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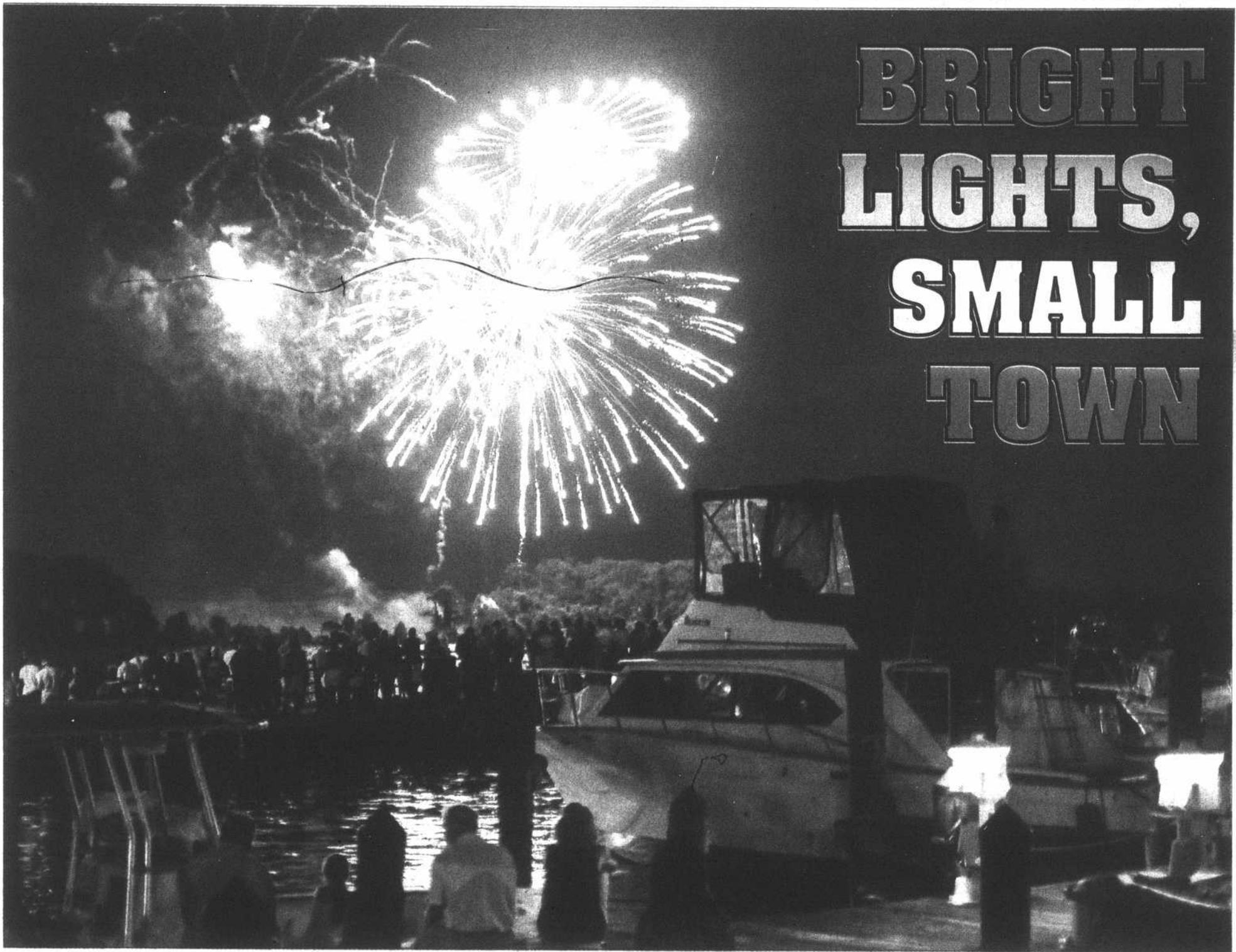


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Fireworks light the night over Edenton Bay on July Fourth, Saturday. See more photos from Saturday's fireworks on pages 1B and 6B, plus online at DAILYADVANCE.COM.

BRIGHT LIGHTS, SMALL TOWN

Stallings, Grother file for town council

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

One incumbent and one hopeful candidate filed Monday for seats on the Edenton Town Council on opening day of the filing period that closes Friday, July 17 at noon. The election will take place Nov. 3.

Councilman Jimmy Stallings filed for re-election to the First Ward seat he has held for almost 16 years (4 terms). Stallings said he hoped to be re-elected to help see projects on which he has worked come to fruition, including the relocation of the Edenton Police Department as well as the redevelopment projects for the North Oakum Street and Moseley Street neighborhoods.

"I'm really looking forward to seeing those things finished," Stallings said.

George Grother filed to oppose incumbent Sambo Dixon for the

Second Ward seat Dixon currently holds. Grother unsuccessfully ran for the at-large seat on the council currently held by Bob Quinn. Quinn was elected to the seat in 2010 after defeating Grother and incumbent Jerry Parks.

Grother, who has a history of volunteering in the community with organizations such as Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity and the Edenton-Chowan Food Pantry, said he planned to run on the same platform he did last time he ran for office — one centered on integrity.

"If elected I promise to put the people's best interests ahead of anything else," he said.

Grother said that as a town

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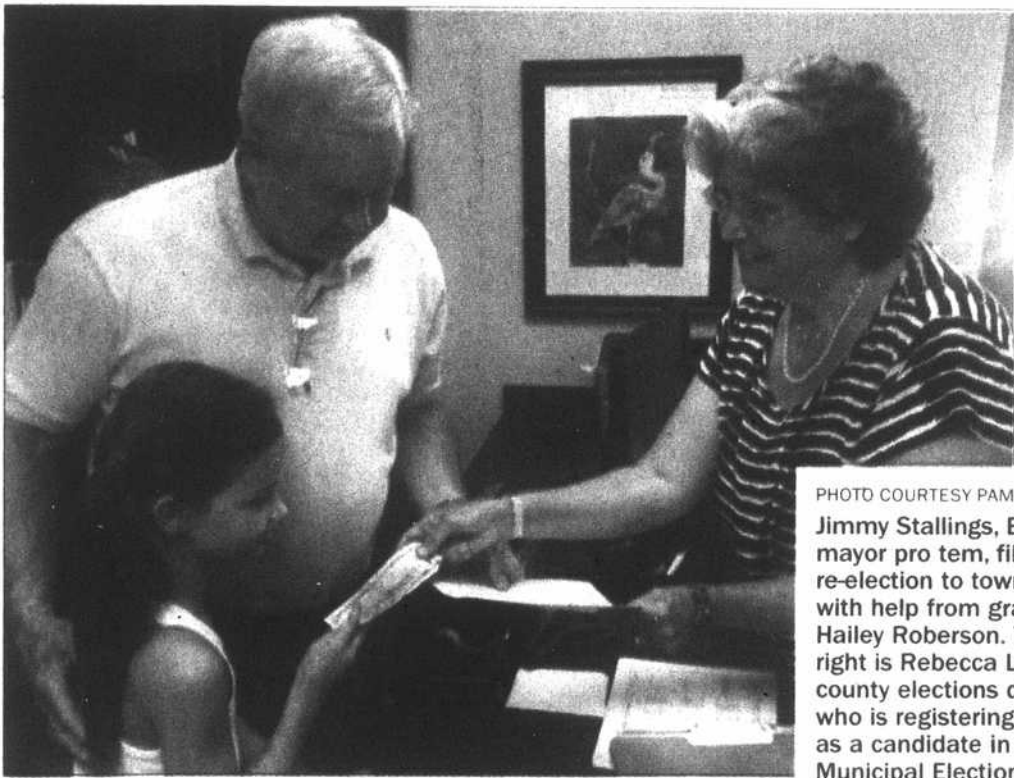


PHOTO COURTESY PAM STALLINGS
Jimmy Stallings, Edenton's mayor pro tem, files for re-election to town council with help from granddaughter Hailey Roberson. To the right is Rebecca Lowe, the county elections director, who is registering Stallings as a candidate in the Nov. 3 Municipal Election.

Civitas backs group pushing wind regs

From staff reports

The Civitas Institute Center for Law and Freedom is advising a group of Chowan County residents who believe the county's current ordinance regarding wind turbines does not adequately account for the health, safety, and property rights of county residents. The partnership is part of CLF's ongoing mission to provide free legal representation to North Carolinians who face difficult legal and policy issues, according to press release from CLF.

In October of 2013, Chowan County passed an ordinance to govern wind energy facilities. However, a group of concerned citizens felt the ordinance did not properly account for the health and safety of county residents. For example, the citizen group maintains that the ordinance does not have sufficient property setback, volume limit, and escrow account requirements to assure that the interests of residents are accounted for, according to the CLF release.

The residents are concerned that the commission's intent to write laws that attract wind energy developers has led to an ordinance that does not adequately protect the county's people and land, according to CLF.

The county commissioners' meeting Monday night.

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Jackson thanks commissioners for funding

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Rob Jackson Monday night

thanked the Chowan Board of Commissioners for working with school officials on a multi-year solution to school facility needs.

Jackson said that just as the schools teach their students to do, and just as he teaches his own children, he wanted to say 'thank you' to the commissioners for their support.

Jackson made his remarks during the public

comment period at the commissioners' meeting Monday night.

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The county commissioners this year included some \$600,000 in the 2015-2016 county budget for schools capital outlay. That is three times what has been allocated for capital outlay for the schools in recent years. The capital outlay budget request from the schools this year included a list of prioritized capital needs

See THANKS, 4A

Board postpones decision regarding tighter wind regs

BY REGGIE PONDER
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The Chowan County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously Monday night to table to a future meeting a proposal to make the county's wind energy ordinance substantially stricter.

Lin Bond presented the petition on behalf of Citizens for Protective Wind Ordinance.

Bond noted the Planning Board had recommended six changes to the existing wind ordinance.

The petition has garnered more than 645 signatures, according to Bond.

Commissioner Alex Kehayes briefly chaired the

meeting Monday night after Lauren Womble, the county attorney, recommended that Chairman Jeff Smith not vote due to a conflict of interest.

Womble said her research, which had included consultation with the School of Government at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, had led her to the conclusion that Smith should not vote on legislative matters related to wind energy because of his ownership interest in a family corporation that has entered into negotiations with Apex Clean Energy Inc. regarding the Timbermill Wind Energy Project.

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