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Commission plans to elevate the Barker House

Hurricane damage prompts plan to lift it 10-feet above sea level

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Hoping to avoid another blow by a hurricane, keepers of Edenton's famed Barker House want to put it out of harm's way.

More precisely, the town's historical commission is planning to raise the 222-year-old structure to 10 feet above sea level. Last September, Hurricane Isabel drove floodwaters into homes and businesses along the town's waterfront. Edenton Bay rushed into the Barker House, a chimney was

partially toppled by high winds.

"The need for this came about because of Hurricane Isabel," Chris Bean, an Edenton Historical Commission member who appeared before the town Preservation Commission on Monday, said of plans to raise the historic home by 6 or more feet.

The preservation panel unanimously agreed to a certificate of appropriateness for the project.

Bean said work would consider the home's historic nature. The Barker House, built

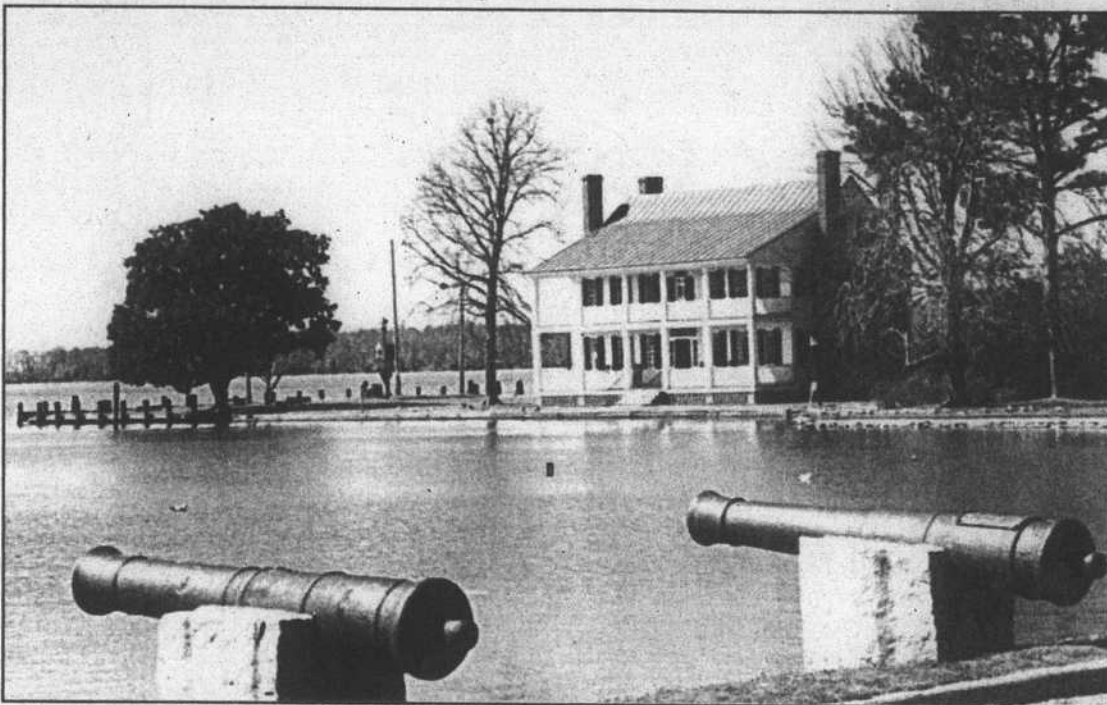
in 1782, was the home of Thomas and Penelope Barker. Penelope Barker is reported to have presided over the Edenton Tea Party of 1774.

Although privately owned by the historic panel, it is open to the public and remains one of the top draws on the town's Historic Walking Tour.

To avoid having "a brick wall on both sides," the new ground-floor walls would contain louvered vents and arches. Bean said the final appearance should be "graceful enough."

Appropriate landscaping is also part of the plan, he added.

Plans are to have the work begin Aug. 23 and be completed in time for the annual Christmas Candlelight Tour in December. In the meantime, the Barker House bookstore will move to the Robin Sams Gallery at 315 S. Broad Street.



The Barker House, one of the most photographed sites in Edenton, will soon be raised 10 feet above sea level to avoid damage from future hurricanes.

CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON



Contributed photo by Lenny Plummer for The Chowan Herald

The Edenton Steamers sport huge grins as they proudly show off their championship trophy

BY SEAN JACKSON
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It wasn't even close. They rolled through the regular season like nobody's business, then seared the competition in Hampton, Va. over the weekend.

The Edenton Steamers, after six years in the Coastal Plain League, are Pettit Cup champions following a 13-2 pasting of the Outer Banks Daredevils Sunday evening. The 'Devils' had won the past two championships.

The Clams posted back-to-back 6-run innings to

open the game and Danny Gemma shut Outer Banks hitters down through six innings of work, allowing just one earned run.

Shawn Callahan led Edenton's 14-hit assault with a 3-for-4 game, driving in three and scoring twice. Jason Hurst, Blake Hershelman, Mario Chaoui, and Derrick Bussell each added two hits, while Ryan Khoury, Kurtis Wells, and Jamie Landin each had one hit.

Edenton, the visiting team in the championship game at War Memorial Stadium, rocked Outer Banks starter Nathan

Mittag for six runs in the first, while the 'Devils' Ryan Williams lasted just one-third of an inning in the second, surrendering six runs, five of them earned.

Edenton skipper Joel Tremblay squeezed 15 players into the lineup for the final game of the season, the Steamers' 36th win of the summer. The club tied the CPL record with 32 regular-season victories, setting the league mark for winning percentage.

In addition, second baseman Mario Chaoui was named the series' best

defensive player, while Edenton outfielder Derrick Bussell nabbed top hitting honors.

Bussell went 6-for-14 in four games, with 4 RBIs and three runs scored. Chaoui had 10 putouts and 14 assists while playing error-free ball — as he did most of the summer — over the weekend.

Shawn Callahan also had a stellar series for Edenton, banging out six hits in 14 at-bats for a .429 average.

(See additional Steamers' coverage in Section B of today's edition.)

Inmate back in custody after escape from jail

From Staff Reports

On Tuesday afternoon at approximately 3:28 p.m. Terrence Harris, age 19, of Chowan County escaped from Chowan County Detention Facility through an air conditioning duct in the visitation area. With the help of citizens, Harris was recaptured at 4:02 PM without incident.

Sheriff Spruill stated that the investigation revealed a flaw in the building design. Steps are being taken to cor-

rect the deficiency.

Harris is serving a sixty day sentence for Injury to Personal Property and First Degree Trespassing and is being held under a \$50,000 bond on five counts of Breaking and Entering.

Sheriff Spruill wants to thank citizens who assisted, the officers of the Edenton Police Department, NC Highway Patrol, NC Wildlife Enforcement Division, NC Probation, and the Sheriff's Office for their assistance in returning Harris to custody.

Planning board favors amending Land-Use Plan

BY SEAN JACKSON
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Edenton and Chowan could soon begin changing and growing in ways they rarely have before.

With a proposed change to the town/county land use plan, developers could have an urban waterfront designation to use. One proposed development, Sandy Point, could benefit from the new zoning classification, as could the county, officials indicated during a County Planning Board meeting Monday night.

A developer could build within a 30-foot buffer currently deemed off limits by the Coastal Area Management Act, while the public could be provided with soundfront water access.

The planning board passed on a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners Monday night in favor of amending the Edenton-Chowan Land Use Plan.

Developers of the Sandy Point project, to be located on either side of N.C. Highway 32

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Nite Out is on once again

Hurricane Alex may have spared Edenton the brunt of his fury, but the season's first hurricane did postpone the police department's National Night Out event set for Aug. 3.

The event has been rescheduled for Thursday (Aug. 12) at Colonial Park from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Games, food and prizes will be provided by the town for the event on the waterfront.

MacEnulty says farewell to town

BY EARLINE WHITE
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It takes strong, agile fingers to be a good pianist. Rosalind MacEnulty's graceful fingers dance rapidly between the keys as she plays a Debussy tune on the Steinway L size piano (mid-size between a Grand and Baby Grand) she acquired when she was nine. Besides a bookshelf and table that have been in her family for generations, the piano is among the only things she takes with her when she moves. These things will be



Rosalind MacEnulty

packed once again as Rosalind relocates from Edenton to her new home in Charlotte.

Growing up in Connecticut Rosalind knew from an early age that she wanted to be a musician. "My mother was a licensed boat pilot so that meant a lot of family outings. My family wanted to do to many things—all I wanted to do was practice," Rosalind said. The family recognized Rosalind's dedication early and were very supportive in her pursuits.

Over the past 14 years Ro-

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