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## REMINDER

Edenton-Chowan Public Schools let out at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, for holiday break.

## EARLY DEADLINES

Due to an early press deadline for the Dec. 25 edition, submissions must be in by noon Thursday, Dec. 19.

# Stallings takes reins at town council

Board votes for Elton Bond to serve as mayor pro tem

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON  
Editor

Roland Vaughan presided over his last Edenton town council meeting as mayor on Dec. 10.

It was as much of a goodbye to 24 years of service as it was a welcome to the new Edenton town council, as Jimmy Stallings took the oath of office as mayor. Incumbent Samuel "Sambo" Dixon took the oath of office as a councilor, as did newcomers Roger Coleman and Hackney High Jr.

During the meeting Vaughan,

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Edenton town council to help Colony Tire with latest expansion project.

who wore a Carolina blue bow-tie with the Edenton seal on it, noted his family members who were in attendance for the momentous occasion.

During his speech, Vaughan noted how Ecclesiastes 3 verses 1-8, known as "A Time for Everything," seemed fitting for this occasion.

"I added one more line: 'A time to stay and a time to go,'" he said with a laugh.

Vaughan noted that he had no

words that could adequately express the gratitude he has in serving as Edenton's mayor.

"It is because of the citizens of this community that we have enjoyed the successes," he said. "Thank you all for your volunteerism and your support of this council over the years. It means a lot to us who have served."

In reflecting on why he ran as mayor, he noted a quote from Hargrove "Skipper" Bowles Jr., an influential Democratic politician and father of Erskine Bowles, one of Vaughan's high school classmates.

"Always remember to put

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

(L-r) Mayor Jimmy Stallings, Councilor Samuel "Sambo" Dixon, NC District Court Judge Meader Harriss, and Councilors Hackney High and Roger Coleman smile after Harriss administered the oath of office at the Dec. 10 town council meeting.



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Roland Vaughan (left) goes in to shake longtime friend Hood Ellis' hand after Ellis awarded the former mayor of Edenton the Order of the Longleaf Pine on Dec. 10 at a reception at the Chowan Arts Council.

## Vaughan honored

Receives Order of the Longleaf Pine during reception at CAC

BY MILES LAYTON  
Staff writer

Former Edenton Mayor Roland Vaughan has an extensive biography — husband, father, grandfather, business owner, banker, stock broker, jeweler and much more.

His wife Peggy Anne, First Lady of Edenton, dropped off his resume so as to provide an 8 x 11 snapshot of his formidable accomplishments over the years.

Well ... Mr. Vaughan is going to need to update his bio — he has joined the Order of the Longleaf Pine.

The Order of the Longleaf Pine is an honor granted by the State of North Carolina to individuals who have shown extraordinary service to the state.

It is the highest award for state service granted by the Office of the Governor. The highest civilian honor the state can bestow. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the state and nation in the areas literature, science, the fine arts and public service.

After last Tuesday's (Dec. 10) council meeting, Vaughan was presented the award by his good friend Hood Ellis, Town Attorney, at a large party held at the Chowan Arts Council's studio on Water Street.

Perhaps people forgot,

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## CANDLELIGHT TOUR



PHOTO COURTESY KIP SHAW

## Thousands visit town for tour

BY NICOLE BOWMAN-LAYTON  
Editor

While rain may have kept some people away Friday, Saturday evening's sunny skies welcomed several thousand visitors to Edenton for the Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes.

As of about 4 p.m. Saturday, the Cupola House had about 600 visitors during the weekend, according to Gay McClelland, president of the Cupola House Association. The historical building on South Broad Street was decked out in holiday decor and offered visitors free cookies and wassail before and during the tour.

McClelland, who wore a red and green 18th century gown on Saturday, said she and Cupola House Docent Chris Grimes had their picture taken a lot. The visitors ranged from people living here in Edenton to people from across the Atlantic Ocean.

"One of our most special guests were a family of eight from Lisbon. They were so interested in our historic homes and the decorations," she said. "One woman told me she had been coming for

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Top: Tour-goers enter and exit a home on East Eden Street. Left: Gay McClelland, president of the Cupola House Association, poses in her period Christmas clothing while at the Cupola House's entrance on Saturday during the Candlelight Tour.



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The table groans under the weight of all the decorations and cookies, made by the Edenton Tea Party NSDAR members, Friday at the Iredell property.

## Murphy defends Trump

Answers impeachment questions during open house  
BY MILES LAYTON  
Staff writer

Third District Congressman Greg Murphy, R-Greenville, was surrounded by many local leaders that included many GOP torch-bearers when he opened a district office Saturday in Edenton.

Since it's not everyday that a congressman comes to these parts and with an impeachment brewing this week in Washington, DC, the Daily Advance asked its sister paper the Chowan Herald to talk to Murphy, a conservative Republican.

Being that it is the first district office opened in northeastern North Carolina in decades, Murphy and others were in a jubilant mood.

However, Murphy admitted that he was less than enthusiastic about answering questions formulated by the Daily Advance.

Rather than parse, trim or edit Murphy's comments, the Chowan Herald chose to publish Murphy's comments from Saturday's interview verbatim.

The congressman did his duty to state his position on impeachment and defend President Trump.

Murphy said that Trump has "done nothing wrong." First question from the Daily Advance to Murphy was if it is OK for a president to seek help from a foreign government in our elections and to use taxpayer-funded foreign aid and a White House meeting as leverage to obtain that help?

Murphy spoke with passion when he answered, "No, it is not. That's not what President Trump

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Murphy hosts open house for Edenton office.

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