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Quarantined puppy dies from Parvo

Three others contract virus

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One of the dogs quarantined after exposed to bats during Hurricane Irene has died after contracting Parvo while another three

have tested positive for the virus.

Dr. Chris Ford, consulting veterinarian for the Tri-County Animal Shelter, confirmed Friday that his staff at Chowan Animal Hospital had been treating three of the four sick animals. One of them, a puppy that was about 6 months old, began showing symp-

toms on the morning of Sept. 26 and died two days later and after treatment had begun, Ford said.

A fourth dog has been receiving treatment at Pasquotank Animal Hospital in Elizabeth City, according to Dr. Larry Cooper, a veterinarian there.

Ford said that the two surviving animals being

treated at his office have recovered and been returned to the shelter. They were kept in a quarantined area of the animal hospital while undergoing treatment, Ford said.

Cooper said the dog his staff had been treating is also recovering. He expects the dog to be returned to the Tyner shelter in the

next few days, he said Friday afternoon.

District health department officials ordered the dogs quarantined for six months following exposure to bats at an emergency pet shelter held at the former D.F. Walker gym and operated by animal shelter personnel during the August hurricane. Because none

of the dogs, some of which were less than 6 months old, had been vaccinated against rabies, state law requires they undergo quarantine. County taxpayers are responsible for the expense of caring for those animals. Eleven shelter workers and volunteers

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Steinburg seeks Owens' seat

Two GOPs may join Steinburg, Luton

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A Pasquotank Democrat and Chowan Republican are rushing to fill the vacuum created by Rep. Bill Owens' announcement Friday



Luton

that he will not seek re-election in the 1st House District.

Bill Luton, a Weeksville Democrat who is a member of the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank County Board of Education, and Bob Steinburg, an



Steinburg

Edenton Republican who ran unsuccessfully last year against Tim Spear, D-Washington, in the 2nd House District, both said this weekend they will be

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candidates in the 1st House District next year.

Owens' district covered Pasquotank, Camden, Tyrrell and Currituck counties. The newly drawn 1st District includes the southern part of Pasquotank along with Camden, Currituck, Perquimans and Chowan.

Owens, D-Pasquotank, was one of the most powerful members of the General Assembly before Republicans took control of both houses in the legislature in the 2010 elections.

Two other area Republicans—Currituck Commissioners Owen Etheridge and Paul O'Neal—said they are considering bids for the seat.

Luton is focusing his campaign on changing the direction in Raleigh, while

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BATTLE OF THE BANDS



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Camden High School's Marabelle Cartwright, 16, (right) warms up with other members of the marching band colorguard during the Battle of the Bands at J.A. Holmes High School, Saturday.

400 attend Peanut Fest event

Bands shine through soggy conditions

By **REBECCA BUNCH**
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EDENTON — More than 400 people attended the 36th annual Peanut Festival Battle of the Bands at John A. Holmes High School Saturday afternoon.

Hosted by the 2011 Marching Aces from Holmes, and the Chowan Middle School Bulldogs, the competition featured performances by 13 area bands from Cape Hatteras to Farmville.

The Marching Wildcats from Columbia High School kicked off the competition in the Class A with a medley of Blues Brothers hits including Soul Man and Respect.

The Wildcats were followed on the field by the Manteo Redskins of Manteo High School and the Cape Hatteras Matching Hurricanes performing the music of the Black Eyed Peas and classics from 1984 such as Jump and the theme from Ghostbusters.



Camden's Kristen Sauls, 15, warms up on the Marimba during the Battle of the Bands at J.A. Holmes High School, Saturday.

Della Basnight of Manteo and Kathy Grant from Kill Devil Hills said they came to cheer on all the Dare County teams performing in the competition — but especially

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E-Chowan workers paid one day late

District will pay for any overdraft fees

By **PETER WILLIAMS**
Staff Writer

EDENTON — Because of an apparent computer snafu, Edenton-Chowan Schools employees were paid a day later this month than usual.

Typically, the school district's 340 full-time employees, who are paid once a month, are paid the night before the last day of the month. That didn't happen this month, however.

Instead of the funds being transferred to employees' bank accounts on Thursday — the next to the last day of the month — the funds weren't transferred until Friday — the last day of the month. The result was a number of anxious employees, one of whom called The Daily Advance to report the problem.

"This is not something we wanted to walk in and find out about this morning, but we worked through it," Michelle Maddox, a spokeswoman for the Edenton-Chowan Schools, said Friday.

Maddox said all of the banking institutions used by school district employees were contacted, and that employees should have seen their paychecks in their accounts on Friday.

"The school system has confirmed with the banks that the funds have been transmitted and received and will be posted into employees' accounts today (Friday)," she said.

Maddox said some employees likely would be able to view the funds in

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Cemetery cleanups await state, federal OK

From staff reports

Not all of the town's downed trees caused by Hurricane Irene have been disposed. Large oak trees remain crumpled among the Vine Oak and Beaver Hill cemeteries.

The trees pose more than an eyesore, since part of the delay is due to a needed inspection by the State Historic Preservation Office because the cemeteries are located within the town's National Register Historic District, said Anne Marie Knighton, town manager. There remains concern that the storm's damages may have disturbed some of the graves.

Cleanup at the cemeteries cannot begin without the approval of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which will not provide approval

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STAFF PHOTO BY RITCHIE STARNES

A fallen oak tree, part of Hurricane Irene's aftermath, litters Vine Oak Cemetery. The town of Edenton has been met with delays toward securing federal and state approval for cleanup at its two cemeteries.

FALL REVIVAL
OCTOBER 16TH-19TH
Edenton Baptist Church

SPEAKERS:
Revs. Alicia and Eric Porterfield
Graduates of Duke Divinity School
Alicia, Chaplain and Eric, Pastor at
Winter Park Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC

Sunday
11 AM
& 7 PM
Mon-Wed
7:00 PM