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People digging out as memories of Izzy fade

Airport hard hit

BY MARGE SOPER
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The devastation and destruction from Isabel has been felt by everybody in one way or another. Homes and businesses have suffered and life has changed as we knew it but the true grit of Edentonians will see them through the coming days.

Northeast Regional Airport, once a Marine Corps and Navy Airbase, was also the recipient of Isabel's fury. Housed at the airport is the DOT (Department of Transportation). This department had the roof blown off the east wing. A computer training room, directly under the missing roof, housing 12 computers was drenched in water. Even the veneer on the conference room tables was lifted and buckled.

Many offices sustained roof, ceiling and water damage. Work has been going on since the storm to get the offices and workers back to work. New computers have been brought in and the cost of replacement of computers is somewhere around \$12,000. Vehicles be-

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Repairing damaged roofs and water leaks are high priority jobs in Chowan County these days. Filled with "can do" spirit, local residents are taking the situation in stride and making strong progress toward cleaning up the debris left behind by Hurricane Isabel. Electricity, phone service and safe drinking water have now been restored to most local homes. (Staff photo by David Crawley)

Hefty price tag coming

BY SEAN JACKSON
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Chowan County and Edenton officials feel a \$195 million estimate will likely be close to the final price tag for damage caused by Hurricane Isabel.

County Tax Supervisor Lynda Hendricks presented that figure to the Edenton-Chowan disaster recovery group Monday morning. The total includes damages to all structures in the town and county, from homes struck by toppled trees to the flooded police station on Broad Street.

"That's pretty close to 100 percent," County Manager Cliff Copeland said of the on-going assessment process.

Still, officials have shared good news during their daily morning meetings. Power has been restored from Arrowhead Beach to Cape Colony. Water no longer has to be boiled. Phones are ringing again. Emergency food sites run by the Red Cross handed out their last meals Sunday night. School began again on Tuesday.

County Department of So-

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Single fatality reported

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL
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While Hurricane Isabel devastated many local businesses and homes it unfortunately also claimed the life of one Chowan County resident. Angelique Lorraine Jones, 25 of the 300 block of Coral Lane died Thursday evening, when a tree crashed onto her vehicle during the hurricane.

"The Sheriff's Office received a call Thursday afternoon about a tree falling on a car," states Chowan County Sheriff Spruill. "Unfortunately we couldn't get to her immediately because of the storm's intensity."

The Sheriff and his crew that consisted of deputies and inmates were able to respond to the call later that evening after the storm calmed. It took nearly three hours to cut through the trees that were blocking the road before the crew was able to reach Jones' vehicle. It was 5 a.m. before the sheriff's crew and rescue workers were finished.

"It was a job well done," says Spruill. "Our one regret is that we were unable to get to her sooner. Our hearts certainly go out to her family."

Despite the tragedy, there was tremendous teamwork on the part of the deputies and inmates. "The inmates did not hesitate to come out and help us," says Spruill. "People would be surprised at how well those inmates worked with us to open the roads. Hats off to all that were involved."

Her son William Sebastian Button and her two sisters Retha Fooks and Devin Mumper survived Jones. A Celebration of Angelique's life was held 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26 at Evans Funerals & Cremations.

Jones was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church.

Historic sites are okay

From Staff Reports

Its Colonial roots sunk deep into the heart of state and national history, Edenton's famed Historic District survived Hurricane Isabel, but not without a few bumps and bruises.

Linda Eure, site manager for the Historic Edenton Visitor Center, has surveyed some of the sites along the Historic District's walking tour.

"Overall," Eure said, "Historic Edenton has much to be thankful for. Other than the Barker House, we will soon be able to resume regular operations."

Located at the foot of South Broad Street, the Barker House was "hardest hit," Eure said. Floodwaters were waist-high. Damage includes loss of the northeast chimney



The Barker House suffered the most serious damage of any historic site in Edenton. (Staff photo by Bud Weagly)

top, a hole in the southeast corner of the building (caused by flood debris), loss of waterfront-side door panels (due to the pressure from floodwater), loss of HVAC (caused by flood debris), loss of waterfront-side door pan-

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Northeast Partnership relocating to Martin Co.

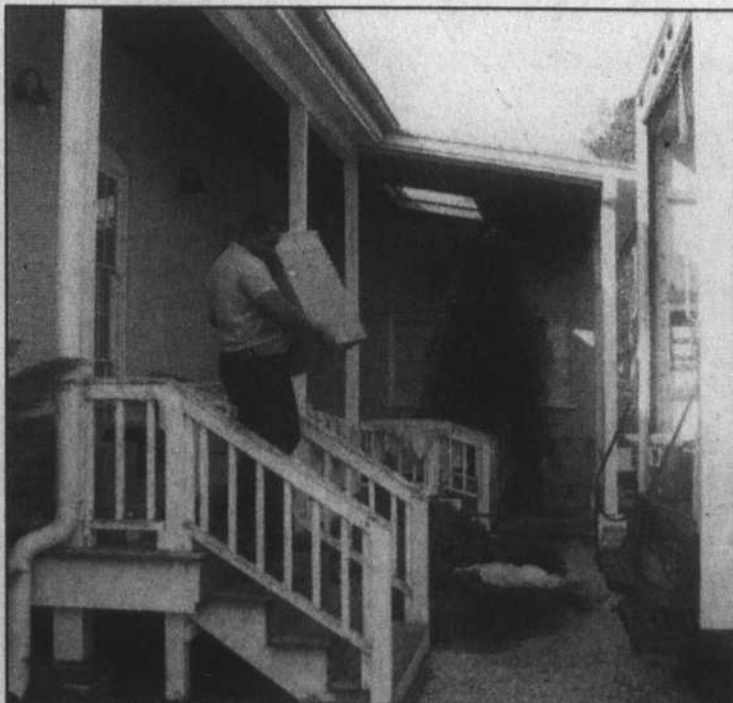
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When Hurricane Isabel roared across the downtown Edenton waterfront, a number of homes and business sustained flood damage. Among them was the Northeast Partnership. In the days that followed, the Partnership began the task of packing up and relocating to temporary new quarters in Williamston.

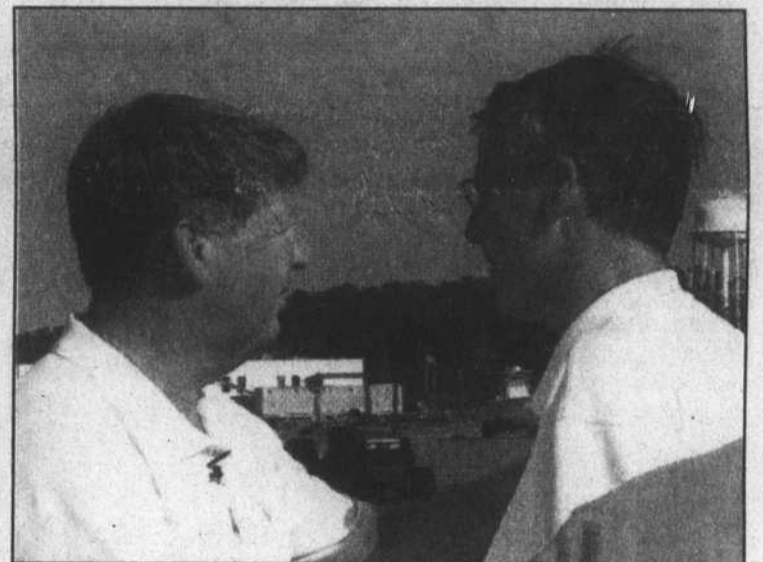
Partnership spokeswoman Cathy Scott said Monday that the Town of Edenton, which owns the building, is currently removing sheetrock wall coverings.

"Most of the furniture was damaged," she added, "and a lot of the files are illegible." She said the town is still as-

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A worker removes boxes from the Northeast Partnership offices in Edenton to a waiting truck for the move to temporary quarters in Williamston. (Tamika Spruill photo)



State Senator Marc Basnight listens as Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland talks with him about the damage to our community caused by the hurricane. (Staff photo by Bud Weagly)

Basnight stunned by devastation

BY ANGELA PEREZ
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North Carolina State Senator and President Pro Tem Marc Basnight visited Edenton late last Friday afternoon to survey Chowan County's damage caused by Hurricane Isabel.

Arriving at the Edenton Airport via military helicopter with a film crew, photographers, and writers for Public Broadcasting Station (PBS), Basnight was greeted by Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland, Edenton's Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton, Sheriff Fred Spruill, and Albemarle Regional Health Services Executive Director Jerry Parks.

Basnight came to Edenton after visiting Hatteras Village in Dare County, Colerain in Bertie County, and Englehard in Hyde County where the destruction caused by Isabel was equally devastating. "I am concerned," says Basnight, "by this destruction. It is much more than I ever anticipated. I hope that with these visits, we can bring national media attention to this area so that the public and the people of this

state can know just how much damage there is here." To show the public just how much damage was caused by the storm, producers at PBS are planning to put together a 30-minute documentary showing post-storm footing from the region.

On his flight to Chowan County, Basnight saw firsthand the dead fish in the riv-

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