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Community plans memorial tribute on Sept. 11th

BY HELEN K. OUTLAND
Staff Writer

On September 11 of 2001 the world stood still in disbelief as the United States was attacked by terrorist, and thousands died. On Wednesday, September 11, 2002 a commemoration service honoring the country and those who lost their lives will be held at Swain Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The service is a collaborative effort initiated by Commander Ron Green of Edward G. Bond American Legion Post #40 and Reverend Paul Pridgen of the Edenton Baptist Church. As 9-11 approached county, faith, and government leaders were approached by Command Green and Reverend Pridgen. "They were asked if they would come together on this very significant occasion," says Pridgen. "Everyone we talked to was very receptive and we have gotten unprecedented support across the board."

Members representing the faith community, EMS, law enforcement, fire departments, and the military will all be present. "We want



American Legion Commander Ron Green, left, joins Dr. Paul Pridgen, pastor of Edenton Baptist Church, in showing a poster promoting this community's planned Sept. 11 tribute to those whose lives were forever changed by the terrorist attacks on America. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

everyone to come out and show their support," said Commander Green. If someone has an active military member in their family, then we would like to recognize them. We want this commemorative event to show our support."

The program for the evening will include patriotic music, a short film of the attacks of 9-11, and prayers of hope and remembrance. A Blue Star Flag will be presented to Mayor Roland Vaughan by Commander Green in honor of all those who have served their country. It will be flown in their honor in downtown Edenton.

Commander Green and Reverend Pridgen encourage the citizens of Chowan and the surrounding area to come out for the commemorative service. The pair say that although families can sit home and watch documentaries and specials on the television, they feel there is nothing like being together as a community.

"There is a dynamic of being present, together, that cannot be found sitting in front of a TV set watching

the screen," says Pridgen. "That is the option that this event will provide."

"Together, together, together, a time to remember, together, a time of hope, together, and a time together in resolve. We, this country, have some big challenges ahead of us. This event should be a meaningful occasion, together."

Flag ceremony planned

On Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 8:45 a.m., there will be a special memorial ceremony at D.F. Walker Elementary School in Edenton.

A children's choir will perform, and students will speak words of tribute in honor of those who lost their lives during last year's Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on America.

A U.S. flag retirement ceremony is also planned.

Primary election is next Tuesday

Next Tuesday, Chowan County voters will go to the polls to cast their ballots in the Democratic and Republican primary, and the Town of Edenton Municipal Election. Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m. with curbside voting available.

Those victorious in the primary will earn a place on the ballot in the fall general election.

In the U.S. Senate race, Democrats Albert Lee Wiley Jr., Duke Underwood, David Tidwell, Elaine Marshall, Randy Crow, Cynthia Brown, Erskine Bowles, Dan Blue and Bob Ayers (listed on the ballot in reverse alphabetical order) will face off against Republicans Jim Snyder, Douglas Sellers, Jim Parker, A.G. Fisher, Elizabeth Dole, Timothy Cook and Venkat Challa.

Vying for a chance at a seat in the U.S. Congress are Demo-

crats Christine Fitch, Sam Davis, Janice McKenzie Cole, and Frank Ballance Jr.

Voters also will have a number of local offices to choose a frontrunner for during the primary election. Seeking to fill County Commission District 1, Seat 2 are former commissioner Emmett Winborne and incumbent Wayne Goodwin. The winner of the Democratic primary for that seat will face Libertarian candidate John Sams in the fall election.

Candidates for the County Commission District 2 seat being vacated by Pete Dail are Democrats Claire Mills, Jim Leggett and Jimmy Alligood. The winner of that contest will face Republican Larry McLaughlin in the November election.

Edenton Town Council incumbents Jerry Parks and Willis Privott are running unopposed in the primary.

Child's generosity benefits 'Locks of Love' initiative

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Brooke Griffin will be ten years old in October. She has never had her haircut, until Wednesday afternoon that is. Brooke's haircut is far from mundane occasion. Her hair hangs in silky, honey-blond waves to her waist. Once cut, not one strand of it will touch the floor: Brooke is donating the twelve inches of hair cosmetologist Angie Black of Shear Pleasure is cutting to another little girl or boy who has no hair.

Brooke's mother, Ginger Griffin, who is very active in the Chowan County Relay for Life, has brought her daughter, and a camera, to the local beauty shop and talks about the event. "I am very proud of Brooke," says her mother. "I



Angie Black prepares to clip Brooke Griffin's hair, which Brooke donated to the "Locks of Love" program. (Staff photo by Helen Kerr Outland)

have always kept her involved in Relay for Life, teaching her

community involvement, and I was so pleased when she said

she wanted to donate her hair."

Locks of Love, a not-for-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 18 with medical hair loss. The hair prosthetics will be provided free of charge or on a sliding scale to children whose families meet the Locks of Love Board of Directors guidelines. Donors such as Brooke provide all the hair that is used by Locks for Love.

Locks of Love was begun in 1997, helping over 800 children since then. Due to national publicity thousands of bundles of donated hair arrive from around the country.

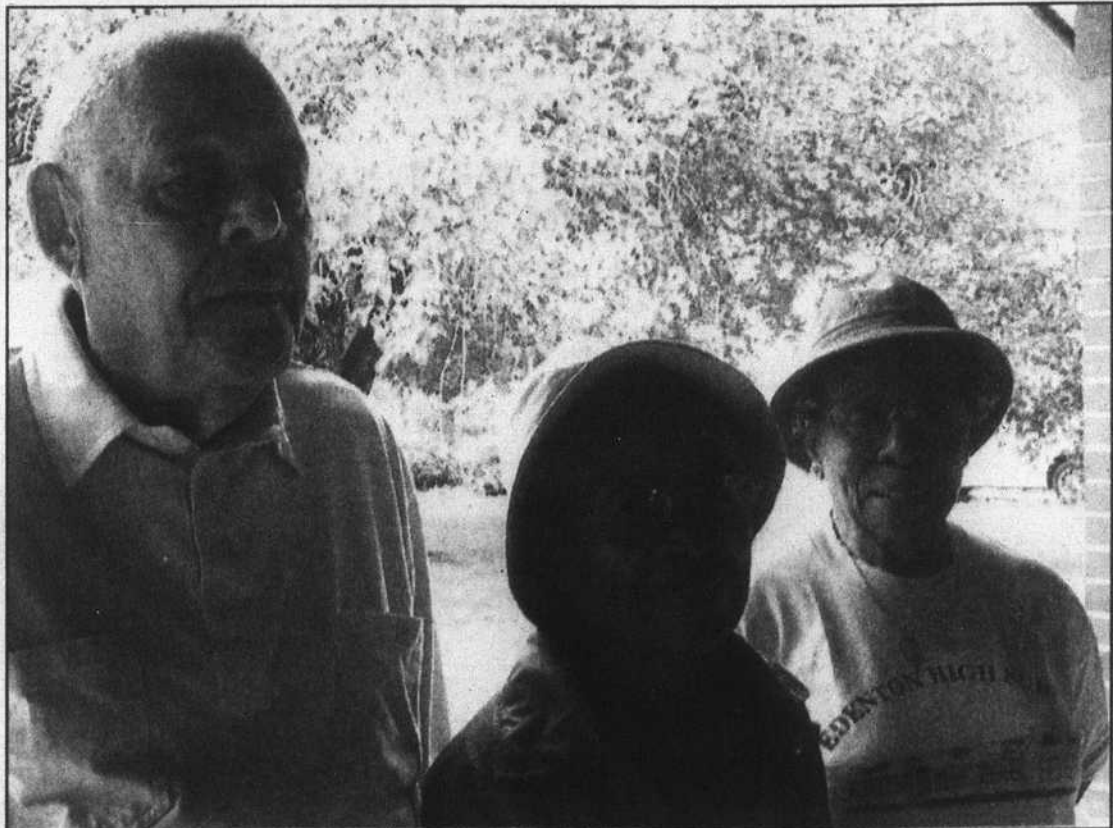
Many donors include a note or picture with their

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DF Walker school reunion takes place

From left to right are three 1936 graduates of Edenton Colored High School, which later became known as D. F. Walker. They are Mr. Thomas Sharpe, Mattie Jordan, and Johnnie Bell Sessoms. Mr. Sharpe still owes Mrs. Jordan for a lot of notebook paper.

Complete coverage of the D. F. Walker Alumni Reunion can be seen in the September 11 Chowan Herald. (Outland photo)

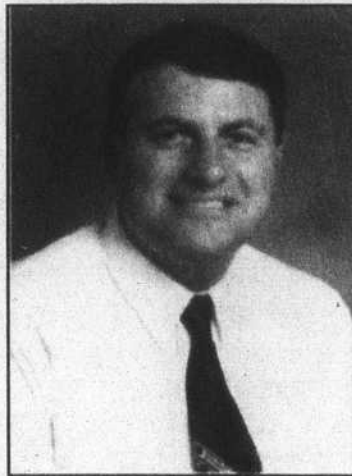


J. Fencik is new academy head

Lawrence Academy in Merry Hill has a new headmaster, John Fencik (see page 5-A of today's edition for personal remarks from Fencik and other principals on the opening of the school year).

Prior to coming to Lawrence, Fencik was affiliated with the Miami Country Day School in Miami, FL where he served as director of Spiritual and Ethical Education.

From 1975-1994, he served as an administrator/educator for the Dioceses of Rockville Centre, NY and Orlando, FL. From 1986-1991, he served as hospital chaplain at Central General Hospital in Plainview, NY.



John Fencik

Fencik holds a BA in English See FENCIK On Page 10-A

COMMUNITY PRAYER VIGIL FOR VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11TH
VIGIL 7 AM - NOON • SERVICE 12:00 - 12:30
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH INFORMATION 482-3522

Community Service of Commemoration
Service 7:00 pm • Swain Auditorium
Information 482-3217