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## Town Hall seeks to upgrade water infrastructure

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

Town officials have been notified that an application that would be applied during Phase II of upgrades to the local water system has been approved by the State Water Infrastructure Revolving Loan Fund.

The town has qualified for \$1,336 million — 20-year loan with a low interest rate of 1.93 percent, according to Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton, who called the

awarding of the loan “great news” for the town.

“This project will fund rehabilitation work to the Town’s existing water supply wells and the construction of a new ground-water storage tank at the Beaver Hill Treatment Plant,” she explained. “Phase I of the Town’s upgrades to the water system is being

put out for bid now. This USDA combination grant/loan project will renovate and upgrade the Town’s two water treatment plants.”

Knigh-ton said the two upgrades would include a new treatment process designed to reduce the amount of Total Trihalomethanes

(TTHMs) in the town’s water system.

“Phase I will bring the Town back into compliance with state regulations as the new treatment process will permanently reduce the precursors that cause TTHMs to form in the water,” she added. “Phase II will rehabilitate the wells, which will improve operations and efficiencies and construct a new ground storage water tank. This additional storage capacity will help us during emergency situations, like

the water main break we had last summer or if we have a hurricane that disrupts water production.”

The town manager said the new storage tank would hold an additional 500,000 gallons of water storage for the town’s water system.

The new storage tank will decrease the emergency response time as well, she said.

At the time of the announcement, the Author-

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### Stallings honored

Edenton Councilman Jimmy Stallings was honored at a luncheon on Friday for his 18 years of service as the town’s liaison with the New Edenton Housing Authority. — 1B

### Latino News

Check out our Latino news about Carrera and the bishop visit. — 6B



### Libraries rock!

On Aug. 7, the Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library showed how Libraries Rock with its end of the summer party. — 7A



### Girls club shows talents

Earlier this month members of the Fannie A. Parker Girls Club had the opportunity to show off the skills and talents they demonstrated during competitions performed at the district and state levels before a gathering of family, friends and local residents. — 2B



### Book tells boat's story

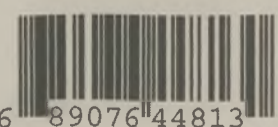
One local woman has completed her husband’s dream. For over 25 years, Don Upchurch, a local radio broadcaster and noted historian, researched and sorted clues about the fate of the Dorothy. — 6A

### Ask Santa for a tree

Edenton has a well-deserved reputation as one of the South’s prettiest towns — and at no time of the year is that more true than during the Christmas holidays with its bright lights and vivid greenery. — 4A



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## ‘SHARING THE LOVE OF GOD’



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Rob Jackson, superintendent of the Edenton-Chowan Schools, offers a personal word of thanks to volunteers during a backpack stuffing event held at the old Armory last Thursday evening. Jackson also stayed around to join members of his staff in filling the backpacks with school supplies for local children that will be given away this Saturday at the Back of School Bash at John A. Holmes High School from 4-8 p.m.

## Back to School Bash planned for Saturday

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
Staff Writer

Close to 260 volunteers, including Supt. Rob Jackson and many of his staff from the Edenton-Chowan Schools, came out to the old National Guard Army last Thursday evening to stuff over 900 backpacks with school supplies in preparation for the second annual Back to School Bash taking place this weekend.

Jackson pronounced himself “blown away” by the generosity of the community in supporting the effort and the dedication shown by volunteers who gave their time to stuff the

backpacks.

There to greet them with a warm welcome was Keith Ammons, director of marketing for Regulator Marine in Edenton. Ammons, who moved here from Winston-Salem in 2016 to take the job at Regulator, said a desire to increase unity among people from various walks of life prompted him to undertake the project that focuses on the community’s children.

“Thank you for coming together tonight and sharing the love of God,” Ammons told the volunteers as they worked to stuff and orga-

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More than two hundred volunteers gathered at the old Armory in Edenton last Thursday evening to stuff school supplies into over 900 backpacks in preparation for the Back to School Bash.

## Meet the BOE candidates

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Maxine Mason of Tyner and George A. Nelson of Drummond’s Point are candidates for the at-large seat on the Chowan County Board of Education for the November general election.

Mason has a background in science and strong ties to the school system while Nelson has a formidable resume in education and military service.

A native of Chowan County, Mason graduated in 1987 from John A. Holmes. She is a graduate of North Carolina State University with a bachelor of science degree in zoology and has earned a masters degree in biology from Elizabeth City State University. She was employed with JLA, Inc in Edenton as a microbiologist supervisor. She has worked at ECSU as an adjunct professor and research assistant and has taught science at Perquimans County High School. Mason is a substitute teacher for the Edenton-Chowan school system and has been a volunteer for many years. She is married to Dr. Landon Mason, Sr. and they have a son, Landon II.

“I am running for the Edenton Chowan School Board of Education because I believe that public

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## Water remains hazardous due to algae bloom

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Edenton Bay is still pretty at sunrise, but that doesn’t mean there isn’t algae in the water.

Despite recent rains that hopeful kayak enthusiasts thought would wash out the bay, the algae flows from Queen Anne Creek to beyond the second channel marker in the Albemarle Sound.

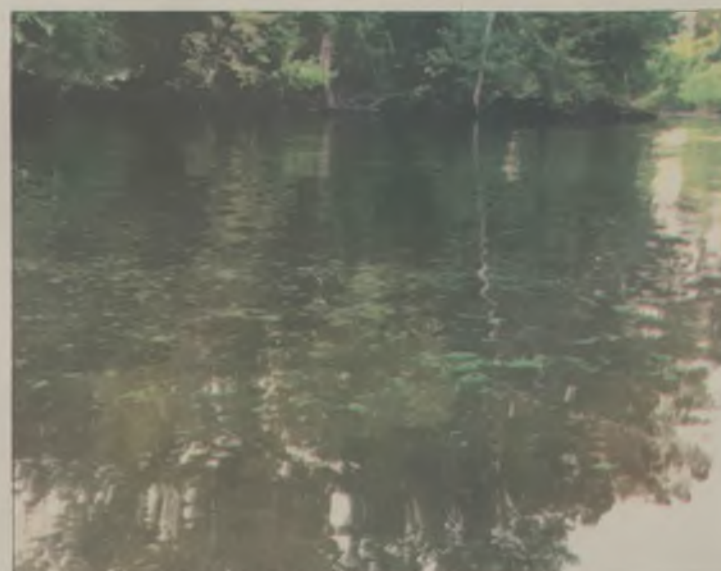
But maybe there is some good news. Tuesday morning, the bass weren’t jumping and there doesn’t appear to be any dead fish on the

shores or in the bay. The green water hasn’t turned blue, so the pungent smell is negligible so far.

“It looks like the blooms in the river and bay have dissipated a bit,” said Mark Powell, Natural Resources Management Consultant to the Albemarle RC&D Council. “I could see small blooms along some shoreline, but just spots in the river and sound. Hard to say if the widespread blooms will return.”

For photos of the algae bloom, see the Chowan

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Algae remains a problem for water enthusiasts seeking relief in Edenton Bay and the Albemarle Sound. N.C. Division of Water Resources (DWR) continues to urge the public to avoid contact with green or blue water in the Chowan River due to an ongoing algal bloom that has lingered in the area since June 20.