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PAST GLORY, FUTURE PROMISE ON HISTORIC EDENTON CAMPUS

Chowan seeks \$1.5 million in Golden LEAF funding

■ Money to be used for Walker Building renovation

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

Chowan County is asking the Golden LEAF Foundation for \$1.5 million to renovate and "repurpose" the D.F. Walker Building on the Edenton-Chowan Campus of College of The Albemarle.

In June of this coming year, Golden LEAF will be awarding grants on a com-

petitive basis within the state's 21-county Northeastern Prosperity Zone.

Preliminary proposals called "requests for invitation" were due from counties on Oct. 15. Each county was allowed to identify up to three projects and up to \$1.5 million in grant funding.

Based on those requests, Golden LEAF plans to select six-10 counties to move forward in the process, and they will be notified by Nov. 8.

Letters of inquiry will be

due Dec. 1 and then full applications for project funding will be due March 7.

The Golden LEAF Foundation Board will make final funding decisions at its June 5 meeting.

The project is being proposed as a means to economic vitality and revitalizing a high-risk neighborhood.

The proposal, formally known as a "request for invitation," is the first step in applying for a grant in the new

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Alumni leader recalls glory of former Edenton High

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Before it burned down in 1972, the Edenton High School building was an example of a larger than usual — and unusually elaborate — Rosenwald School structure.

"Rosenwald Schools were very historical buildings," said Norman Brinkley Jr., a founder of the Edenton/D.F. Walker High School Association and the first president of the association.

A conference on Rosenwald Schools in North Carolina was held in Edenton Oct. 5. That conference highlighted the rich history of the school buildings built for black students in the early 1990s through a partnership between educator Booker T. Washington, wealthy philanthropist Julius Rosenwald, and local black communities in the South and elsewhere.

"This was one of the larger Rosenwald Schools," Brinkley said, noting that many of the other struc-

tures were small wooden buildings.

Edenton High School was built in 1931 and the first class was in 1932.

A later addition to the building, which unlike the original structure is still standing, was to become known as the D.F. Walker School building — named after a longtime principal of Edenton High School.

Brinkley said Edenton High School was, in his opinion, a nicer facility than

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Early voting in town election behind '09 pace

From staff reports

As of late Monday afternoon, 38 people had taken advantage of early voting in the Edenton Municipal Election — compared with 99 for the first three days of early voting in 2009.

The total number of early votes cast in the 2009 election was 413. There were 833 votes cast in that election.

Early voting in this year's town election began last Thursday, making Monday the third day votes could be cast in the election.

There were 13 ballots cast Thursday, 11 on Friday and 14 on Monday.

Voter registration in Edenton is down somewhat from 2009. There were 3,408 registered voters in the town at the time of the 2009 election, compared with the current figure of 3,363.

One-stop absentee voting continues Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. — 5 p.m. through Nov. 1 at the Chowan County Elections Office. The office is located in Suite D of the Agricultural Extension



STAFF PHOTO BY REGGIE PONDER

Signs outside the Chowan County Elections Office remind voters of the hours that one stop absentee voting is available and also remind candidates and their supporters of the no-campaigning zone in the area closest to the office entrance.

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Rain clips 'Wings' but some turn out for activities



PHOTO COURTESY JIM KALBACH

These young men were among the hardy souls who braved rain on Saturday to view vintage airplanes and vintage cars at the Northeastern Regional Airport. The Wings Over Edenton event was cancelled due to weather, but folks at the airport still welcomed visitors and gave them an opportunity to see the old planes and old cars.

From staff reports

Saturday's Wings Over Edenton event was canceled due to bad weather and very low ceiling preventing flights over Edenton, according to Jim Kalbach, chairman of the Northeastern Regional Airport Commission.

"However, many people showed up and were able to tour the hangars and chat with the pilots," Kalbach said. "Several aircraft were pulled out of the hangars so the children could look inside."

Dan White, the airport's resident mechanic, had his collection of antique planes

displayed so visitors could walk around and view them inside the hangar, away from the rain. White's planes date as far back as 1910.

A group of Boy Scouts camped out Friday night and Civil Air Patrol cadets performed close order drill and toured the facilities.

"A good time was had by all," Kalbach said.

Airport Commissioner Mimi Reiheld said organizers are looking to schedule another event.

"We will take stock, regroup, and, I surely hope, plan another event before too long, even bigger and better," Reiheld said in a letter to the Chowan Herald.

Edenton police seek suspect in home invasion robbery

From staff reports

The Edenton Police Department is asking for the public's help in solving an armed robbery that occurred Saturday evening at a residence in the 400 block of East Queen Street, just

east of downtown.

An Edenton man arrested Saturday night on a weapons charge has not been charged in the robbery or named as a suspect in the robbery, but is described by police as a "person of interest" in the robbery.

Chief Jay Fortenbery said Dwight Coston, 31, of 402 N. Granville St., was jailed under \$11,000 bond, charged with possession of a firearm by a felon, wearing a mask in public, and resisting arrest.

Police found Coston

behind X-Mart with a gun Saturday night, Fortenbery said.

The suspect is described as a black male, 5 feet 9 inches tall, with a medium build and possibly having a mustache. Police said the suspect was wearing a

black hooded jacket with black pants.

Police said the suspect forced his way into the residence while an occupant was exiting, pulled

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