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Tribute to Mayor Vaughan: A man of all seasons

BY MILES LAYTON
 Staff writer

Editor's Note: This is the first part of a two-part series about Roland Vaughan, who served as Edenton's mayor 24 years.

Tuesday night after press time, Vaughan said his goodbyes to Town Council meeting and turned over the gavel to the new Mayor, Jimmy Stallings. Afterward, there was a reception at the Chowan Arts Council to honor his 24 years of service.

MORE ONLINE

Due to our press deadline, we were not able to include coverage of Tuesday's town council meeting in this edition of the newspaper. Information about the meeting appears on our Facebook page and will appear in next week's edition.

Edenton Town Council meetings are sometimes a joy to attend because they are orderly, reasonably quick to end and never much have eye-rolling drama that seems to plague Congress these days and even some of our neighbors in

northeast North Carolina. Outgoing Mayor Roland Vaughan is a large part of why council meetings are civil, punctual and on task. He's always smiling,

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SUBMITTED PHOTO
 Pay close attention to this photo of Roland Vaughan. That's a necktie like what he might wear when presiding over Town Council. The neck tie is off, symbolic of his retirement from 24 years of public service as mayor.

Edenton kicks off holiday

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON
 Editor

It was a little bit of out with the old and in with the new as Edenton celebrated "Home for the Holidays" this past weekend.

The activities kicked on Friday evening with the tree lighting and flotilla.

The Albemarle Sounds, along with choirs from White Oak and D.F. Walker schools, lead the crowd of several hundred people in singing Christmas songs Friday.

Before lighting the tree, Edenton Mayor Roland Vaughan passed the ceremonial magic candy cane to incoming mayor Jimmy Stallings and encouraged the crowd to get as loud as it could so the magic could light the tree.

As the tree at the end of Broad Street started to glow, about 18 trees lit up in Colonial Park. The trees, donated by local businesses and supporters and decorated by local nonprofits and other groups, will be up until shortly after the New Year.

They vary in decor from the John A. Holmes High School's senior class tree to the Edenton Tea Party NSDAR's patriotic tree to one decorated to look like a snow man.

After the trees were lit, Santa Claus came down with the help of the Edenton Fire Department. As he talked with those wanted to share their Christmas wishes, the annual flotilla, sponsored by Regulator Marine, was held.

This year's flotilla, kicked off



Edenton Mayor Roland Vaughan and Mayor-elect Jimmy Stallings, along with members of the Albemarle Sounds and D.F. Walker Elementary School choir, cheer as the tree lights turn on Friday during the Destination Downtown Edenton ceremony.

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by Capt. Mark Thesier's Liber-Tea, featured 10 boats. According to Destination Downtown Edenton Executive Director Jennifer Harriss, Regulator Marine won in the large boat category and Batch Attkisson won in the small boat category.

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Above: Santa Claus waves to the parade-goers Saturday while in front of the Chowan County Courthouse during the Edenton-Chowan Christmas Parade. Left: Elves dance on a Regulator Marine boat during the annual holiday flotilla Friday in Edenton Harbor.



Public Works repairs sanitary sewer pipe

Partially collapsed line leaked 2,520 gallons of wastewater

BY MILES LAYTON
 Staff writer

Edenton's Public Works employees put in some long hours one day last week to repair a partially collapsed sanitary sewer line.

Twas around 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4, when the bad news came in that the sewer line near 711 N. Broad St., by the Red Apple Market, needed some major work.

Dressed in boots and wearing

hard hats, these gallant souls toiled and sweated for more than four hours in the mud and the muck to plug the line that had discharged nearly 2,520 gallons of wastewater into a nearby ditch that drains into Filberts Creek.

Later, Public Works employees worked Thursday and Friday to replace the portion of the sewer line that had collapsed.

Town Manager Anne Marie Knighton said a portion of Filberts Creek contains constructed wetlands, which is basically

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Quick response saves Rocky Hock woman's life

Lisa Evans treated after four unresponsive on Sept. 24

BY MILES LAYTON
 Staff writer

ROCKY HOCK — Every now then there are moments when folks realize how precious life is.

Sept. 24 was that day for Chris Evans and his wife Lisa.

When Lisa texted her husband at 12:30 p.m. that day, she let him know that their dog "Millie" was ready to pick at the groomer.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lisa Evans takes a moment to thank Dr. Bryan Gerber for saving her life.

Cummings files for re-election

Candidates continue to submit paperwork to board of election

BY STAFF REPORTS

Here is the latest update for candidates have signed the line to run for office in Chowan County as of Tuesday's press time. The filing period continues through Dec. 20.

County Commissioner Ron Cummings, a Republican, is the latest to file for re-election.

Previously, Republican Alex Kehayes, a former county commissioner, filed for the District 2 seat on the Chowan Board of Commissioners now held by Patti Kersey. Kersey has said she does not plan to seek re-election.

Also, Republicans Chris Evans and Michael Dean filed to run for the at-large seat now held by Commissioner Don Faircloth, a Democrat, who is not running for re-election.

District 3 commission seat that is currently held by Democrat Greg Bonner is up for election too.

State Sen. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, and state Rep. Ed Goodwin, R-Chowan, filed for their second terms.

Murphy to host open house

BY SUBMITTED REPORT

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congressman Greg Murphy, M.D. (R-Greenville) announced he will host an open house at his new district office in Edenton. The office will serve as a location for constituents to call or visit for help with federal agencies, Service Academy nominations or to express their opinion. The open house will take

place from 2:30-3:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 14. Light refreshments will be served. Constituents are encouraged to attend. "Considering the large size of the Third District, it's important for constituents all across the district to have somewhere close to them where they can receive help," said Murphy. "I hope many of you will join my staff and I at this event so we can introduce ourselves and give more details about the services we can provide to constituents."

The office on the second floor of Town Hall, 101 W. King St., Edenton.



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