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'Tree of Strength' planted here

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

A lone tree stands vigil in a special place in our community today. It will remain as a tangible reminder of those lost in the worst terrorist attack ever experienced in America.

The ceremony that marked the planting of the tree on Saturday, however, was anything but somber. It was instead a fitting tribute to those who died Sept. 11, 2001 and to honor those who protect and defend our country.

Chowan County Extension Agent Tom Dyson presided over the ceremony as a bald cypress nurtured by Ellen Colodney, owner of the Coastal Plain Conservation Nursery in Edenton, was lowered into the ground on the grounds of the new Chowan County Agricultural Center in Edenton. Boy Scouts from Troop 164 planted the tree with assistance from Dyson. Special music was provided by Courtney Mathias, trumpeter and an invocation offered by the Rev. Paul Harrell. The tree was adorned with a red, white and blue bow and a plaque explaining its significance stands nearby.

According to Dyson, the tree was placed here as part of the "Tree of Strength" state-



Extension Agent Tom Dyson assists members of Boy Scout Troop 164 in planting Chowan County's "Tree of Strength". (Photo courtesy of Philip Lange)

wide living memorial program initiated by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service. He said that the pro-

gram has been adopted in other states around the nation and continues to spread. "This tree will stand by High-

way 32 for years to come," said Dyson, "as a tangible See TREE On Page 4-A

Election filings are underway

Dail says he won't run for office again

As filing for office began Monday, longtime Chowan County Commissioner James C. "Pete" Dail announced that he would not be a candidate for re-election. Dail said that after 16 years of service to the community, "it's time for me to step down. I need some time for myself and to do some travel,"

he said. Dail currently is commissioner for the second district.

All the remaining incumbents have indicated they plan to seek re-election, including 3rd District County Commissioner Louis Belfield, who has served on the board since 1998. "I want to help continue the good government that we now have," he said.

Commissioner Wayne Goodwin said, "I enjoy what I do and represent the people to the best of my ability." He added, "One

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Town Councilman Jerald Perry files for re-election at the Chowan County Board of Elections office on Monday.

Couple charged following investigation

From Cox NC Publications staff reports

A man and woman from Pitt County have been indicted in connection with the embezzlement of more than \$2 million from area drainage districts, including Chowan county's.

Terry Dixon and Charles Oliver Dove, both of Greenville, were indicted Monday by the Pitt County Grand Jury. Dixon faces 26 counts of embezzlement and

Dove 18 counts of aiding and abetting embezzlement.

Dixon allegedly forged checks while she was an employee of Southeastern Drainage Inc. in Greenville, which maintained drainage infrastructure for districts from Gates to Lenoir counties, officials said.

She is accused of misappropriating \$54,500 from Chowan County Drainage District #3. Dove, a Greenville business-

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Longtime member Helen Jones sits among the pews at Kadesh Church, one of the sites featured on the new African American Walking Tour in Edenton. The tour brochure will be unveiled tomorrow in conjunction with a marker dedication at Providence Burial Ground, another site on the tour. (Chowan Herald file photo)

Marker dedication is Feb. 27

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

In a fitting tribute during African American History Month, the public is being invited to attend the dedication of a permanent marker of respect and remembrance at the Providence Burial Ground Wednesday, Feb. 27. A year's worth of brainstorming, effort and planning will culminate in the presentation of Edenton's first African American Walking Tour Guide on the same day.

The dedication ceremony

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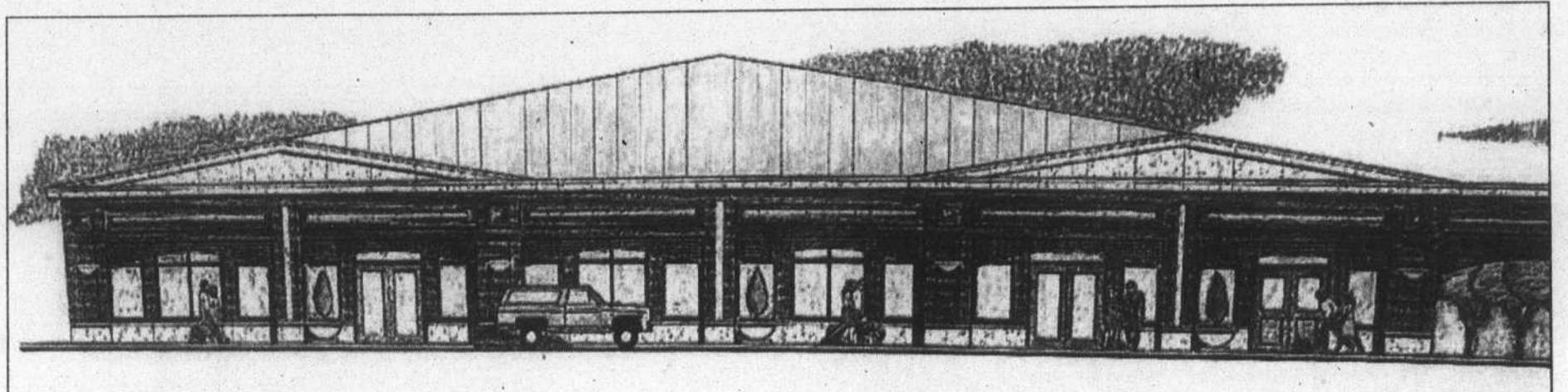
Mayor expresses concerns

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
Staff Writer

Cities and towns across the state are still reeling from Governor Mike Easley's decision to "sock it to them" one more time. This past week the mayors of seventeen of the state's largest municipalities converged on the governor's office in Raleigh in hopes of having their voices heard.

However, for the small towns and cities, the best that was offered them was a chance

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This architect's rendering reflects the design for a portion of the proposed new shopping center at the current IGA Grocery site in Edenton. Developers Jim Nance and Al Chesson appeared before the Edenton Town Council Tuesday night to request a rezoning of the property.

UDO concerns prompt council to table rezoning motion

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Concerns about perceived contradictions in the language

contained in this community's Unified Development Ordinance prompted the Edenton Town Council to table a bid for rezoning the current site of the

IGA Family Foods store for a shopping center. Developers Jim Nance and Al Chesson appeared before the council to ask for the rezoning of the land

from highway commercial to shopping center. The rezoning request had been recommended for approval by the town's Planning Board on Jan.

7, according to Chad D. Sary, planning director for the town and county.

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