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COA board approves design; paves way for college

College of the Albemarle's Board of Trustees have given the go-ahead for implementation of Phase I renovations at the former D.F. Walker Elementary School in Edenton. State bond funds will be used to pay for the work.

Chowan County recently agreed to lease the facility to COA on a long-term basis, paving the way for the arrangement.

"While COA's Chowan County Center has offered a handful of programs at the former Walker school for over a year, the college plans to move more of its programs over to the facility since it is outgrowing its existing location at the Edenton Village Shopping Center," explained Lynn Hurdle-Winslow, dean of the COA Chowan Center. "The move will also allow

the college the opportunity to provide a more collegiate atmosphere for students," Winslow added, noting that a recent study found many students, and residents of the community, felt the existing facility was in a bad location and didn't "feel like a college".

The challenge of converting the former elementary school into an attractive and functional college campus was presented to Traub Architecture and Design, a firm noted for its building rehabilitation and planning expertise. The firm, after determining the project was indeed feasible, presented their ideas to college officials and county commissioners. Architect Gerald Traub, who attended the board of trustees meeting, expressed excitement at having the opportunity to work on the project, which he

characterized as a "great opportunity" to convert the former elementary school site into a college campus. A phased approach to the project is planned, with existing state bond referendum funds to be used to pay for the first phase. According to COA officials, the \$904,000 approved by the college's board of trustees will cover initial renovation of three build-

ings, establishment of an entryway, fencing, signage, parking and lighting. They indicated that making the exterior of the facility look like a college is an initial priority for this project.

"I am very excited at what the Chowan County Center can now become for its students," said Lynn Hurdle-Winslow, dean of the COA Chowan Center in Edenton.

Chamber wraps up summit series

BY MARGE SOPER
Correspondent

The Edenton - Chowan Chamber of Commerce held its third and final Business and Education Summit Thursday, March 13, at the Hampton Inn in Edenton.

The first of the Summit Series was focused on the local schools and COA in the areas needed in preparing students for the workplace. The second part of the series was mainly focused on the needs and requirements of local employers.

The third in the series directed the efforts of the group in brainstorming the ideas learned from Sessions 1 and 2. A brief overview was presented by Win Dale of Session 1 and 2 so that all present were up to date on both sessions.

Paxis Research, Inc. pro-

vided a unique and innovative method of collecting each person's viewpoint on the questions to be asked. Each participant was given an electronic key pad. As a question was presented on a screen; choices were presented by numbers and the keypad holder could press the key number best reflecting their answer to the question.

The results were quick and quite informative. Participants did not get lost in the differing viewpoints given by each participant before a definitive count could be taken. One of the best factors in using this key pad method was that each person could honestly answer a question without peer pressure to give a conforming answer.

The large group also broke

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Citizens attend open forum

Many local citizens took advantage last Wednesday evening of the opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas with Charles A. Flink II, president of Greenways Incorporated of Durham, NC as he sought to explain some of the initial plans for appropriate beautification and development of bike trails and other amenities being looked at for the community. Also on hand to hear the public's comments were local officials including Robbie Laughton, director of Parks and Recreation, and Chad Sary, director of planning and inspections. (Photo by Robbie Laughton)



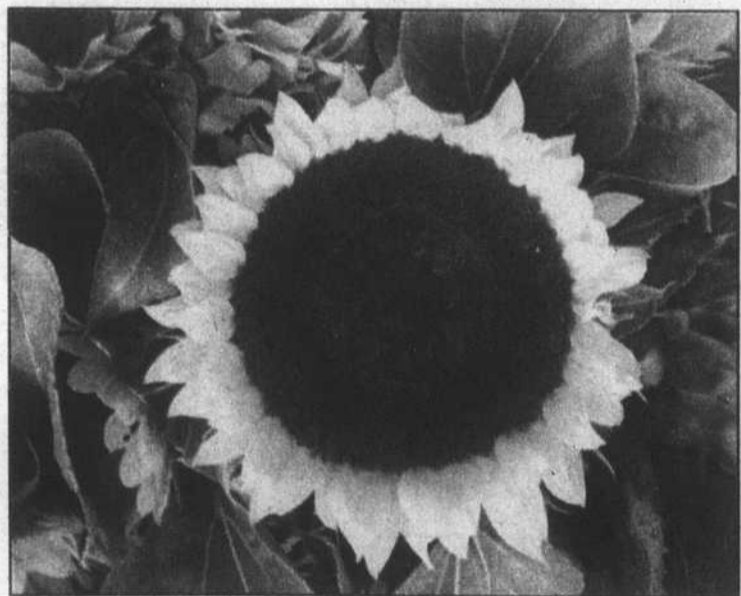
Symposium is April 4-5

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

The life and times of an Edenton writer, abolitionist and reformer will be the focus of an upcoming event in our community. The Harriet Jacobs Symposium will take place here April 4-5 with the Historic Edenton Visitor Center serving as registration site.

Jacobs, born into slavery in 1813, eventually detailed the

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Spring arts fundraiser

A painting class in a field of sunflowers is just one of the many innovative auction items planned for the Chowan Arts Council's "Pasta and Pottery" fundraiser set for Saturday, April 26, at the American Legion, Edenton, at 5:30 p.m. All proceeds support the arts in our community.

Emmrich to welcome 50,000th visitor

Easter story as you've never seen it

BY DAVID CRAWLEY
Publisher

In an area where history is all around us, a particular Chowan County treasure will celebrate another, very special historical milestone this month.

According to well-known actor and theatre co-owner, Jeff Emmrich, for Rocky Hock Playhouse and its cast, this historical event will be marked by milestone number 50,000.

"Sometime during the next few weeks we will have our



The Cast of Emmrich's newest show "It is Finished," depict the crucifixion scene at Rocky Hock Playhouse. This world premiere production, written by Gloria Emmrich, runs March 18th through April 19th. Local residents and others are encouraged to see this Easter story. (Crawley photo)

fifty-thousandth visitor," said Emmrich in a recent interview. "We are excited as this day approaches."

Rocky Hock Playhouse opened its 2003 season with the Valentine's Day show, "For Better or Worse," and this Tuesday will premiere a new show called "It is Finished" by Gloria Emmrich.

The show, timed obviously for the Easter season, tells the ageless story of Christ's death and resurrection. Billed as "the best story ever retold," the production promises to make you feel as if you are right there on Calvary's infamous Hill with the Savior as he declares through the blood, pain and agony, "It is Finished."

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Smoking policy vote to be held

The Edenton - Chowan Schools Board of Education will vote on a proposed "100% Tobacco-Free" policy at its next meeting, scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Mar. 31 at the board conference room in the County Office Building.

The proposed policy would prohibit students, employees, guests and visitors from using tobacco products on school-owned property. The proposal also

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War appears certain as Bush addresses nation

By REBECCA BUNCH
Editor

Many Americans stayed home Monday night to watch a televised address by President George W. Bush on the impending war with Iraq. As expected, President Bush said that diplomatic efforts to convince Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to disarm his nation of weapons of mass destruction had failed and that war appears inevitable.

In remarks directed at the Iraqi people, Bush vowed, "The



President George W. Bush appeared in a televised address to talk with the American people Monday evening. (Time photo)

tyrant will soon be gone...the day of your liberation is near."

Bush said that if Hussein and his sons failed to leave Iraq within 48 hours, a military assault on the country would begin "at a time of our choosing".

President Bush issued the ultimatum after France and other UN members blocked efforts by the US to have the body approve a resolution sanctioning the use of military force by America to end the conflict.

Here at home, local leaders said they felt it is now the duty

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Booster Club plans golf tournament

The Aces Booster Club and Chowan Golf and Country Club will host a special golf tournament to help raise funds in support of Edenton Aces athletics.

The tournament will be held on Thursday, April 3, beginning at noon with a shotgun start. The format for the tournament will be four-person superball (Captain's Choice). All levels of players are welcome to enter and enjoy the fun.

The entry fee is \$240 per

team and includes all green fees, cart fees, mulligans, snacks and lunch. There will also be door prizes and gift bags awarded to all participants. Each team member of the first place team will receive a \$100 gift certificate for clubhouse merchandise. Second place team members will receive a \$75 gift certificate and third place members will receive a \$50 gift certificate. There will be special prizes

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