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## Edenton issues boil advisory after major water line break

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Staff Writers

The Town of Edenton issued a boil water advisory after a water line break lost an estimated 800,000 gallons of water Monday.

Downtown area businesses and Vidant-Chowan Hospital took precautionary measures not only to deal with low water pressure, but adjusted hours and provided potable drinking water when

necessary.

A few hours after the break on West Queen Street at Filbert's Creek was isolated around 1 p.m. Monday, system pressure was being restored, according to an advisory issued Tuesday morning by City Hall.

The water disruption did not affect Chowan County water customers.

Tuesday, Edenton's water pressure was much better, however, the boil water advisory was still in effect.

*"We will keep you posted and appreciate your patience."*

Anne-Marie Knighton  
Edenton town manager

Water customers are advised to boil all water used for human consumption (including drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes and food preparation) or use bottled water. City Hall must take wa-

ter samples and have them tested at lab to make sure no bacteria entered the water system.

The boil advisory will remain in effect until tests results confirm no bacteria — which at the earliest would

be today.

"We have to take water samples and have tested at lab to make sure no bacteria entered water system," Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said in a press release issued Tuesday morning. "The boil advisory will remain in effect until tests results confirm no bacteria — which at earliest would be Wednesday (today) around noon. We will keep you posted and appreciate your patience."

Knighton said the town plans to purchase water from the county. Town officials believe that purchase, along with what the town is able to produce, will be sufficient to meet customers' needs.

"We are asking customers to please conserve water as much as possible until we fully recover from this situation," she said.

Town water customers

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## Taylor Theater closed

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

When Taylor Theater recently closed its doors for repairs, the community expressed its concern via the Chowan Herald's Facebook page.

Per the owners, a storm (June 25) did quite a bit of damage to one screen, so the theater is closed until further notice. Contractors were working at the theater this past weekend. As soon as the Chowan Herald gets more information about the theater's future, it will share this news as soon as possible.

True, people can drive to Elizabeth City for a movie, but it's more fun to stay in downtown Edenton, see "Wonder Woman" and then grab a cup of coffee or some cheese cake afterward on Broad Street.

Though this is an age of home theaters, it's just not the same as when seeing "Star Wars" on the big screen. When this news tidbit with a photo was posted recently on the Chowan Herald's Facebook page, the story reached 18,765 people's Facebook pages because the news was shared 127 times with at least 40 people commenting and nearly 200 folks reacting to the story.

Debbie Rogerson Lewis posted "Hope it stays open. That was a big part of my childhood memories. Do my chores on Saturday, so mama gave me a dollar to go to theater. Enough for ticket drink an popcorn. My brother worked there too."

Jeanne Simmons Wadford added, "It's the first place I ever saw a movie. It was The Empire Strikes Back. I can still remember the way it smells."

Ruthie Habit Hooper

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## A GRAND CELEBRATION



PHOTO BY REBECCA BUNCH

Watermelon eating contest — Optimists' Club used seedless watermelon to ensure kids' safety. Of course back in the day, kids would collect the seeds in their mouths so as to spit them machine gun-style at friends and enemies alike. In retrospect, the Optimists' approach is better.

## Fabulous Fourth of July Celebration

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

Despite challenging weather conditions that included wind gusts and bouts of rain the Chowan Edenton Optimist Club's Fabulous Fourth of July Celebration went off at the downtown waterfront without a hitch.

Among those enjoying the events that day were Evelyn Ashworth and her 10 year-old granddaughter, Ciara Evans of Elizabeth City.

"This is the first time we've been here in a few years," Ashworth said as she and Ciara enjoyed some colorful icy beverages courtesy of one the vendors at the waterfront that day.

"We used to live in Hertford and used to come every year," Ashworth said. "But this is our first time back in Edenton since we moved to Elizabeth City."

Also on hand were Lois DeWitte and her grandson Eli DeWitte, 12, of Edenton who were munching on a

shared bag of buttered popcorn as they walked around together. Eli later in the afternoon took part in the Optimists first-ever Peanut Butter Eating Contest.

And while he didn't win he was excited to be able to take home the remainder of the 5-pound tub of smooth ice cream he chowed down on during the competition. Peanut butter for the competition was donated by an Edenton business, Jimbo's Jumbos. The Optimists also handed out bottled water for the contestants to drink in between bites of peanut butter.

Winners were: First Place, Joshua Panek; Second Place, Nicholas Harris; and Third Place, Nicholas Kroener.

The Peanut Butter Eating Contest was preceded by the club's traditional Watermelon Eating Contest for kids. The winners in that competition were: First Place, Derrick Nowell; Second Place, Nick Harris; and Third Place, Zoey Nowell.

John McArthur, who co-chaired events at the celebration with fellow Optimist Club member Kirk DeVine, welcomed those taking part in, and

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PHOTO BY STEVE GRZANKA OF ZANKS PHOTOGRAPHY

"...and the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air gave proof to the night that our flag was still there..." Lots of folks attended Edenton's fireworks celebration organized by the Chowan Edenton Optimist Club Fabulous Fourth of July 2017

## Chowan woman hurt in wreck

BY WILLIAM F. WEST  
For the Chowan Herald

HERTFORD — An elderly Chowan County woman is in serious condition at a Virginia hospital after she was injured in a single-car wreck on Harvey Point Road this weekend.

Patty Jordan, 84, of the 2100 block of Albemarle Drive, was still being treated at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital Monday afternoon, Sentara Healthcare spokesman Dale Gauding said.

Trooper K.R. Briggs of the N.C. Highway Patrol said Monday that Jordan was driving a 2004 Ford Focus southeast on Harvey Point Road Sunday morning when she apparently lost control of her

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## Officials mull COA campus future

BY REGGIE PONDER  
For the Chowan Herald

Representatives of College of The Albemarle, Chowan County and the town of Edenton recently discussed a possible path to a sustainable education and training program on COA's Edenton-Chowan Campus.

An assessment prepared by a consultant during the tenure of Kandi Deite-meyer, the college's immediate past president who left in December

to head another community college in Charlotte, questioned the long-term viability of the Edenton-Chowan Campus, which occupies former public school property in the North Oakum Street neighborhood.

The COA Board of Trustees has continued to express concerns about low enrollment in many of the campus's programs and the

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## Edenton Town Council filing period opens

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

One incumbent and two newcomers have filed for seats on the Edenton Town Council since the filing period opened last Friday, July 7 at noon.

The filing period will close at noon on Friday, July 21.

According to Chowan County Board of Elections

Director Rebecca Lowe, incumbent Elton Bond Jr. filed Friday for re-election to his Fourth Ward seat. If re-elected that would mark Bond's second term in office. Each council term lasts for four years, Lowe said.

Councilman-at-Large Bob Quinn, who is completing his second term on the council, said Monday he would not be a candi-

date for re-election.

"I do not plan to run," Quinn said, citing his belief in term limits and a desire to give others a chance to serve.

Councilwoman Norma Simpson, who served citizens in the Third Ward and just completed her first term in office, said Monday she also did not plan to seek re-election.

Simpson, a nurse who

works part-time at Family Medicine of Edenton, said she appreciated having had the chance to serve the community through her work on the council but that she wanted to spend more time with her family.

Simpson said she felt glad to have been a part of seeing the new Edenton Police Station open and

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