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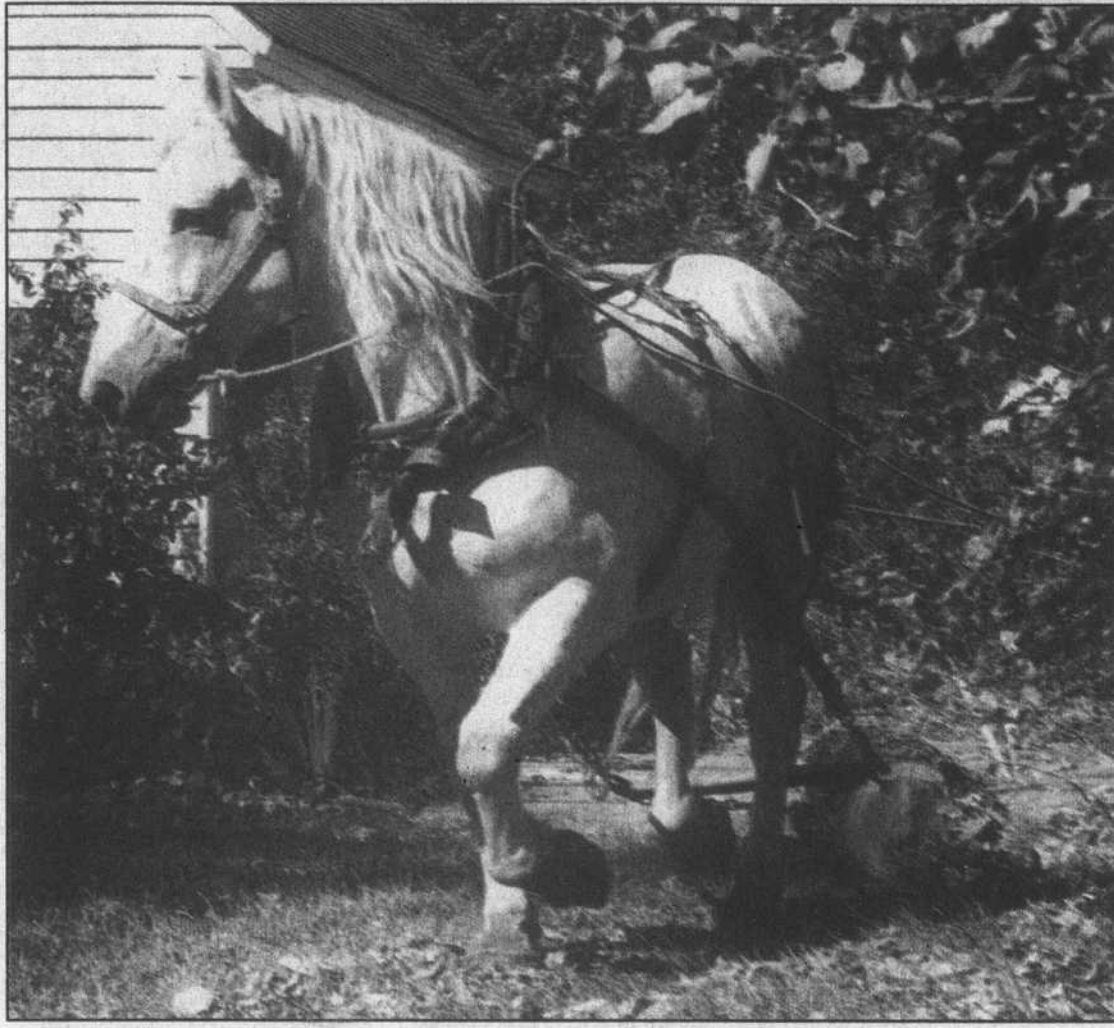
Chowan DSS crisis funds are received

The Chowan County Department of Social Services has received a special disaster allocation of Crisis Intervention monies to assist those disaster victims experiencing home heating or cooling difficulties due to Hurricane Isabel.

"These special monies are targeted toward those whose homes suffered damage such as loss or damage to home heating/cooling units or similar damage that causes heating/cooling damage or loss," said Ben Rose, director of Chowan DSS.

"According to the guidelines, deposits or connection fees paid to facilitate movement into housing due to the disaster can also be considered," Rose added. "Before authorization for these special funds, all other resources, such as other governmental programs or private assistance, must have been examined."

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Cleaning up debris in style

Frederick Inglis cut up the 107 foot long pecan which fell at Isabel's persuasion in his parent's back yard at the Homestead. Frederick's horse "Sir Dudley," a Percheron, not only made the daunting job easier, but caused far less damage to the yard in general, and the flower beds in particular, than a noisy tractor would have. (Staff photo by Debbie Collins)

Despite protests, fall break is out

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL
Staff Writer

Despite protest from four parents at Monday night's school board meeting, Superintendent of Chowan County Schools Dr. Allan T. Smith recommended the resolution to cancel fall break to make up for instructional days lost to due Hurricane Isabel.

"Unless the General Assembly passes a law stating that we can waive the lost days, our hands are tied," Dr. Smith told the group of parents. "It is my recommendation that these days be made up by January, which would include taking all of the days from fall break."

Grades K-8 will use the following days as make-ups: Oct. 9, Oct. 10, Oct. 13, Oct. 14 and Jan. 5-7. This schedule will call for Oct. 16 & 23 as early release days.

High School make up days will be Oct. 10, Oct. 13, Oct. 14, Nov. 26, Dec. 18, Dec. 19 and Jan. 6 and Jan. 7. Early release days for high school students are Oct. 16, Nov. 26, Dec. 18 and Dec. 19. High

School exams are scheduled for Dec. 18-19.

Chowan County Schools suffered \$300,000 in Isabel related expenses. John A. Holmes and Chowan Middle sustained the brunt of the damages. Damages ranged from roof and tile damage to problems with the sewer pumping station.

"We were fortunate that we didn't have any severe structural damage," said Smith. "We were able to overcome everything. I was very proud of our custodians and office staff who arrived at work on Monday (following Isabel) ready to go."

Smith also gave an update on the school's role in the hurricane recovery effort. The school donated over \$30,000 worth of food to feed workers and used to school sites as emergency shelters.

"We have a commitment to help the community," stated Smith.

Other items on the agenda for the board meeting included the financial report and closed personnel discussions.

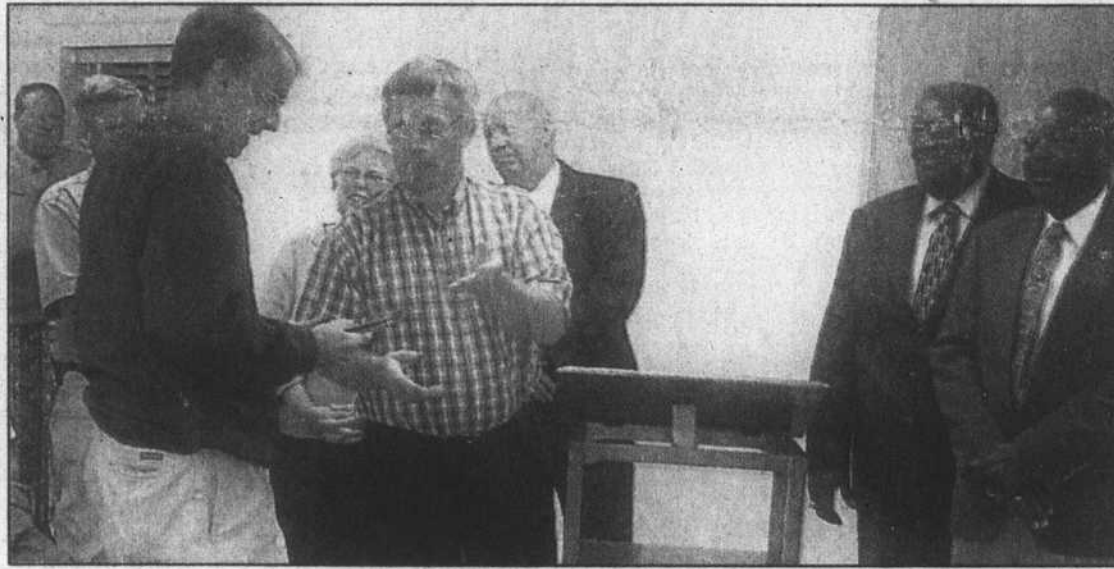
Commissioners survey damage, praise Copeland

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL
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Hurricane Isabel forced Chowan County officials and department heads to step up to the plate and handle damages that Edenton has never faced. County Manager Cliff Copeland, one such official, was acknowledged at Monday night's County Commissioner's meeting with a plaque recognizing his extraordinary efforts.

"We observed a great job being done by our county officials and town heads," stated Vice Chairman Wayne Goodwin. "Cliff surpassed his duties and kept all of us informed with what was going on and we appreciate that."

After touring the storm damage of the county to get a firsthand view of how residents were affected, the commissioners went into session. Hurricane Isabel up-



Chowan County Manager Cliff Copeland (left) accepts a special award presented by Commissioner Wayne Goodwin (center) on Monday. The award recognizes Copeland for his extraordinary service to the community during and after Hurricane Isabel. (Staff photo by Tamika Spruill)

dates were the primary focus of the Meeting. County officials and department heads gave brief overviews of the

situations faced and assessed damages.

"The Recovery effort was a fine example of the coopera-

tive spirit between town and county," said Doug Belch, Chowan County EMS Director as he gave his report.

According to Belch, between 120-130 linemen came into Chowan County to assist with the utility system. Over 1200 meals a day were prepared to feed the workers. 2,012 residences were registered with FEMA for housing and other assistance needs.

Mike Williams, Chowan County Extension director, gave a summary of the crop damage Chowan farmers received. There was a thirty-percent loss to cotton, a five-percent loss to soybeans and a fifty percent lost to milo. Homestead farmers took a significant hit in terms of damage.

Richard Bunch, Executive Director of the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce also gave information on the financial impact Isabel had on the business community. Bunch reported thirty million dollars in damage, a ten million-dollar eco-

nomie loss and the possibility that two small businesses may not reopen.

On the residential front, over 3,008 homes were damaged by Isabel. Out of those, seventy-three percent sustained minor damages, twenty-three percent were damaged with severe structural damage and four percent were destroyed. An estimated 195 million dollars worth of damaged occurred to residential and commercial buildings.

Over 2,162 households in Chowan County received food stamps according to a report from Ben Rose, Director of Chowan County Social Services. \$500,000 was given in emergency food stamp funds. Sheriff Fred Spruill, Special Projects Coordinator Peter Rascoe and Interfaith Coordinator Dick Vail also gave storm updates.



Chowan Fair opening

The Chowan County Regional Fair has been rescheduled for Oct. 14-18 at the American Legion Fairgrounds in Edenton. The Victoria Circus, the "Globe of Death" and Lou's Petting Zoo will be among the attractions. The fair will also include the popular Little Miss and Miss Chowan County Fair exhibits. Exhibits will be up this Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. (Chowan Herald file photo)

Baptist Men's mission to help those in need

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL
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Even though the effects of Hurricane Isabel have diminished, the Edenton Baptist Church's outreach to the community hasn't. The North Carolina Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Mission has been working nonstop to remove trees and other debris from the homes of Chowan County residents. So far over 180 requests for assistance have come in. The organization assists all people who need help regardless of their religious affiliation.

"Our top priority is the people who can't help themselves," states Don Payne coordinator for Chowan County. "This includes the elderly, widows and the economically depressed. But we help everyone who needs it."

Members of the North Carolina Baptist Men arrived in Edenton the Sunday following Hurricane Isabel. From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. the volunteers are out assisting residents and they eat and

sleep in the church. After a hard days work, these compassionate individuals have prayer services in the evening before turning in for bed. "I've been a Christian for a long time and have never seen such dedicated hardworking people," says Corrine Thorud, a deacon at Edenton Baptist Church who has been assisting with the application process. "These people are from all walks of life and are here because they are committed and love the Lord."

They are over 110 Baptist men volunteers in Edenton from North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama. It will be at least two to three weeks before the volunteers are finished with their first stage of mission work: disaster relief which is short term. The second phase-recovery, is a long-term process that may take years to complete. Volunteers are still fixing houses affected by Hurricane Floyd. Over 3,000 volunteers a week are still coming to north-eastern North Carolina and Vir-

ginia to help out.

"Chowan County is definitely one of the most severely stricken places I've worked in with possibly the worst damage I've seen," Payne states. "But since I've been here, I've witnessed how the community has bonded. We feel blessed to have worked in this area."

Volunteers have worked in East Edenton, West Edenton, Macedonia, Cape Colony, Yeopim area and on Oakum Street just to name a few.

Applications are still being accepted at the parsonage hall of Edenton Baptist Church. Anyone interested in more information can contact Pastor Paul Pridgen at 482-3217 or stop by.

North Carolina Baptist Men's Disaster Relief ministry meets the needs of people during hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and other natural disasters. Providing meals, cleaning up destroyed areas, and repairing homes are a few of the ways Baptist Men respond to a disaster.

Attention, Readers

Extensive hurricane coverage temporarily bumped the Bible Verse Page from *The Herald*, but it has now been brought back.

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