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## Commissioners okay Sandy Point land use

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The Chowan County Board of Commissioners met in special session Aug. 23 to discuss amending the joint land use plan as "New Urban Waterfront Area".

The Edenton-Chowan Planning and Inspections Board held a public meeting concerning this topic which was fairly well attended. The planning board, after approval at that meeting, proposed approving the amendment to the commissioners. Commissioners voted unanimously Monday night to approve the amendment.

Pending legislation, the Coastal Resources Commission will designate one coastal county for a pilot program, des-

ignating a "New Urban Waterfront Area" not to exceed 50 acres and not exceeding one mile of natural shoreline.

After approval from the commissioners, the amendment will be sent to the CRC and will await approval, further permits, and instructions. The area under the new designation is that of Sandy Point, south of N.C. Highway 32 along the Albemarle Sound.

The developer in order to receive further permits and to be able to take advantage of the 30-ft. waterfront setback must meet certain criteria. They include: Public access to the waterfront must be made available by the developer; central water, sewer and storm water management must also be available on site and developed with non-dis-

charge requirements. By this, there will be no direct water being discharged into the Sound.

Officials have said that a certain amount of natural discharge will occur, but other than that small amount, all other discharge will be retained as much as possible. A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System will be applied for by the developer and must satisfy federal measures, which are considerably higher than state standards.

A "New Urban Waterfront Area" is described as "an area designated for development that includes a mixture of residential and commercial uses, recreational area, and facilities for government or other civic purposes; provides for pedes-

trian access to residential, commercial, civic, and recreational areas; and incorporates open space for recreational and other public purposes."

Dossey Pruden and Bill Gardner Jr. were among the public who had questions about the amendment. Among those points needed clarifying were 'Who will be responsible for taking care of the public access areas' and 'Would this be more or less of an impact on the Sound than Country Club Drive is right now?' Peter Rascoe, Edenton-Chowan Special Projects Officer, and Sam Young, Sandy Point developer, did their best to provide answers. They said Sandy Point will have less impact on the sound, and that the developer would propose public access management.

## Hospital earns excellent rating

Chowan Hospital has been awarded high scores in overall patient satisfaction for this quarter, according to reports from The Jackson Organization, survey research consultants in Columbia, MD. The reports show that Chowan Hospital scored above the national average for patient satisfaction with inpatient, outpatient, and emergency room services.

As part of ongoing efforts to maintain high quality services to the community and as consumers becomes more educated about health care



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and competition increases, Chowan Hospital measures

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## Pitching in to help others

### Chowan Co. residents send supplies to Florida

BY SEAN JACKSON  
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Peggy Dees and Felisa Bass wanted to help the hurricane-ravaged people of Florida's Gulf Coast after Hurricane Charley roared through there Aug. 13.

But they didn't think they'd help pack a 53-foot trailer full of relief items. From Raleigh to Greenville to Southeastern Virginia, the donations poured into Chowan. Dees said Tuesday, "It just gave us all a real warm feeling to be a part of this community," Dees said.

Charley roared into Charlotte County, Fla. with 145 mph wind and 10 foot waves. Dees said she talked with a minister from Venice, Fla. who relayed destruction accounts. Floridians were wandering about, homeless, in shock, she said.

"He said it was so pitiful," Dees added, "it made me cry on the phone. Everything was flattened."

Local churches pitched in, recalling Chowan's fate last September when Hurricane Isabel bored through the county. Canned goods, bottled water, hygiene items, baby foods and formula, tarps, roofing nails, charcoal, and grills came into Bass' family's warehouse on Harris Landing Road in

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Peggy Dees, Felisa Bass and her husband, Neal Bass, show off some of the many boxes of supplies being readied for the trip to Florida. The people of Chowan County, with a hand from local churches, pitched in to fill an 18-wheeler full of donations to help those in Florida who suffered damage from Hurricane Charley.



A Chowan County mom and her children drop off toys for children in Florida who lost theirs when Hurricane Charley roared through, leaving devastation in its wake.

## Local officials watching Frances

BY SEAN JACKSON  
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The sixth named tropical system of the hurricane season was cruising westward Tuesday, but local officials were keeping a keen eye on powerful Hurricane Frances.

Frances, a Category 4 storm at press time, had top winds of 135 mph and was located 175 miles northeast of San Juan, Puerto Rico, moving west at 15 mph. The storm was forecast to strengthen before making landfall anywhere from the North Carolina/South Carolina border to the

Florida Keys by Sunday morning. The central Florida Atlantic Coast had the highest storm-strike probability, according to the National Weather Service.

Patty Madry, an official with the Chowan County Emergency Services, said Frances' winds were expected to reach 144 mph today (Wednesday). A large storm, she said a strike around North Florida would still bring an impact to northeast North Carolina.

"We do not need it," she said of potential effects from

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## Library begins oral history on hurricane

### Project to be focus of gathering

BY REBECCA BUNCH  
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The Shepard-Pruden Public Library in Edenton is seeking the public's help with a hurricane-related project. The library is organizing an oral history project, in cooperation with The Chowan Herald, to compile information from local citizens about their experiences during Hurricane Isabel last September.

"We want to open this project up to participation from everybody in the community," said Rosalie Miller, head librarian. "We hope you all will share your experiences with us so that this effort, which we hope to compile into a book by the second anniversary of Isabel, will truly represent all parts of Chowan County."

Miller said that there are several ways interested persons may participate. "You may write about your experiences yourself and submit your thoughts in writing to the library or you can come to the library any Friday and our staff will record your story,"

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The Chowan Herald office will be closed Monday. The deadline for news and ads is noon Friday.

## BOE learns more about NASA, technology

BY EARLINE WHITE  
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The Edenton-Chowan Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 30. The meeting was held at D. F. Walker School to discuss their partnership as a NASA Explorer School. In addition to this three-year partnership, many exciting things are underway at Walker. The Science Learning Team has a lot of continuing lessons for the students to get them involved in an inquiry-based study. The Hewlett Packard Technology

for Teaching Grant Team have been successful in their goals, acquiring grant monies for new technology to be incorporated into the classroom. The PRISM program, a NC Quest 2-year funded project in partnership with ECSU and several regional schools aim to make sure the students implement an inquiry-based learning style. The goal of this new style is to get the students thinking about application, rather than regurgitation.

Project U-Stars ~Plus is another inquiry-based program at D. F. Walker, focused on ex-

ploration and problem solving. The name stands for 'using science, talents, and abilities to recognize students promoting learning for under-represented students'. The program will incorporate science and language arts. Family and community involvement is always an issue in education. By hosting family night on Feb. 8 and April 12, the staff at Walker hopes to engage families in the educational process and provides the parents with the tools to be actively involved in their child's education.

Among the most exciting

ventures at Walker is their 3-year partnership with NASA. Only 50 schools out of the nation were chosen for such a partnership. The goal is to increase student interest in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math). So far the students have already hosted a special visit by NASA employee, Storm Robinson, and revived their interest in learning about the phases of the moon. Already teachers can see an increase in active participation and student abil-

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## Legion wants names of service personnel

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary in Edenton are attempting to compile a list of our service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan so that care packages and letters can be sent.

If you know of a soldier or sailor serving in these areas from Chowan County, or related to someone in Chowan County, please contact Nancy or Jerry Rahal at 452-0106 with the name and address or send to the American Legion, PO Box 390, Edenton, NC 27832.