



Steamers close out season with twin bill split — 3B

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Algae migrates to Edenton's shores

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Edenton's shorelines have been invaded by algae in recent days.

Green spots and strands have been spotted in places and spaces between Pembroke and Queen Anne creeks.

Sunday, Queen Anne's Creek's kayak ramp was surrounded by the green stuff that has also been spotted in Edenton Bay and by the U.S. 17 bridge and boat-tramp. The bloom extends to the middle of the Chowan River north, and into the Albemarle Sound past Wharf landing. Folks in Colerain

have been reporting blooms along the west side of the river for a month or so.

Tuesday morning before press time, there was algae by the Town dock and green water greeting the trio of Revolutionary War cannons on East Water Street. Blount Street's shorelines displayed a thick green sheen — a consistency that is reminiscent of those milkshakes served around St. Patrick's Day.

Town officials and the Albemarle Resource and Conservation Council are closely monitoring the situation.

"I suspect the heavy and extensive rains flushed a lot of nutrients into the river

and fed the new blooms," said Mark Powell of the ARCC in a recent email to Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton.

Chowan-Edenton Environmental Group has been collecting water samples for analysis.

"We had a few sunny days after the monsoons and the algae are in a frenzy," said CEEG's Colleen Karl.

In early July, officials with the North Carolina Division of Water Resources issued the advisory Tuesday in response to the bluish-green water that's lingered off Chowan Beach since June



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Steve Karl of the Chowan-Edenton Environmental Group holds a water sample collected Monday from the Chowan River.

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Lions leaders visit

A determination to serve wherever she could has led Tyrrell County resident Gwen White to a prestigious role as a Lions Club International Director who is traveling the world to spread the message about the important work the organization is

Land Use Plan approved

Chowan County Commission unanimously approved the updated 2018 Coast Area Management Act Land Use Plan during Monday's meeting. — 4A



Bishop celebrates Mass

Bishop Luis Zarama drove to Edenton in a Buick — a car that speaks volumes about his humble nature. — 5B

Two area men charged

Fourteen area residents, including one charged with holding up an Elizabeth City business last fall, are facing either federal drug or weapons charges — or in some cases, both — as a result of an enforcement operation federal prosecutors are calling "Operation Nor'Easter." — 2A



Pocosin opens lab

Pocosin Arts School is poised to celebrate the grand opening of its new Smith Digital Fabrication Lab. — 6A

COA deficit clarified

The operating deficit at College of The Albemarle's Edenton-Chowan campus appears to have grown by more than \$9,500 during the 2017-18 budget year, according to unaudited preliminary figures. — 7A



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Edenton United will host Back to School Bash between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 at John A. Holmes High School. Close to 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies are scheduled to be given away to children and more than a thousand free meals provided by Leon Nixon Catering are to be served at the event. Last year, when this photo was taken, more than 30 organizations and churches united to sponsor a Christian-focused event that blessed over 700 students.

Back to School Bash blessing to families

Need some crayons, colored pencils and a new backpack? Then head on down to Saturday's Back to School Bash.



BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Unity. It's the spirit of people coming together to support a shared interest such as finding ways to help children get off to a successful start in school each fall.

It was observing the lack of unity in our community when he came here that prompted Keith Ammons, director of marketing for Regulator Marine in Edenton, to start laying the groundwork that would involve bringing various groups together to accomplish that mission. Initially his focus was on uniting churches in the effort to provide backpacks and school supplies for students in grades pre-K through 12th grade. Then

local businesses and civic organizations expressed an interest in getting involved.

The result, held for the first time last year, was a tremendously successful Back to School Bash that was sponsored by Edenton United, a group led by Ammons that encompassed community-wide involvement. The event was inspired by a Christmas event held in Winston-Salem where he lived before moving here in 2016 to take a job with Regulator.

"I saw that there was not a lot of unity and saw this as a great opportunity that everyone could rally behind," he said. "Educating and providing for our kids across the board is an im-

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Glorious ending to public service

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Glorious Elliott, a 21-year veteran of the Edenton-Chowan Board of Education, said she is proud of having had the opportunity to make a difference for children in the area of education. She recently announced she would not seek re-election to the at-large seat she has held since December 2012. Her term expires in November 2018.



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Elliott, a Chowan County native, said it had been her pleasure to support a quality education for every student in the local system and that she intended to continue being active in community affairs in the future. Elliott said she planned to pay close attention to the work of the committee that will decide the future of John A. Holmes High School and whether to rehab the existing site or build a new school. She acknowledged being disappointed with the make up of the committee which includes no women and no minority representation.

"I think it's important that the committee mirror the community it serves," she said.

Elliott added that she intended to remain an ad-

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Learning center offers summertime travels

BY REBECCA BUNCH
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Now entering its third year, the Village Learning Center that houses an after-school tutoring program at Mexico Road Church of Christ in Edenton held its first summer camp between the last week in June and the first week in August.

The camp, open to kids in grades 1-5, was centered around fun, educational activities designed to correlate with an Agriculture-based theme, according to program director Jean Simpson who ran the pro-

gram for about a dozen children with the help of tutors and community volunteers, many of whom are members of the local Reconciliation Group led by Jo Baker as well as the congregation from St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

"We took trips almost every week," Simpson said, "because we wanted to do things that would excite and interest the children in keeping with our theme. We also wanted them to be able to experience life outside Chowan County."

Those trips included visits to Somerset Farm, one

of the first certified organic farms in North Carolina. Its owner, Frederick Inglis, got the children excited about farming, Simpson said, by letting them participate in some hands-on activities.

"His farm is so interesting," she said. "It was like looking at a treasure when they saw all the different crops he raises there."

The group especially enjoyed making beet pancakes from a recipe that Simpson found.

Another popular trip was to Ayden, where the

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