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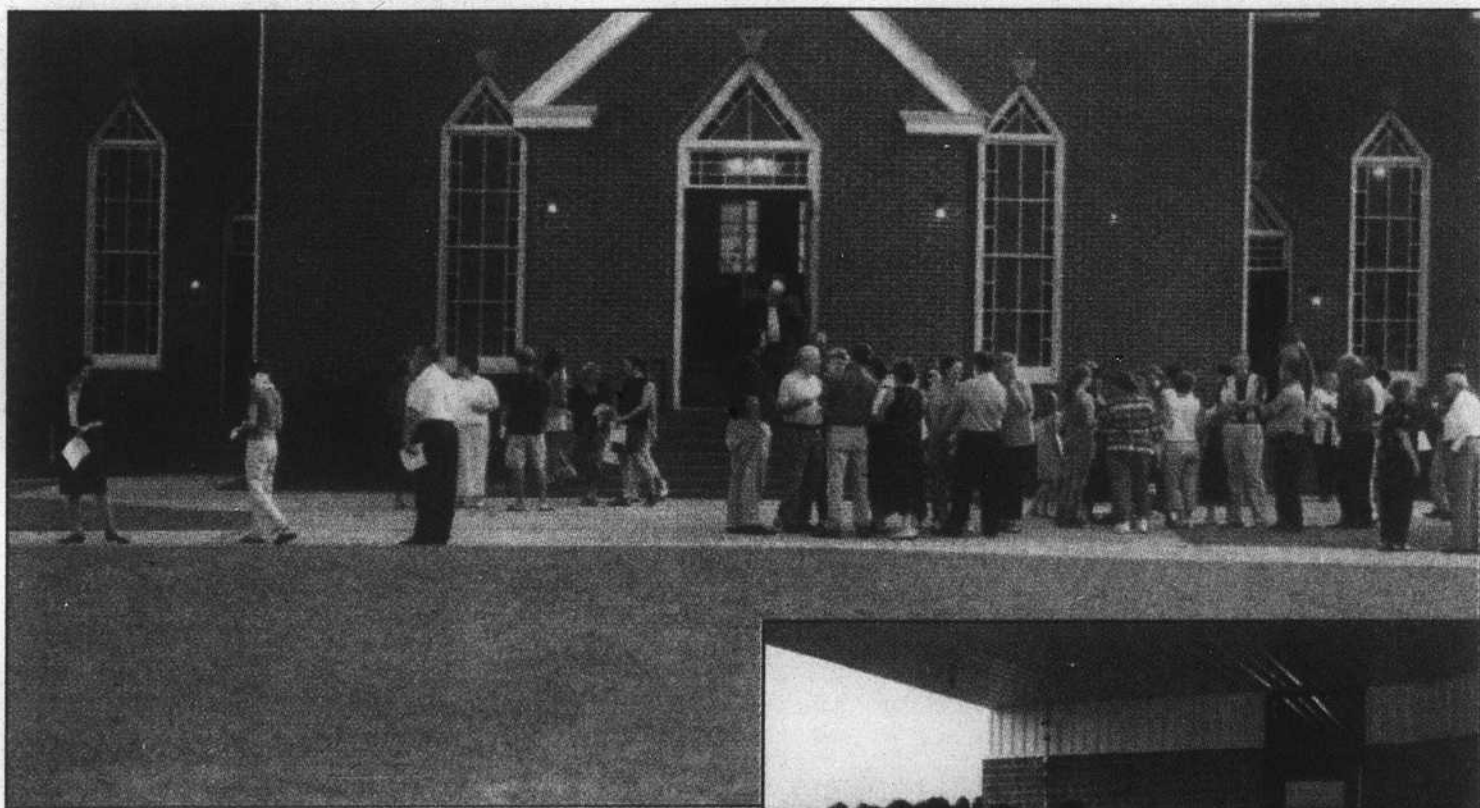
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It's school time again in Chowan County



Prayer walk

On Sunday night, Chowan County teachers, administrators, students, and support staff gathered with other members of the community at Rocky Hock Baptist Church for a time of prayer for the upcoming school year which begins tomorrow (Thursday). Afterwards, they broke into groups to travel to the four community schools and participate in prayer walks on each campus. "The church hopes to make the prayer walks a yearly tradition and encourages everyone to lift up the schools in prayer each day," said Joe Stertz, church spokesman. (Staff photos by Mia Noble)



Motorists urged to drive carefully as local schools open

(Editor's Note: For more tips on making the opening of school a positive experience, look for Chowan Herald Newspapers in Education Coordinator Donna Koppelman's column on page 2-A of this week's edition.)

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

As children and parents prepare for the opening of school in Chowan County, officials are asking for motorists to exercise extra caution — particularly in the mornings and afternoons when driving along Hwy. 32 as they approach the site jointly occupied by White Oak and the new D.F. Walker Elementary School.

Dr. Smith said that solar powered flashing lights have been installed at the site, and that he has also had conversations with local law enforcement about moving their speed limit

sign to the area. "As many local residents know, that sign will show motorists exactly how fast they are driving as they approach," he said. "We thought that would be a good way to remind folks to please be careful as they approach the area."

He added that the school system will continue to work with the North Carolina Department of Transportation to look at ways to make the area safer for children.

"Safety is, of course, a primary concern all of the schools," he said. "The safety of all the children in our care is a concern that we take very seriously."

Dr. Smith added that the school system plans to have adults stationed in the parking lots of both White Oak and Walker to help parents drop-

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911 system hopes to soon utilize cell phone technology

Wireless carriers engaging in foot dragging, officials claim

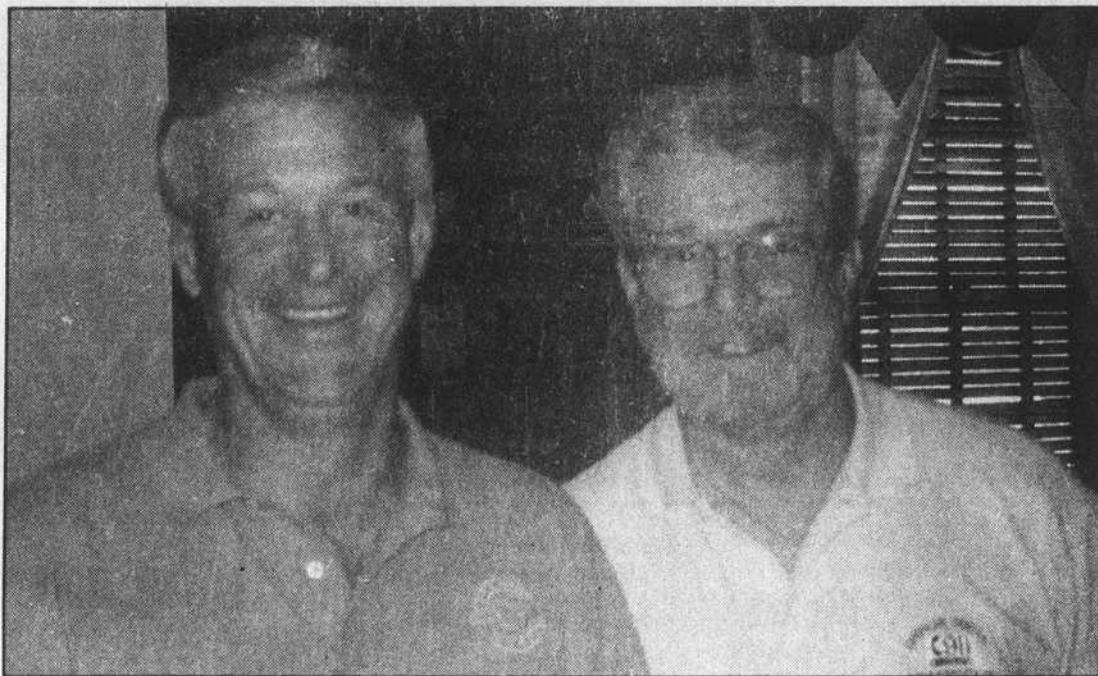
BY HELEN KERR OUTLAND
Staff Writer

Recently a Florida woman's car skidded from a rain slick highway and into a canal. The woman quickly grabbed her cell phone and called for help as her car was sinking. The woman could only say she was on a main highway. She was unable to provide information on the road markers or highway signs that she had passed along the way. Although the 911 telecommunicator could talk to the woman, there was no way of pinpointing her location. As the dispatcher listened the woman drowned.

The North Carolina Chapter

of NENA and APCO recently met in Edenton to discuss the technology available to prevent just such an incident having to take place. Richard Taylor, director of North Carolina's State Board of Wireless Communications, was on hand to present a program on the Phase II capabilities of 911 centers.

Centers are now Phase I compliant. They have the capability of ascertaining who the carrier (such as U.S. Cellular) is, the call back number of that cell phone, and the nearest tower that carries the signal. However, that is of little help when the range of signal is considered. "People have a false



Jim Carr (right), director of Chowan County 911 Central Communications, talks with Richard Taylor, director of the North Carolina State Board of Wireless Communications. Taylor was guest speaker for the NENA and APCO conference held in Edenton. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

sense of security with a cell phone," says Jim Carr, director of Chowan County Central Communications. "In an emergency, such as the case of the Florida woman, help can't reach someone in time if they have to search a radius surrounding that tower and its signal range."

Phase II capability would greatly enhance the ability of rescue personnel to find someone in time. Phase II would not only provide the caller's name and number, but would also provide a latitude and longitude location of the caller from the nearest tower from which the signal is bouncing.

Local phone companies are equipped to provide centers with the mapping technology needed to incorporate the latitude and longitude into their

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Performers, others needed for play

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Do you have an interest in community theatre, either in front of or behind the stage curtains? If so, then the Edenton Little Theatre would be the perfect place for you to learn the basics.

Currently, the ELT is planning auditions for its upcoming production of "Love, Sex and the IRS". Those auditions will take place Aug. 15-16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Edenton United Methodist Church.

According to ELT spokesman Bud Weagly, needed for the cast are three women - two younger (ages 25-35) and one older (40-50 years of age).

Also needed are five men - two younger, about 25-35 years of age, an older gentleman (the IRS man), another older man to portray the landlord and yet another older actor (the "mystery man").

"Anyone is permitted to try out whether you are a seasoned actor or a first-time performer," Weagly said.

The play, which is being planned as a dinner theatre production, is scheduled to be presented Nov. 9-10 at the White Oak School on Hwy. 32 North.

Anyone having questions about trying out for parts or helping backstage with the comedy production is encouraged to call 482-2570.

Chowan Little League District 7 champs

BY BRIAN CHAPPELL
Correspondent

The Edenton (11-12) Little League All-Stars won the Tarheel League Inc. District 7 Baseball Championship held in Williamston July 16-20.

The Edenton All-Stars defeated the Williamston All-Stars in grand style with a walk off three-run home run by Earthan Ward in the sixth inning. Edenton won the game 5-2 and advanced to play in the State Tarheel Little League tournament held this past weekend, Aug. 2-5. The Edenton All-Stars lost two tough games to the eventual second and third place finishers.

In game one, Edenton lost 4-3 to Hickory. In that game, Steven Brown pitched all five innings in a great pitching per-

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Members of the winning team are: (bottom, l-r) Taurean Hyman, Israel Hughes, Brian Jordan, Joseph Westbrook, Michael Potocki; (top, l-r) Perry Byrum, Manager Ryan Westbrook, Marshall Ellis, Earthan Ward, Coach Barry Leary, Steven Brown, Brian Leary, Collins Small, Coach Wanda Westbrook, Trent Ward. (Photo courtesy of Brian Chappell, Edenton-Chowan Rec. Dept.)

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