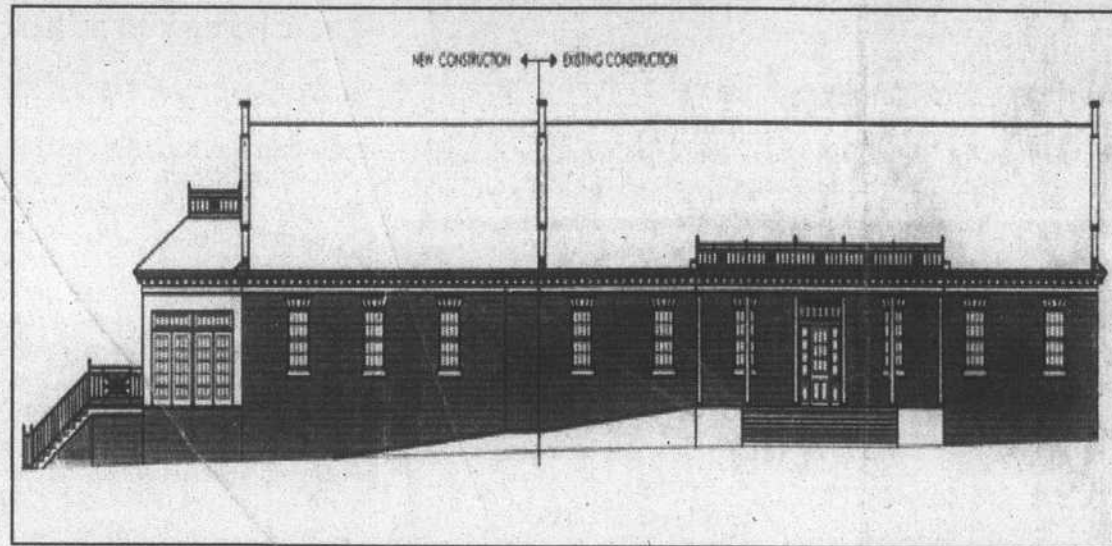


Group to review plans for convention center here

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Edenton's Town Council, the Tourism Development Authority and the Edenton Harbor Meeting House Committee will host a team of meeting planners, convention and visitor bureau executives and host group directors on Thursday, October 30 and Friday, October 31. The team will tour Edenton and Chowan County to evaluate Chowan County's tourism product as well as the presently available meeting places. The group will also review architect renderings of the Municipal Building. Host directors include Nancy Holder, former Director of Travel, Meetings and Conventions for



Architect's rendering of proposed new convention center in downtown Edenton

R.J. Reynolds Nabisco, Wayne Shusko, Managing Director for Bissell Hotels and Richard Chambless, owner of Host South, a leading Destination Management Firm in Savan-

nah, Georgia.

According to Nancy Nicholls, Tourism Director with Edenton - Chowan Chamber of Commerce this visit will enable Chowan County to make the most use of the Municipal Building and steer the County's tourism industry in the right direction. "After all the work that the Edenton Harbor Meeting House Committee has done, having this wonderful opportunity to host a team of experts in the Meetings and Tourism Industry is the next step in assisting the Town Council further on a final direction of the best-use plan for the Municipal Building," states Nicholls.

Plans for the building includes construction for a new addition to the Municipal Building. Layout for the first floor includes a small kitchen, a reception area, meeting rooms, and a lounge. Options for the kitchen are for full seated service or buffet style service. Partial second floor plans call for three new administrative offices.

The team will assemble at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers on October 31 to discuss their findings and ideas with local elected officials. The public is invited to attend. For questions or more information call Nancy Nicholls at 482-3400

PBS hosts Black Issues Forum: A Town Hall Meeting in Edenton

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Is North Carolina ready to serve the needs of its rural communities when disaster strikes? Although this question was not directly answered at UNC-TV's Black Issues Forum: A Town Hall Meeting in Edenton, audience members still received pertinent information.

Citizens and local officials were all asked to participate in the show's taping on Friday, October 17 at the Council Chambers with questions and comments. The show aired the same night at 9:30 p.m. on PBS. Information and questions about FEMA, NC Department of Emergency Management, strengthening current infrastructure for emergency response, and the role of local



Rev. Edna Lawrence, pastor of Kadash Church in Edenton, talks about ways her congregation assisted neighborhood residents in the aftermath of the storm. (Staff photo by Angela Perez)

agencies and private organizations in providing aid were on the itinerary for discussion.

Chowan County's Doug Belch along with Reverend Vonner Horton of Oxley Hill Missionary Baptist Church and River City Development Corporation Senior Vice President for Development of Programs Harold Barnes were panel guests and addressed questions raised by audience members. All panel members cited meeting the community's needs as their first priority during the Isabel's recovery effort.

"Seeing the degree of distress let me know we needed to do something as a church," stated Rev. Horton. "I took the initiative to get things rolling so my church could be used as a

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Final debris sweep nears

Starting Oct. 28, the Hurricane Isabel debris contractor will commence a second and final sweep of removing hurricane-related debris from Edenton street right-of-ways.

Work will commence first in West Edenton in neighborhoods surrounding West Queen Street Extended, and will then proceed east toward town.

All remaining debris generated by Hurricane Isabel may be placed in the street right of way for pick-up prior to this last sweep.

Household waste and regular seasonal yard waste is the responsibility of the homeowner.

Once the Hurricane Isabel debris contractor has passed a certain street after Oct. 28, any pick-up by the Town of Edenton is subject to the normal fee.

Also after Oct. 28, residents may continue to take tree limbs and other hurricane-related debris to the county's waste disposal convenience centers at no charge.



This map shows the projected jet noise impact path to and from the Navy's proposed OLF site. (Map courtesy of Albemarle Community Network)

Jet noise impact is evaluated

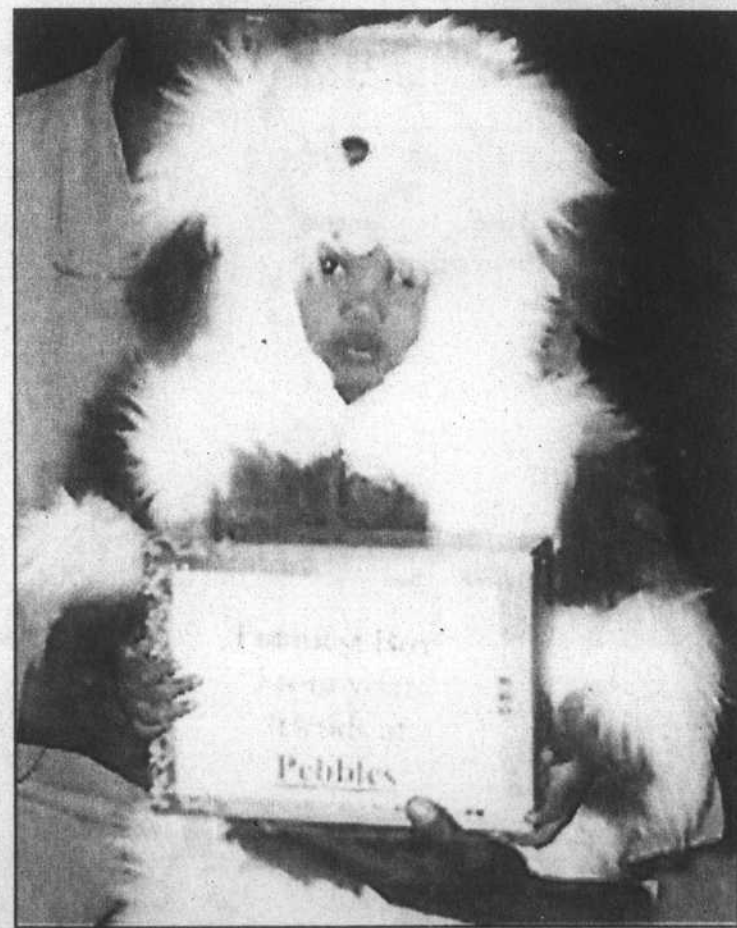
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Last Friday, The Albemarle Community Network (ACN) released a map of the projected noise impacts of the Navy's proposed outlying landing field in Washington County, North Carolina.

The map, created by the ACN, shows estimated noise zones that would be created by Super Hornets on their way to and from the proposed Washington County OLF site. Based upon the Navy's projected statements on flight paths and approach/departure routes, as well as common pilot variation from those flight paths, the map was created to show the public the areas that will most certainly be affected by jet noise, despite the Navy's reassurances to the contrary. The map reveals high-noise levels in places formerly thought to be out of jet fly-over noise range.

Single Event Levels, the loudest jet fly-over noise, is shown on the map in decibels (dB). According to the ACN, those SELs come directly from

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Kids are invited to come Trick or Treat Downtown Edenton, courtesy of the Marketplace Guild. (Herald photo)

'Trick or Treat' hosted by Marketplace Guild

BY ANGELA PEREZ
Staff Writer

Come and celebrate Halloween this year at the exciting

Trick or Treat Downtown Edenton event sponsored by the Downtown Marketplace

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Gathering scheduled

A public forum on the hurricane recovery effort will be held Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 5:30 p.m. at Swain Auditorium in Edenton.

Representatives from FEMA and the NC Department of Emergency Management have been invited to participate. Representatives from the Chowan County Interfaith Disaster Recovery Effort Inc., along with Town and County officials, will also be on hand.

Citizens with questions, concerns and suggestions are encouraged to attend.

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