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Plans for Walker building focus on education

BY REGGIE PONDER
Editor

Chowan County officials have temporarily suspended the study committee on the future of the former D.F. Walker High School building but say they are very interested in using the building for educational purposes. The study committee

has been suspended while county officials clarify what is possible under the terms of the county's lease agreement with College of The Albemarle. The county is studying legal issues as they study legal issues and funding questions.

Chowan County Commissioner Emmett Winborne, who co-chairs the study

committee with COA President Kandi Deitemeyer, said last week that the committee has not been disbanded. The county commissioners simply decided to sit back and wait on answers to basic questions about the lease agreement - and other questions such as the college's plans for the building - before resuming the work

of the committee, according to Winborne.

"There are a lot of unanswered questions," Winborne said. "We're not doing with the committee but just suspending it for the time being."

Winborne made the motion to suspend the study committee at the county commissioners' March 7

meeting.

The county commissioners convened the study committee last fall, appointing representatives from COA, Edenton-Chowan Schools and the D.F. Walker Alumni Association. The committee discussed a wide range of options for the future of the two-story Walker building on COA's Edenton-Chowan

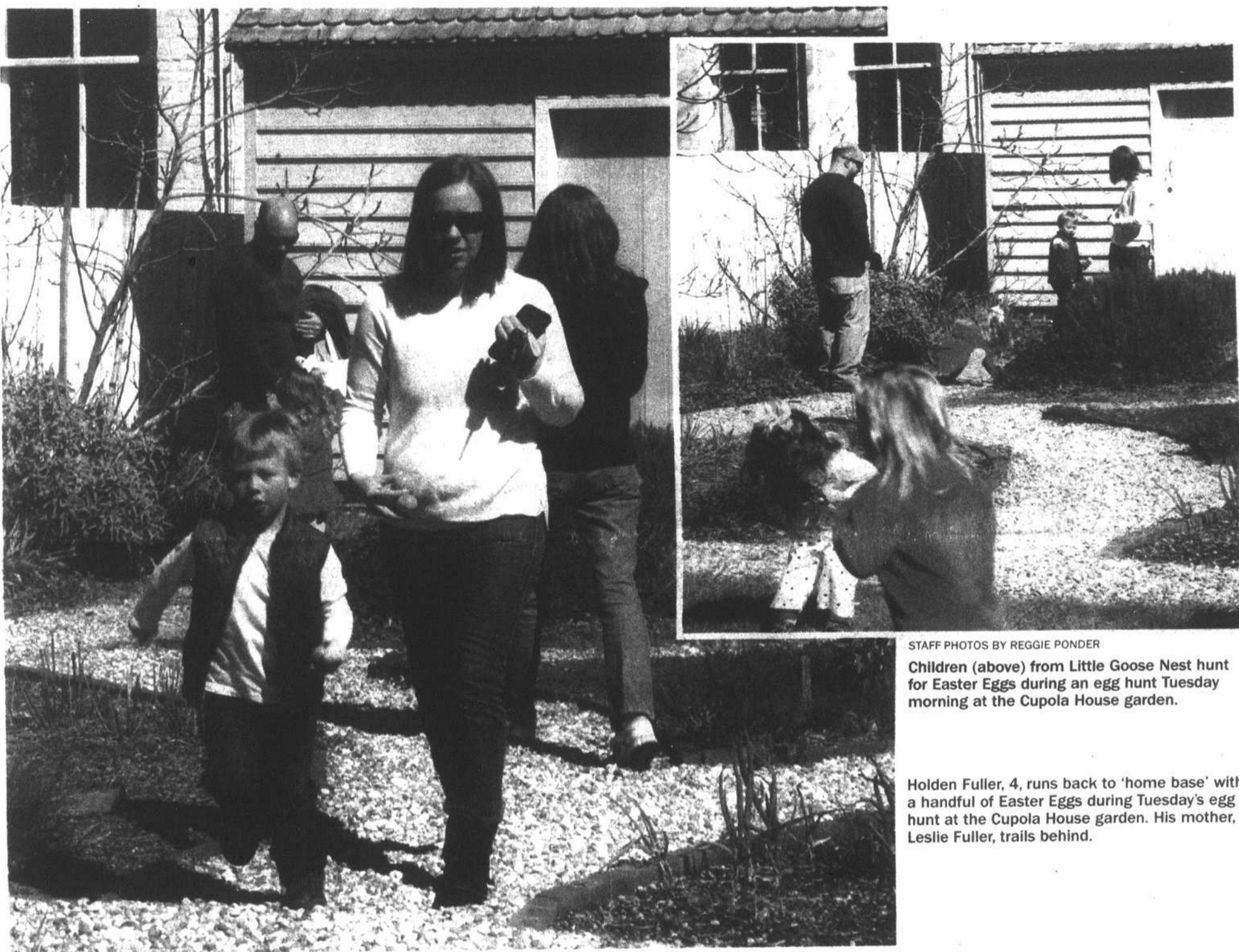
Campus.

The current move by the commissioners represents a kind of pulling back from that wide-ranging discussion to focus more narrowly on using the building for educational purposes.

Winborne said the commissioners understand the

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THE HUNT IS ON



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Children (above) from Little Goose Nest hunt for Easter Eggs during an egg hunt Tuesday morning at the Cupola House garden.

Holden Fuller, 4, runs back to 'home base' with a handful of Easter Eggs during Tuesday's egg hunt at the Cupola House garden. His mother, Leslie Fuller, trails behind.

Town OKs agreement with local Habitat

BY REBECCA BUNCH
Staff Writer

The town council has given its approval to a proposed memorandum of understanding with Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity focusing on housing in need of repairs in two local redevelopment zones.

The council unanimously agreed at its March 8 monthly meeting to okay the agreement with Habitat that will be signed at a later date, according to local Habitat chapter president Sally Holloway.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said in a memo to the council that the action resulted from work being done by Town Planner Sam Barrow prior to his deployment overseas with the

National Guard.

"Previous to Sam Barrow's deployment he was working closely with Habitat for Humanity regarding possible partnerships between the Town and Habitat as part of the neighborhood redevelopment plans for the Oakum Street Redevelopment Zone and the Moseley Street Redevelopment Zone," she said.

Knighton noted that in Barrow's absence she had continued to have conversations with Habitat leadership. Holloway said that the memorandum was a result of those continued talks.

"Habitat initiated the (memorandum) with the Town because we saw that our mission, in particular the new Edenton Initiative, which focuses on Edenton's neighborhood revitalization, complements the Town's Redevelopment Plan," Holloway said. "Also, the Redevelopment Plan cites

About 300 seek 40 Food Lion jobs

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Job seekers stand in line at the Food Lion job fair Thursday at the Hampton Inn in Edenton.

A Food Lion job fair Thursday saw some 300 local people speak with company representatives about available positions at the new store that's opening April 6 at Chowan Crossing.

Food Lion officials have said they plan to hire about 40 additional employees for the new store.

Around 10:45 a.m. there

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White happy with win in Dem Primary

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James "Jill" White said he was happy to have prevailed in Tuesday's Democratic Primary contest in Chowan County's 1st Commissioner District.

The political newcomer edged out incumbent Commissioner Emmett Winborne for the opportunity to face Republican Ron Cummings in No-

vember. The final unofficial vote count in the Primary was 266 vote for White and 256 for Winborne. Although there are nearly a dozen provisional ballots in the district, White is confident he will be the winner when all the votes are accounted for in next week's canvass.



WHITE



WINBORNE

Winborne, who is currently serving his fourth term on the board, was stoic as he reflected on the outcome in Tuesday's Primary.

"The people have spoken and I'm going to move forward,"

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