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ACES TO START FOOTBALL SEASON WITH TRIP TO FIRST FLIGHT — B1

Training exercise: The Chowan County Sheriff's Office will conduct a training exercise this morning, Aug. 21, in conjunction with Edenton-Chowan Public Schools, local emergency services and state agencies. The exercise will be held at D.F. Walker Elementary School and is closed to the public. Any emergency services activity in the Sandy Ridge Road area will be due to this pre-planned training exercise.

REGION

Columbia man pleads guilty to mislabeling 180,000 lbs. of foreign crab meat as domestic — A5

ARTS

Chowan Arts Council to offer workshops throughout the fall — A7

School hearings set

Public encouraged to speak about JAHHS' future

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

Two public hearings about the future of John A. Holmes High School

will be held in September. Two business organizations already expressed their support for keeping Chowan County's only high school within Edenton.

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners and Edenton-Chowan

Board of Education announced two special meetings for public hearings.

The purpose of these hearings is that as both boards begin the process to discuss the

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John A. Holmes High School

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Meeting Saturday on algae

Resident: Algal blooms came early this summer

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

The green stuff is back in our waterways, but it never really left us.

For the fifth year in a row, green algae has invaded several miles of the Chowan River, its tributaries and perhaps Edenton Bay.

"The algae showed up earlier than in past years," said Nita Criner of Arrowhead Beach. "It arrived Memorial Day weekend this year. It's the first time since living here that Memorial Day, opening day of summer, canceled many families activities in Arrowhead. It was really sad to see."

Green goo causes folks to shoo.

"It's very disappointing when you wait all year, invite family and friends from out of town to come visit to enjoy the water ways of Edenton only to wake up on Memorial Day to green stuff at your pier," Criner said. "Having to explain what the green gunk in the water is, makes people fearful to ever want to come back. It's gotten to the point now, that we do not invite guests during the

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Council gets water plant info updates

Beaver Hill project slated for Oct.-Nov. completion

BY MILES LAYTON
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Edenton Town Council received an update as to the progress underway at the water treatment plants.

During the Tuesday (Aug. 13) meeting, Public Works Director Corey Gooden said the Beaver Hill plant will be completed between mid October and early November while the Freeman water treatment plant will be completed in January.

Gooden showed slides and shared intricate details as to the progress that would make Bob Vila of "This Old House" fame smile, particularly the

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A girl waves her hands in the air as she triumphantly makes her way down a Camp Cale inflatable slide Saturday during Edenton United's Back to School Bash at John A. Holmes High School.

Community helps ready kids for school

Over 1,000 backpacks given away at bash

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

The community came together this past week to make sure its youngest residents area able to go to school equipped for the new academic year.

Activities began Aug. 13, as hundreds of people from various schools, churches and other organizations gathered at Edenton United Methodist Church to stuff

over 1,000 backpacks for Edenton United's third annual Back to School Bash.

Tables were set up on either side of the living center for volunteers to



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The Rev. J. Malone Gilliam (left) blesses the backpacks of children at St. Paul's Episcopal Church during the Sept. 18 service.

stuff backpacks with notebooks, crayons, paper, ear buds and other school supplies.

A few days later, the backpacks full of

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OPEN HOUSES

Edenton-Chowan Schools will host open houses Thursday, Aug. 22. The schedule is:
* 4-6 p.m., White Oak, D.F. Walker schools

* 5-7 p.m., Chowan Middle School
* 6-8 p.m., John A. Holmes High School
School starts Monday, Aug. 26.

Tyson new Edenton UMC pastor

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Good news: there's a new pastor in town.

Valerie Tyson is the new pastor at Edenton United Methodist Church—welcome!

Tyson is the first lead female pastor at Edenton UMC. On any given Sunday, except for maybe during the height of beach season, between 150-200 souls worship in the pews that include some of the movers and shakers of Chowan County.

Tyson's husband Gene is the pastor at Hertford United Methodist Church. Prior to Edenton and Hertford, the couple served as associate pastors at Fuquay-Varina United Methodist Church.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

A few months ago, this dynamic duo came in our neck of the woods. On that note, they live in the parsonage in Hertford.

Back to Valerie, a small town girl who discussed her roots, Scripture and her call to serve the Lord. Growing up in Fairfield in Hyde County, Tyson said, she loved visiting Edenton, so she was very happy when Bishop Hope Morgan Ward, who grew up in nearby Gates County, assigned her to Edenton UMC.

Question: What drew you to Edenton?

Answer: Cheros Chicken Salad.

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Meet Valerie Tyson, the new pastor at Edenton United Methodist Church.

Armory's future discussed

NC National Guard consolidating locations

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

RALEIGH — State and local leaders met Tuesday to discuss the future of the NC National Guard's Sgt.

Jeremy Hardison Readiness Center in Edenton.



STEINBURG

NC National Guard is reducing and/or consolidating the total number of armories within the state. There are now 84 armories in operation in North Carolina. Over the next decade, the National Guard plans to reduce the number to about 50 or 60 locations, according to

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Board to seek counsel

Commission OKs getting bids for school bond adviser

BY MILES LAYTON
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Chowan County Commissioners took a step closer toward plans that may result in repairs, renovations or possibly a new school to replace the 70-year-old John A. Holmes High School.

During Monday's meeting, the board approved plans to seek out bids to hire a bond counsel that will advise the county and the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education on the work needed for any school project.

An expanded version of this story will appear online at the Daily Advance's website.

Based on a similar school project, bond counsel fee's may be around \$12,000. Firm must be hired at the outset of the project, whether it moves forward or not, because a lot of paperwork and financing mechanisms are

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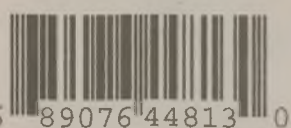
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