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## Early turnout a record in Edenton

Voters pick Parks, Quinn or Grother

By Rebecca Bunch  
Staff Writer

Early "one-stop" voting set a record for voter turnout during a municipal, non-partisan election in Edenton this week, with 413 ballots cast. As of lunchtime today, close to 200 additional voters

had cast ballots during town council races.

Of greatest interest in recent weeks have been the candidacies of George Grother and Bob Quinn, who are seeking to unseat incumbent councilman-at-large Jerry Parks.

Tuesday morning Parks said that, regardless of the outcome, he was proud of the clean campaigns he and his opponents had run.

"From my view, all the candidates have been very positive and respectful, which is refreshing," Parks commented.

Quinn said that he was very pleased to learn of the high number of voters who had cast ballots.



Parks



Grother



Quinn

"It shows that people are both concerned and willing to do something to bring about

### Election results

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a better future for Edenton," he said.

"I feel this has been a good, clean and fair campaign.

Hopefully, this campaign will energize others to make the commitment to run for office and others to realize how important their vote is to their future," Quinn added.

Grother, who characterized his campaign as one of "David versus Goliath," said that, win or lose, he would always remember the warmth and kindness of those who

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## Homecoming parade



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Members of the John A. Holmes High School Flag Team perform during their school's homecoming parade on Broad Street in Edenton, Oct. 30. View more photos from the homecoming parade online at [www.DailyAdvance.com](http://www.DailyAdvance.com).

## School board to return \$1.7M in JAH financing

By Rebecca Bunch  
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The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education voted unanimously Monday night to return the authorization for funds that would have allowed it to begin renovations at John A. Holmes High School.

That \$1.7-million in interest-free financing would have allowed renovations at Holmes to move forward for the first time since 2005.

The vote followed a report from Board Chair Ricky Browder on a joint school board — county commission meeting held Oct. 20.

"It's not that we are throwing in the towel," observed board member John Guard. "It's just that there are no lenders out there" willing to finance the debt that the county would have to sign off on.

A lender would have to have been found by Dec. 31 in order for the school system to quali-

fy for the loan.

Known as QZAB (Qualified Zone Academy Bond) financing, the federal stimulus funds would have financed work on the highest priority items at the high school.

"Of greatest concern are those renovations to protect the integrity of the building — the gym roof, windows on the front of the main building, etc.," Smith said in July after confirming that county officials could not incur additional debt that would have allowed the school system to accept the funds.

During their October meeting, Browder said the commissioners and school board members had amicable discussions on topics of mutual interest set forward in a previously agreed-upon agenda approved by both groups.

The commissioners and school board plan to hold a second joint gathering in mid-December, Browder said.

## County OKs Veterans Day: Watson's life wastewater agreement anchored with love, service

Chowan must solve discharge violations

From staff reports

By Rebecca Bunch  
Staff Writer

Love of country and a longing for adventure took Carol Watson of Edenton further than she ever expected.

Watson, who grew up in the tiny town of Salley, S.C., said she decided to go into nurses' training in the early 1940s when World War II started.

"I joined the Navy at 21," she said.

The Chowan County Board of Commissioners agreed Monday night to enter into a special order of consent with the state Division of Water Quality to correct wastewater discharge permit violations at the Valhalla water plant.

The five-year agreement requires the county to study the most acceptable method of solving the problem, according to engineer Bill Diehl.

The commissioners agreed to transfer \$75,000 within the water fund to pay for the study.

The consent order stems from violations cited by the state dating back to August 2008 for excessive chlorides in the plant's wastewater that resulted from the water softening process, County

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People at the time were full of patriotism and considered it an honor to go and serve their country, she said.

Watson said the only time she had seen anything similar to that feeling in recent times was in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

"People reached out to each other then," she said. "And we saw a love of country and for the flag and what it represented."

### Early days

Watson began her training at the Norfolk Naval Air as a young ensign.

Her first duty station was at the Portsmouth Naval Hospital, followed by time at a Naval facility at Willow Grove, Pa.

From there she went to St. Albans Naval Hospital in Long Island, followed by a stint aboard the USS *Repose*, a hospital ship.

The ship contained everything you would find at a typical hospital, including surgical facilities, and a psychiatric ward. It's outside was clearly marked with a bright Red Cross.

"That was intended to keep us safe, to make sure we did not get fired on," she said.



PHOTO COURTESY CAROL WATSON

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## Woman faces charges of animal cruelty

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A Chowan County woman will face charges later this month on 13 counts of animal cruelty.

Elizabeth Lawrence Cave, 49, of Edenton was arrested Oct. 19 by Edenton police following allegations that she was hoarding animals in a local neighborhood and not providing them with proper nutrition.

She is scheduled to make her first court appearance on Nov. 17. This was not Cave's first brush with the law.

She was convicted in a Chowan County courtroom in December of last year on five counts of animal cruelty, and placed on probation.

As part of the terms of her probation she was ordered not to have any animals at her home on West Gale Street.

But according to Animal Control Officer Mary Bass, Cave violated her probation several times.

Bass said that after her first conviction, Cave agreed to turn over some, but not all, of

the numerous dogs and cats found in her home to local animal control personnel.

After receiving medical care, Bass said, those animals were adopted from the shelter.

"She has not yet done that in this case," Bass said, "but we are hoping that she will" for the good of the animals.

The animals involved in the new court case had been moved to a different location within the community.

Photographs taken by officials during their search in the first investigation showed animal feces in many rooms of the house, and at least one photo appears to show a dead cat.

One official familiar with the case said that those involved in that search had to burn their clothing after leaving the residence.

No animals had died at the time of the second investigation, Bass said.

Bass and other animal control personnel said they could not discuss specifics of their most recent investigation citing Cave's upcoming court appearance.

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