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## Veterans ceremony is Nov. 11

Veteran's Day will be celebrated Nov. 11, at 11 p.m. on the grounds of the Chowan County Veterans Memorial at the corner of Court and East Queen Streets in Edenton.

This year's guest speaker will be Captain C. Regan Pyatt, Headquarters Detachment Commander, 730th Quartermaster Battalion of the North Carolina National Guard. The Battalion's 725th Quartermaster Company is headquartered at the Edenton National Guard Armory and was instrumental in distributing food, ice, and water to the public during the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Isabel.

This year's ceremony marks the first since the dedication of the Chowan County Veteran's Memorial that U.S. Navy Veteran George Stokes will not be officiating. Stokes is now traveling the country with his wife Maggie. The November 11, 2003 ceremony will be held as a dedication of George Stokes and his years of service to Vet-

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### One heartbeat, one soul

Edenton Aces fullback Cal Walters shows the spirit that has carried the Aces to their 500th all-time win and the top of their conference. Coach Bob Turner praised the team, saying, "It took all 32 guys to get that win." (Read more about the Aces' milestone victory in Section C of today's edition)

## Feasibility of burying lines eyed

BY SEAN JACKSON  
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Recalling the hanging power, cable and telephone lines downed by Hurricane Isabel, the Edenton Town Council is forming a committee to discuss burying utility lines.

Mayor Roland Vaughan was tapped to select members of the committee. Town officials apparently have received suggestions to consider burying power lines.

"It only took a week of darkness to get it on people's minds," Councilman Steve Biggs said of the days the town went without electricity and phones.

The committee is expected to study the feasibility of such an expensive project.

"I hope we can figure out a way to do it," Vaughan said.

Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton said utility lines have been placed underground along portions of the Outer Banks. She told councilors she would talk with Dare County officials about the costs incurred for burying their power lines.

Councilman Jerry Parks noted that the Oak Hill and Village Creek subdivisions already have underground power lines.

Knighton said she has discussed the funding issue with state officials. The town could assess charges to residents through two options, according to state officials, Knighton said. One would be through creating a "beautification district," while the other would be done by implementing monthly user fees in telephone bills.

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## Deadline for debris clean-up extended

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL  
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Hurricane Isabel still dominated the agenda at Monday's County Commissioners Meeting. According to Special Projects Director Peter Rascoe, because of the high accumulation of Isabel related debris, the deadline for pick-up has been extended.

The town of Edenton will finish the second round of debris pick-up by the end of this week on November 7. The County of Chowan will finish their first round debris pickup on Saturday, November 8, 2003. The County's second pick-up will start November 17 and be finished by December 4. After the second pick-up residents will be responsible for the own debris removal.

The Airport Debris removal site will permanently close

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## Edenton focus of 'Our State'

Ever wanted to walk into the pages of a magazine and experience the sights, sounds and textures of one of its stories? With *Our State*, you can. The product of a new partnership between *Our State* magazine and UNC-TV, the program brings some of *Our State* magazine's most compelling stories to life.

UNC-TV's award-winning producer Jim Bramlett helms the production of this pilot episode for a potential ongoing *Our State* television series, proposed to launch in 2004.

In the first segment of *Our State*'s premiere episode, on Nov. 6, Bramlett and his seasoned crew visit "keeper of memories" Frances Inglis in the historic water's edge town of Edenton. Inglis and her family, Edenton residents for generations, are key players in the restoration of one of the town's treasures — the nearly 250-year-old Cupola House. This pre-Revolutionary house is impressive in its architecture and its history. Proving that not all graffiti is



In the premiere episode of *Our State* magazine's new program on UNC-TV, Edentonian Frances Inglis talks about her family's commitment to restoring and preserving the Cupola House. The show is scheduled to air Nov. 6 at 9:30 p.m. (Chowan Herald file photo)

destructive, the house's wavy glass windowpanes boast signatures scratched in time more than 150 years ago.

Inglis, an expert gardener, works alongside the many volunteers who weed, hoe and

plant the beautiful gardens that surround the house, creating one of the loveliest spots in Edenton. The volunteers exert great care in planting only those species that would have grown in Colonial times

at the Cupola House, so the garden authentically recreates the house's original era. Inglis takes landscape designer Phyllis Conklin on an in-depth tour of the house and its gardens.

## Suspects arrested at motel

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL  
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After being displaced by Hurricane Isabel, local suspect uses motel room as headquarters to launch drug operation.

Regina Lazardo Jones, 31, formerly of Burnt Mill Road along with others was arrested after Edenton Police received information about a local motel being used to sell drugs. After further investigation of the lead Edenton Police Sgt. Copeland and Officer Rawlins entered the motel room and found 29 grams of crack-cocaine and 52 grams of marijuana.

Jones was arrested along with twenty-three year old Dallas Keith Cooper of 354 Woodland Drive, Columbia, thirty-six year-old Chowan County resident Paul Gregory Jr. and twenty-two year-old Marqchel Jordan of 123A Harvey Point, Hertford.

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## Election Day 2003

A slate filled with uncontested races drew little interest among local voters Tuesday. At presstime, turnout was very light at the East and West Edenton precincts, the only sites where ballots were being cast. Mayor Roland Vaughan, Councilman at Large Steve Biggs, First Ward Councilman Jimmy Stallings and Second Ward Councilman Samuel Dixon all ran unopposed. "We'd like to think that it's because people think we're doing the job we need to do," said Stallings in explaining the lack of opposition. (Staff photo by Tamika Spruill)

## Briggs named outstanding officer

BY TAMIKA SPRUILL  
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"I have never seen a community get back together so fast," stated Peter Rascoe, Special Projects Officer for Edenton & Chowan County. "It was all about community pride."

This same community pride was displayed at the Appreciation Banquet for Chowan County Emergency Operations Services hosted by the American Legion Family of Edward G. Bond Post 40.

The Banquet was held in appreciation for all of Chowan County and Town of Edenton employees and volunteers. Town and County employees put in extra hours, served meals, cleaned and manned shelters. One example would be employees of Chowan County Sheriff's Department, who worked 2,346 Isabel-related hours and answered over



Highway Patrolman Kevin Briggs, left, accepts the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year award from Chowan Clerk of Court Mike McArthur. (Staff photo by Angela Perez)

350 calls. A feat according to Cliff Copeland that we should never forget.

"What Chowan County should remember is the commitment and dedication of the employees here," Copeland stated.

The American Legion also gave their annual Outstanding Chowan County Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award to Highway Patrolman Kevin Briggs. Briggs, a 1993 graduate of Basic Highway Patrol School, has been sta-

tioned in Edenton since his graduation.

"I call Edenton home and

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