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## Board asked to support need for more emergency facilities

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND  
Staff Writer

The Chowan County Commissioners held their regular monthly meeting Monday morning to discuss among several issues the transfer of the Old Walker School. The Commissioners are attempting to put the final touches on the transfer of the school for use by COA, the Walker Alumni Association, and the Edenton Chowan Recreation Department.

One issue addressed concerning the lease itself was a request for clarification of the terms of the lease and use by the Walker Alumni. Commissioner James Taylor requested that the lease include a clause safeguarding the continued use of a part of the facility by Walker Alumni. The board accepted the proposed lease agreement inclusive of the changes requested by Commissioner Taylor.

Nancy Barrow and other representatives of the

Albemarle Commissioner presented approached the board requesting their support for establishing more local facilities for use as emergency shelter for displaced children and at-risk juveniles within the area. At present in situations where youngsters are either picked up by local law enforcement or removed from a home by DSS the space available at local facilities is limited often requiring that the children be

taken as far away as Greenville.

"It is our understanding that the Baptist Children's Home is considering two nine-bed cottages in this area," said Brown. "However, the best case scenario for when this will be done is two years away."

Brown requested the support of the commissioners in that they do whatever could be done on their part to expedite the location of the cottages. Brown also encouraged

collaboration among the existing departments and Baptist Children's Homes for the best interest of the children needing help. The board adopted a resolution stating their support "in the effort to make adequate emergency placement available to at-risk juveniles throughout the First Judicial District."

The board also adopted a resolution supporting a Pharmacy School at Elizabeth City State University. The resolution came as a request by

ECSU from counties in its serve area as a show of support. The North Carolina General Assembly has appropriated money to study the development of a pharmacy school at the university.

The agenda for the meeting also included a listing of the departments sustaining budget cuts resulting from the Governor's decision to hold County reimbursements and to adjust for a decrease in sales tax anticipated, a total of \$415,082.00.



### Library hosts 'Read Across America' session

Children fill the upstairs room at the Shepard-Pruden Library on Friday afternoon during a "Read Across America" session held there. Volunteers Penny Jo Binns and Jennifer Fenner, sporting red and white "Cat in the Hat" style headware in honor of Dr. Seuss, shared the joy of reading with the kids. Other "Read Across America" events were held in the Edenton-Chowan Schools as well. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

### Legion celebrates its 83rd anniversary

The American Legion will observe its 83rd Anniversary on March 15-17. "The Legionnaires of Edenton are planning a gala celebration to mark this significant milestone," Commander Jim Todd of the Edward G. Bond Post 40 announced today.

Commander Todd also announced the appointment of a special committee, under the chairmanship of Ron Green to direct the local observance that will present a number of events. The observance will begin with a Spaghetti dinner at 7:15 p.m., Friday, March 15th at Post 40. Along with the Birthday Celebration, a very special presentation will take place in light of the September 11th Terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. It will honor the ongoing military effort. There will be special presentation of flags and music. Guest speaker for the event will be Past National Commander Ray G. Smith.

The festivities in Edenton are part of a celebration at more than 16 thousand American Legion Posts throughout the

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### Providence marker dedicated

The Honorable Judge J. C. Cole unveils the permanent marker dedicated this past week at Providence Cemetery. The marker honors those free blacks, slaves, and Revolutionary War soldier, Jonathan Overton. The cemetery was rediscovered in 2001. (photo Helen Kerr Outland) (See related story on page 4-A)

## Additional filings for seat reported

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND  
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Two more candidates have filed in what is now a four-way race for the county commissioner's seat to be vacated by Pete Dail.

Jim Leggett filed earlier last week with Larry MaLaughlin filing Friday afternoon.

Jim Leggett worked for DOT for 24 years retiring as a Division I Traffic Engineer. Leggett and his family have lived in

Edenton since 1997. Leggett wants to be part of the continuing growth of Chowan County. "I'd like to see improved communications with in the county," says Leggett. "I am particularly interested in the Rural Internet Access Authority." Leggett feels it shows great promise for connecting a community.

He would like to increase community interaction and

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Jim Leggett



Larry MaLaughlin

## Dowd presents an update on Edenton Harbor development

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND  
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Former Mayor John Dowd and the Meeting House Commission came before the Edenton Town Council Monday evening to present a power point presentation on the Edenton Harbor phase II development.

The Commission had been charged by Mayor Roland Vaughan and the Town Council to study the best use of the Municipal Building that houses the Edenton Police Department and the Chowan County Central Communications (911).

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John Dowd explains portions of the proposed Edenton Harbor phase II development.

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