.

Gay's case has been rescheduled for May 14.

In other court news, Stephen Patrick, 23, of Edenton pleaded guilty to misdemeanor larceny for stealing a Playstation and two firearms. He was sentenced to 45 days in jail (suspended) along with 24 months unsupervised probation and restitution.

Jonathan Welch, 30, of Edenton pleaded guilty to threatening an officer of the court and larceny. According to court docu-

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