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Water from Edenton Bay covers the parking lot and land surrounding the Barker House and the harbor Friday morning.

Dorian causes flooding, breaks tree limbs

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BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON AND MILES LAYTON
Chowan Herald

As Hurricane Dorian swept through northeastern North Carolina, Chowan County had a lot of water on the roads and fallen tree limbs Thursday and Friday, Sept. 5-6.

According to Emergency Management Director Cord Palmer the shelters set up at John A. Holmes and Chowan Middle School were to close at 2 p.m. Friday. The Emer-

gency Operation Center also closed at 2 p.m.

Palmer said 26 people went to the high school, while 64 clients with about 40 staff and volunteers were at the middle school. Several pets were at the middle school as well.

Electricity stayed on Thursday but started flickering in downtown Edenton around mid-day Friday, with a transformer "popping" around noon.

According to the Town of Edenton 10 customers were without power as of noon Friday. However, as the day

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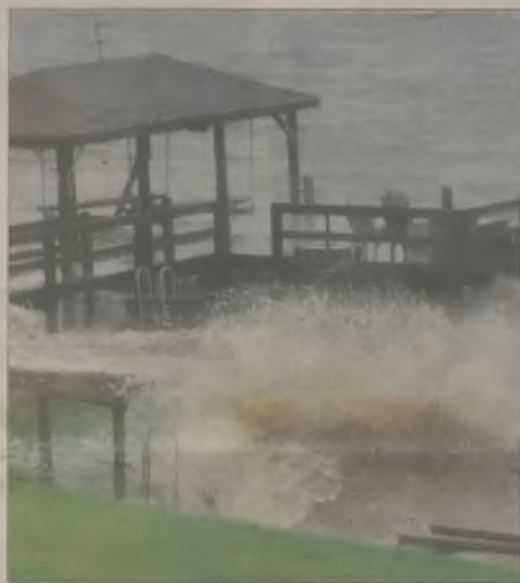


PHOTO COURTESY NITA CRINER

The Chowan River hits the shoreline of Nita Criner's property at Arrowhead Beach during Hurricane Dorian.

Nearby counties suffer 'substantial damage'

Residents report severe flooding, debris and several power outages

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Though we are across the Albemarle Sound, the Chowan Herald pays attention and has close ties to folks in Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde counties.

During and after Hurricane Dorian, the people in places between Creswell and Engelhard endured a lot.

The newspaper reached out to Nicole Byrd-Phelps of Washington County, Barbara Fleming of Tyrrell County and Rebecca Gibbs of Engelhard.

Sunday morning as this article was being written, utility workers worked around the clock to restore power in

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PHOTO COURTESY BARBARA FLEMING
Road Street in Columbia is flooded after Hurricane Dorian.

Residents help their neighbors at home, afar

Rocky Hock Baptist collecting supplies to send to Ocracoke

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'" — Fred Rogers

Now that Hurricane Dorian is over, several Chowan County groups are helping victims. Steve Evans, husband of White Oak Principal Sheila Evans, is leading a donation drive at Rocky Hock Baptist Church to aid the victims on Ocracoke.

Today, Sept. 11, is the last day to drop

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Proposed ferry trial postponed

Representative Goodwin: Crew took boat north due to Hurricane Dorian

BY JULIAN EURE
Daily Advance

A proposed week-long trial of a passenger ferry across the Albemarle Sound has fallen victim to Hurricane Dorian.

A 150 passenger ferry boat, which was utilized by the NC Ferry Division for runs between Cape Hatteras and Ocracoke during the summer months, was scheduled to begin pilot runs across the Albemarle Sound on Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Perhaps next spring instead, the Harbor Town Inland Ferry Project will run a fast passenger ferry boat throughout the Albemarle Sound stopping in Edenton, Plymouth, Columbia, Kitty Hawk and Hertford. Sonar soundings and navigational mappings have been completed and it was anticipated that at least three of the towns would participate in the week long trial run.

"Edenton, Plymouth, and Columbia were enthusiastically committed to participate in the pilot runs. Mother Nature, however, had different plans," said NC Representative Ed Goodwin, R-Chowan. "All five Harbor Towns were under hurricane warnings and were addressing local

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State agency consulted on protocol

Registered voter living in town limits may challenge status of candidate

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

The Chowan County Board of Elections has consulted the North Carolina General Statutes and the North Carolina Constitution as to the proper protocol to challenge a candidate for any Municipal office.

No one has challenged any mayoral candidate's right to run for office. According to the board's records, all those who have filed for office in the Municipal election for Edenton are qualified candidates.

Chowan County's Board of Elections referred Chowan Herald to the NC Board of Elections to answer questions arising from how this matter would be resolved if challenged.

Should any challenge be filed, the county's Board of Elections would serve

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Future of high school topic of public forums

STAFF REPORT

Chowan County residents have two opportunities to offer their voice as to whether to they'd like to see the county's current high school renovated or a new high school built. If they favor a new school, citizens can also recommend where they'd like to see it built.

The first public input session on site selection for the new high school will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the current high school, John A. Holmes. The second will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 at the Northern Chowan Recreation Center. More meetings may be held as the process moves along.

State gives E-CPS 'C' performance grades

Jackson: Every school met or exceeded growth

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

State Board of Education approved and released the scores and School Performance Grades for the 2018-19 school year last week.

State Superintendent Mark Johnson pointed to the gains that North Carolina schools have

made since 2014 to underscore how the hard work of dedicated educators is helping many students succeed.

"Teachers across the state are working hard to ensure that students learn and achieve," Johnson said in a news release. "We are making changes in Raleigh to help our students and teachers — with less time spent on testing and more time for instruction, getting money out of Raleigh and into classrooms where

it belongs, and a regional support system better tailored to support schools."

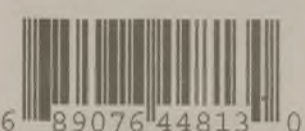
All North Carolina public schools, including charter schools, have received A through F letter grades since 2013-14, when the General Assembly passed legislation requiring it.

For the third consecutive year, Edenton-Chowan Schools has zero low-performing schools — John A. Holmes High School, D.F. Walker Elementary, White Oak Elementary, and

Chowan Middle all kept their "C" letter grades. D.F. Walker exceeded its growth target while Holmes and Chowan Middle met its growth target.

According to the NC Board of Education, school grades are based mostly on overall proficiency rates on the state's standardized end-of-grade tests, and to a lesser extent, the growth students make during the year,

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Annette Hollowell Downum

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