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Patty Madry and Mary Bass prepare for upcoming hurricane season with the county's new animal carriers.

## Shelter from the storm — now for pets too

Chowan is one of five counties in state to receive trailer, supplies for pets during disasters

BY SEAN JACKSON  
Staff Writer

Mary Bass still recalls how hectic it was housing pets in a makeshift shelter at a former elementary school as Hurricane Isabel ripped through Edenton nearly four years ago.

Bass, director of the Tri-County Animal Shelter that serves Chowan County, knows it will be easier next time around. Chowan is one of five counties in the state to receive a mobile trailer fully stocked with kennels and supplies for pets to be used during a hurricane or other natural disaster.

Providing shelter will be more relaxing for staff, pets, and owners, Bass says.

"It's got everything," she said.

Chowan Emergency Management Director Patty Madry agreed.

"It's just amazing that we got this," Madry said. In addition to the 200 portable kennels and copious supplies, the brand-new trailer also comes with a 550-watt generator.

The Companion Animal Mobile Equipment Trailer [CAMET] also allows emergency officials to snooze on plywood bunk beds fastened to the front wall of the trailer.

Pet owners will be required to stay with their

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## TO HONOR & REMEMBER

Veteran's walkway grows as families memorialize and pay tribute to local heroes

BY EARLINE WHITE  
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W.C. Bass may not have witnessed hand-to-hand combat during his time in the Southwest Pacific, but he knew a lot of the men who did.

At 24, Bass was drafted into the Army along with several other Rocky Hock boys. Bass was sent to New Jersey, Texas, Florida, California, New Mexico, and Utah before landing in the Pacific.

He was lucky, he said, to be where he was, a mile away from the airfield.

"We spent a lot of time in the foxholes but weren't in any real danger. It didn't seem as real to me then as it does now," Bass said.

At 89, Bass may be the oldest surviving veteran in Chowan County. He is the oldest veteran at his church anyway.

With his hands at his sides, he reads over the hundreds of names at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial.

"Some of the guys had it real tough — some became POWs. I read somewhere that 1,000 WWII veterans die each day. I feel really blessed to have gotten to old age and still have good health. A lot of them didn't."



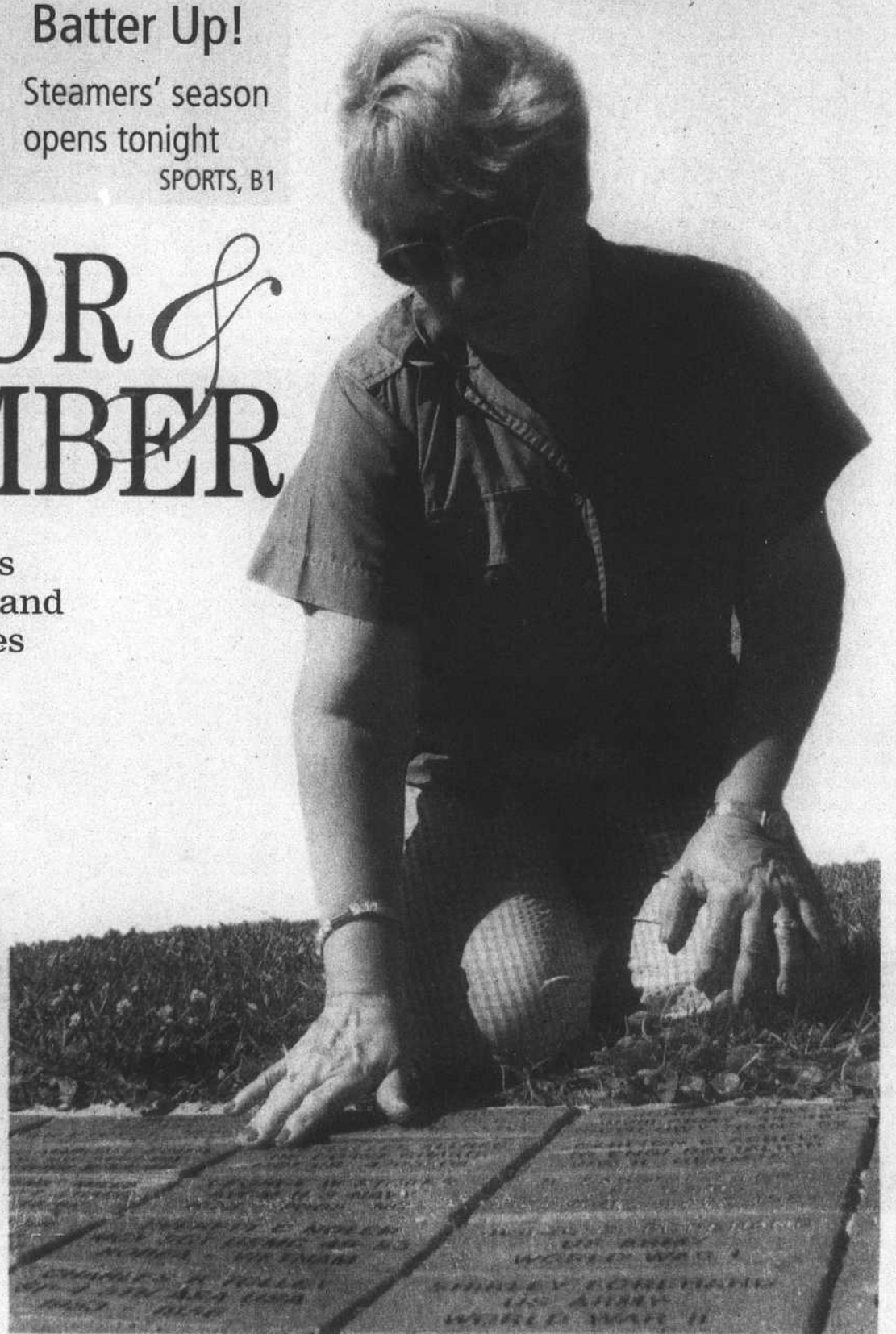
Bass

From a grassy hill surrounded by flags and colors of the U.S. armed forces, bricks honoring war veterans like W.C. Bass were placed in the memorial walkway overlooking Broad Street last week.

Bass is among the few who has been honored rather than memorialized at the walk.

Four generations of Bass' offspring watched as Dale Wright with the American Legion Post 40 sifted sand into the cracks around the brick that will forever hold him — W.C. Bass Sgt. 5th Air Force, SW Pacific.

Bass' children sat on benches around him, his grandchildren squatted in the grass near him, his great-great grandchildren were held in their parents' arms.



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Fran Phillips brushes sand from bricks dedicated to her sons, Darren and Steven Allred, at the Chowan County Veterans Memorial.



### ELSEWHERE

A new monument proposed to honor county war heroes. Memorial Day brings out the crowds. Page C1.

to her children and their heroic paths. That is why she chose to purchase bricks in their honor, memory.

Hazel Morgan misses her husband, Army WWII veteran and Purple Heart recipient J. Richard Morgan, but not the nightmares he had that would wake them both.

He lost his best buddy in the war, she says, as she looks down from her wheelchair onto a brick honoring his memory. He didn't talk about the war a lot, but when he did, when he read the names of the boys who died, it would nearly make him cry.

"I thought that war was bad enough," she says. "But this one seems like it will never end."

Bricks may be purchased for any area veteran, living or dead, by contacting the American Legion at 482-4057.

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## Roanoke River Lighthouse destined for restoration

Project timeline may be similar to Courthouse restoration

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It only took a day to relocate the Roanoke River Lighthouse, but refurbishing the 121-year-old structure may take a little longer.

The lighthouse, built in 1886, was moved last week from its perch on Filbert's Creek to a new space in Colonial Park. Waff Contracting Inc. and Worth H. Hare & Son House Moving undertook that task.

The state will be in charge of the upcoming restoration, said Linda Eure, site manager for the Historic Edenton Visitor Center.

"It will be similar to what

happened with the courthouse," Eure said, adding that the Edenton Historic Commission will transfer ownership of the lighthouse to the state.

It took seven years for the state to complete the renovation of the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse on East King Street. That job was completed three years ago.

Eure and others hope the lighthouse repairs will move along faster than did the work on the courthouse. The lighthouse was damaged by Hurricane Isabel nearly four years ago, after years of neglect.

During the move across Edenton Bay, the lens of the lighthouse — one of the few screwpile lighthouses left in the U.S. — was removed. Such lenses are expensive, Eure said.

"It's in pretty good shape, from what I understand," Eure said of the lens.

Standing on the pier of Colonial Park, Eure joined scores of onlookers as a trio of tugboats pushed the barge-bound lighthouse toward its new home. Paul Waff guided the barge between the pier and a concrete breakwater.

"Give me a little nudge," Waff told a worker piloting an outboard-motor boat as the barge squeezed through the pier and breakwater.

Back on dry land hours later, an afternoon crowd applauded the move.

Eure feels the lighthouse will be a valuable addition to the town's historic walking tour. Lighthouses can be a popular tourist destination, she said.

"That'll bring a lot of folks in," she said.

It likely will, judging by the throngs of people drawn to the move of the weathered beacon last week.



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Waff Contracting hauled the 1886 Roanoke River Lighthouse to its current location at the Edenton waterfront.