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Stallings excited to serve

New mayor, councilors will take oath of office on Dec. 10

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Time to take a moment to reflect on Mayor-elect Jimmy Stallings and Edenton's mayoral election.

We know who won — most everybody knows that the long-time councilman squared off against two formidable opponents — Steve Biggs and Jacqueline Hardy-Lassiter — to capture the win.

After the election, Chowan

Herald stopped for a moment to talk to Stallings and find out more about what's ahead. Edenton hasn't had a new mayor in 24 years thanks to the timeless service of Roland Vaughan.

District Court Judge Meader Harriss will administer oaths of office to the Mayor-elect Stallings and newly elected councilmen — Roger Coleman, Hackney High Jr., and Sambo Dixon — at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, in Council Chambers.

Get a cup of coffee from Edenton Coffee House and give this story a read; perhaps consider this article as you would the

"liner notes" that used to appear in vinyl albums.

For more than 20 years, Stallings has represented town's 1st Ward, which includes most of the neighborhoods from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue down to Edenton Bay and some of the downtown area, west of South Broad Street.

In early January, Stallings hit the ground running by announcing that he was going to run for mayor — first candidate to do so. More than 80 supporters attended the campaign launch at

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SUBMITTED PHOTO
Mayor-elect Jimmy Stallings reads to students at White Oak Elementary during Book Character Day.

About \$6K in unpaid lunch fees recovered

Temporary policy put cap on cafeteria charges at Holmes

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

John A. Holmes High School recently implemented temporary changes in its cafeteria fee policy in an effort to collect approximately \$6,000 in unpaid fees since school started in late August.

A person who notified the Chowan Herald said the school didn't notify parents of the change.

Edenton-Chowan Schools Superintendent Rob Jackson said the district gave each of the school's principals the discretion to collect unpaid lunch feeds how they see fit.

For example, at White Oak Elementary, some parents were notified of the lunch charges during recent parent-teacher conferences.

The high school had sent fee notifications earlier this school year, but within the past few weeks, recently implemented a \$20 cap on lunch fees. If a student was found to have \$20 or more in unpaid fees, they could either pay for their lunch or were supposed to be redirected to Principal Steve Wood's office to privately discuss their fees,

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BRINGING THE OLD AND NEW TO THE TRAIN DEPOT

Couple restores property

FOR MORE

For more on the train depot, visit the Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/taylor.train.depot/>.

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
Editor

Faded green aluminum siding hides a hidden piece of Edenton's history on the corner of East King and Oakum streets.

The residence, with a white picket fence, has been the home of Jeannie and Bill Taylor since June 2018. At the front door, you may notice the oversized train lantern and the bell with a metal train on top.

These little features outside the home reflect the work going on inside, as the Taylors work to turn their home into something more like the depot the building was built as in 1902. It served all walks of life as a depot for the Suffolk & Carolina Railway, Virginia & Carolina Coast Railroad and Norfolk Southern Railway before being converted into a residence. For a while, it also served as the home for St.

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Before (left) and after of cleaning the walls in the former black passenger lobby at the Edenton train depot.



Bill Taylor paints trim above a door at the train depot.

Chowan to stay in 3rd district

Goodwin's amendment also keeps Perquimans in district

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

If you see state Rep. Ed Goodwin, R-Chowan, give him a pat on the back!

Thanks to an amendment by Goodwin, both Chowan and Perquimans counties remained in the 3rd Congressional District map approved by the General Assembly last week.

"Mega kudos" to Rep Ed Goodwin for introducing his Amendment to keep us in D-3 which was supported by the House and Senate," said Patti Kersey, chairwoman of the

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Project aims to bring ferry next summer

Belle of Washington can fit 60 passengers for tour of sound

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

HERTFORD — Regional leaders are pursuing the prospect of bringing the Belle of Washington, a cruise vessel, to the Albemarle Sound next summer.

During a meeting Monday in Hertford, policymakers associated with the Harbor Town Project said they seek to attract this 85-foot long ship that can accommodate as many as 60 passengers for tours between various towns by the Sound every other month between April and October.

The Harbor Town Project is focused on upgrading the historic and eco-tourism sites along the Sound, making them attractive to visitors.

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Beaver Hill plant upgrades complete

Water treatment system operational after upgrades

BY MILES LAYTON
Staff writer

Edenton's Beaver Hill water treatment system went into service Thursday afternoon.

"The new water treatment process will greatly improve water quality for our customers. We appreciate our customers' patience, it has been a long process," Town Manager Anne

Marie Knighton said.

Water infrastructure improvements were needed because the town's water system is in violation of state law because the water contains elevated levels of tri-halomethanes, a byproduct of the chemical process to disinfect drinking water. Tri-halomethanes, or THM, are considered carcinogenic. That said, don't be alarmed because high THM levels in the town's water

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Upgrades to Edenton's Beaver Hill Water Treatment plant were recently completed.

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