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# Candidates discuss housing, economy

Early voting for municipal election starts today

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON  
 Editor

Six candidates seeking a seat on the Edenton Town Council spoke on topic such as water, a second grocery store and Hotel Hinton on Monday.

The forum, hosted by the Chowan Herald and moderated by Miles Layton, drew about 50 people to the John

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A. Holmes High School auditorium. Mike Ervin served as the time keeper.

Early voting begins today and is being held at the Chowan County Board of Elections office, in the county agriculture building. The election will be Nov. 5.

Those attending the



forum included mayoral candidates Steve Biggs and Jimmy Stallings, 2nd Ward, Sambo Dixon and Travian Taylor, 1st Ward, W. Hackney High Jr.; and at-large, Roger Coleman.

Mayoral candidate Jacqueline Hardy-Lassiter did not attend. She was invited to participate and accepted, but was a no show.

In regards to the town's water system, each candidate looked forward to the completion of the repair project's first phase slated for later this month.

Dixon said that a reason why that the project took so long was the wait time for

the town to receive the proper state discharge permits.

High and Biggs noted that the town should be proactive when addressing future infrastructure needs. Coleman noted that during the water issues, the town hasn't been as transparent as it should be, and in the future, more

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## Man dies in wreck

Copeland known for produce stand along NC 32

STAFF REPORT

A Chowan County man known for selling produce died Sunday evening in a single-vehicle accident on the road.

Chadwick "Chad" Copeland was driving northbound on N.C. Highway 32 near a bridge at Floyd's Corner when his vehicle crossed the center line, ran off the roadway and hit several trees, Trooper T.P. Shepherd said.

Copeland was dead when troopers arrived, Shepherd said.

While it was raining when Copeland's vehicle left the roadway, it is not known whether weather was a factor in the accident, Shepherd said.

Copeland ran a popular produce stand, CC's Produce, at his property near the Center Hill/Crossroads area. He was known for producing strawberries, watermelons and pumpkins.

According to his obituary, he was 49 and lived in

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## Signage notes site of school

Chowan High School alumni, staff celebrate

BY MILES LAYTON  
 Staff Writer

TYNER — Chowan High School alumni, teachers and staff dedicated a highway marker Saturday to a place and time that will forever remain in their hearts.

Between 1920 and 1980, Chowan High School taught character values that transcend time.

"Growing up in rural Chowan County was a blessing for me as well as a lot of other people," said Rob Boyce, an alumnus, educator and administrator, now retired, who had a long career in the county school system. "The three values that we really did learn when growing up in this community were — God first; your neighbor and people, second; then it was hard work, the work ethic. The people who came to this school, we had a good time; the work ethic I'm talking about was not necessarily school work though

See SCHOOL, A6

## LEAVING THEIR MARK



Former principals John Guard and Rob Boyce pull away the tarp on Saturday to reveal a highway marker dedicated to Chowan High School near where the school was once located on U.S. 32 by present day Chowan Middle School.



Members of the Chowan High School's Reunion Committee strike a pose next to the highway marker that pays tribute to their school.

## Music & Water Fest ends

Organizers planning different event for 2021

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON  
 Editor

After fielding several comments from the public that Edenton Music and Water Festival has run its course, organizers are looking at revamping the festival for 2021.

A group of business owners, economic development and tourist agencies and town officials, talked about the festival Oct. 2 during a meeting at the town council chambers.

The Music and Water Festival has been held in May or June for about 21 years, according to Edenton-Chowan Tourist Director Nancy Nichols. The

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## Man records Hong Kong protests

Photographer: Citizens' stories need to be told

BY MILES LAYTON  
 Staff writer

HONG KONG — Though the Chowan Herald is a county-seat weekly in rural North Carolina, the newspaper has a worldwide reach that is growing.

More than a few world travelers have noted the newspaper's hometown appeal and ability to tell a story that transcends time zones.

Scott Mallon, a photographer now embedded in Hong Kong, has long been on front lines at various exotic locales across the globe. He feels Hong Kong's pro-democracy demonstrations with its geopolitical implications

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# 911 dispatcher helps deliver baby

County gives employee stork pin for her work

BY MILES LAYTON  
 Staff writer

True story — soon after 11 p.m. Sept. 17, Cassi Wright Morris went into labor. This wasn't Cassi's first rodeo, so she knew the drill, but ... her labor wasn't going to be that long drawn out affair of watching reruns of the television show "iCarly" from a hospital bed before

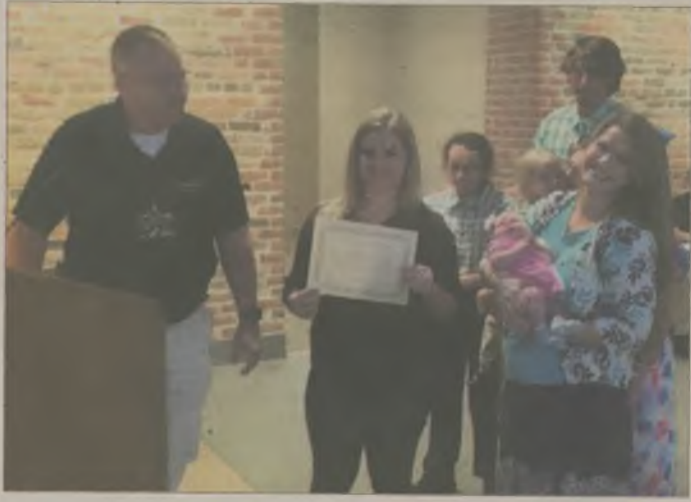
the time is right. Nope.

Cassi was going into "labor-labor" at home, so the family called Chowan County 911. As the ambulance raced to Rocky Hock, dispatchers started giving the tips and advice needed to assist the birthing process.

Some babies take their time, others zip out of the womb — this was one of those cases.

"I wasn't feeling myself

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SUBMITTED PHOTO  
 During the Oct. 7 Chowan County Commission meeting, 911 Director Herman Weiss (left) presented Dispatcher Alanna Parks (center) with the stork pin for her handling of the call on the birthday for Isabella Joy Holcomb — born at home Sept. 17.

### What's Happening in Chowan County

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**OCTOBER 18 & 19**  
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 Ghost Harbor Craft Beer and Wine will be available at Headquarters...\$5  
 Golf Cart Tours...\$20