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Ballot takes shape for November election

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

The ink is dry on the final names of the candidates who have filed for Edenton-Chowan Board of Education or as a Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor.

Filing for four of the seven seats on the BOE ended Friday, July 27.

George A Nelson of Drummond's Point and Maxine Mason of Tyner filed have for the at-large seat on the Chowan County Board of Education.

BOE candidates who have filed District 3 Seat 1 are Nancy Heiniger and Gil Burroughs, who is running for re-election.

Ricky Browder filed for re-election to BOE for Dis-

trict 2, Seat 2.

Jean Bunch has filed for re-election to the District 1, Seat 2.

Filing period for two of the three Soil and Supervisors ended July 6.

John T. Layton has filed for Soil and Water District Supervisor

Matthew Floyd filed for Soil and Water Conservation District supervisor.

Worth noting, when filing for District Court Judge ended June 29, District Court Judge Meader Harriss of Edenton, who is running for re-election, was only name on the ballot for that judicial race.

And District Attorney R. Andrew Womble of Edenton is the only candidate in that race.

Based on the early spring

filing for local offices, Chowan County's ballot is pretty tame this election cycle with most of the elected positions running unopposed.

However, there are two contested races for county commissioner. Republican Bob Kirby is running against Commission President Jeff Smith, a Democrat, for Dis-

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Church supports Jones

The Baptist Men's Breakfast at Edenton Baptist Church took a special turn on Sunday morning with the arrival of guests Frank and Barbara Jones. — 1B

Chief defends contract

Currituck's tourism director is defending the county's sponsorship agreement with state Rep. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, despite some county commissioners questioning the deal's value and the perceptions that come with hiring a state lawmaker. — 6A



Media day spurs hope

Many teams are looking at changes this upcoming high school football season and others are looking to build upon what they were able to accomplish last year. — 4B

Blackbeard exhibit open

Although Blackbeard the Pirate was killed in battle 300 years ago, a fascination with his exploits continues today. Now, the Queen Anne's Revenge traveling exhibit, is coming to Edenton as part of Chowan County's celebration of its own 350th anniversary, courtesy of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. — 1B



Jackson shares story

Rene Jackson remembers when she first became aware of a change in the way her hands worked. It was in 2014 as she and her husband Rob were preparing to move to Edenton where he was to become the superintendent of the local school system. — 4A



Run for the Fallen runners and their supporters cross the bridge over Pembroke Creek Monday on their way to Edenton.

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Cross-country run remembers fallen

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
 For the Chowan Herald

Day 116. 5,254 miles down. About 800 to go. Over 19,000 soldiers remembered. Still about a thousand to be honored.

On Tuesday, Run for the Fallen, a cross-country run honoring U.S. soldiers killed in the war on terror since 2000, made its way through northeastern North Carolina, passing through Chowan and Perquimans. The runners were also scheduled to run through Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck counties on Tuesday.

The group began its trek at 7 a.m. near the Chowan County Courthouse in Edenton. After a prayer for safety, hospitable weather and a meaningful run of remembrance, a dozen runners, some carrying flags, began to make their way down Broad Street to U.S. Highway 17.

Their goal for the day was similar to one they've had every day since April 7: run 50 miles or so, stopping every mile to read aloud the name of a soldier — or maybe several — who died in the line of duty since terrorists' attack on the USS Cole on Oct. 21, 2000.

The Run for the Fallen was con-



The family of MSgt. Robert E. Connelly Jr. walks with the Run for the Fallen runs during the last mile of their run Monday in Edenton. Connelly, who was serving in the Air Force when he died on May 5, 2017, was honored at mile 55 of that day's run.

ceived by Honor and Remember, a group founded by families of fallen U.S. military personnel, as a way to make sure those service members' sacrifices were remembered.

"It is a way to thank the Gold Star

families for giving their loved ones who died for our freedom," said George Lutz, Honor and Remember founder and whose son, George Anthony

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Beekeepers abuzz about hidden hive

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

Beekeepers of Chowan County is a group on the move. Since its formation just last year, they have grown into a chapter with close to 35 members and a president, Buzz Griffin of Edenton, who just got his masters certification in beekeeping. Another member, Stacy Marriner, an Edenton native, just earned his journeyman certificate.

Both figured prominently too in the chapter's recent first adventure in beekeeping.

With assistance from its sister organization, Beekeepers of the Albemarle, the Chowan County group successfully performed its first cut-out operation in an abandoned house near the Chowan River that is slated for demolition.

Griffin said that after over four hours of intense effort, two complete sections of walls in the house were opened. The result? The group filled a trio of five-gallon buckets with nectar and four extra-large lasagna pans with honeycomb to be used to nourish the bees once they were retrieved and moved to their new home with BOCC member Cindy Alarcon-Rivera who lives in Perquimans County.

He added that this particular colony appeared to have focused on honey production "as very little capped brood and larvae were found."

Griffin said that poor lighting inside the Tyner house made their search for the queen of the hive a slow, difficult process that ultimately proved to be fruitless, requiring that a new queen be introduced — an effort that proved success-

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Family man to lead community hospital

BY REBECCA BUNCH
 Staff Writer

For Brian Harvill, being a hospital administrator means carrying on a family tradition. Harvill, who was recently named to succeed longtime administrator Jeff Sackrisson at Vidant Chowan Hospital, grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where his father was a hospital administrator.

"One of my first jobs was working on the loading dock at the hospital in our town," Harvill said. "After attending high school on the Louisi-

ana State University campus, I decided to branch out and go to college somewhere different, so I chose Clemson University. In my last year there, I met my wife Joy."

After he graduated in 1993, he accepted an entry level accounting position with Carolinas Healthcare in Charlotte.

"Joy and I got married in 1995 and I spent the next several years earning my CPA license and then a Masters in Business Administration from Queens Univer-



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and Bertie hospitals."

Harvill, who along with his wife Joy, welcomed daughter Molly in 2006 and son Josh in 2008, said once they visited Edenton they knew it was the right move for their family.

"We feel so blessed to be able to raise our children in

such a special community," Harvill said. "Working for Vidant and learning how to manage a rural hospital has been the most exciting point of my career so far."

He added that one of the things that in particular has made his time with Vidant so meaningful has been the opportunity to work alongside Sackrisson.

"Working with Jeff Sackrisson over the last seven years has been a great experience and the transition has been very smooth," Harvill said. "Vidant has been very supportive of me and the

transition as well. I am very humbled and appreciative of the opportunity and am excited about the challenge ahead."

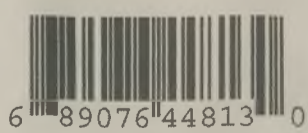
His goals for the hospitals in Chowan and Bertie counties are ambitious.

"In my current role as president, my intention is for Vidant Chowan and Vidant Bertie to continue providing exceptional healthcare with optimal outcomes," Harvill said. "My goal is for our hospital to not only continue providing care, but also

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