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## Fest's entertainment line-up fills two stages

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The historic county courthouse green will be home to two stages featuring a variety of entertainment during this year's Indian Summer Festival.

On Friday evening, Master of Ceremonies DJ Cowboy (a.k.a Adam Evans) will start the festival at 6 p.m. with a variety of music as opening act for the Original Rhondels who will provide live music for the free street dance on Church Street from 7-10 p.m.

Evans, from Edenton,

has over 15 years in the business specializing in wedding receptions, private party and night club events and offers all music genres.

The Original Rhondels will perform their famous Top 10 hit recordings "May I", "I've Been Hurt", and "What Kind of Fool Do You Think I Am?" when they take the stage.

From Virginia Beach, the Original Rhondels have performed their hit recordings in almost every major city in the United States. In 1969, Bill Deal and the Rhondels began a recording career that would take

them to Madison Square Garden and across the country. They delight their audiences with outstanding vocals, powerful brass and exciting showmanship.

The unexpected passing of Bill Deal in 2003 was a great loss to the music industry; however, the Original Rhondels continue to perform the great music that earned them a star on the Legends Wall of Fame. The band features Brian Bleakley on vocals and trumpet, Peter Pope on keys and vocals, Steve Ambrose on sax and vocals, Dean Englert on trombone

and vocals, Gary Hardy and Rollie Ligart on trumpet and vocals, Bruce Harlow on guitar and vocals, Wayne Kessinger on baritone sax and vocals, and Sonny Morris on drums and vocals.

A beer and wine garden will be open during the dance at the corner of Church and Market streets. Food and craft vendors will line both Church and Market streets during both the Friday night dance and day-long festival on Saturday.

On Saturday, the day-long



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See ENTERTAINMENT, 3 The band Another Zone will be performing during the festival.

## Man lights himself on fire

Incident occurs on Market Street

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A 26-year-old Hertford man tried to commit suicide last Wednesday evening by dousing himself with kerosene and lighting himself on fire in the middle of Market Street.

Police say the unemployed young man apparently changed his mind after his clothes began burning. He managed to get out of his burning clothes in the middle of the 300-block of Market Street. A nearby resident saw the man burning in the street and helped the victim into his house where he placed the victim in a bathtub and ran cool water over the victim's severely-burned legs.

Hertford Police Officer P.G. Hohenstein responded to the scene, extinguished the burning clothes, and called for emergency medical personnel.

Perquimans EMS responded and transported the victim to Vidant Chowan Hospital in Edenton where he was decontaminated for kerosene, stabilized, and flown by EastCare medical helicopter to the NC Jaycee Burn Center at UNC Hospitals in Chapel Hill.

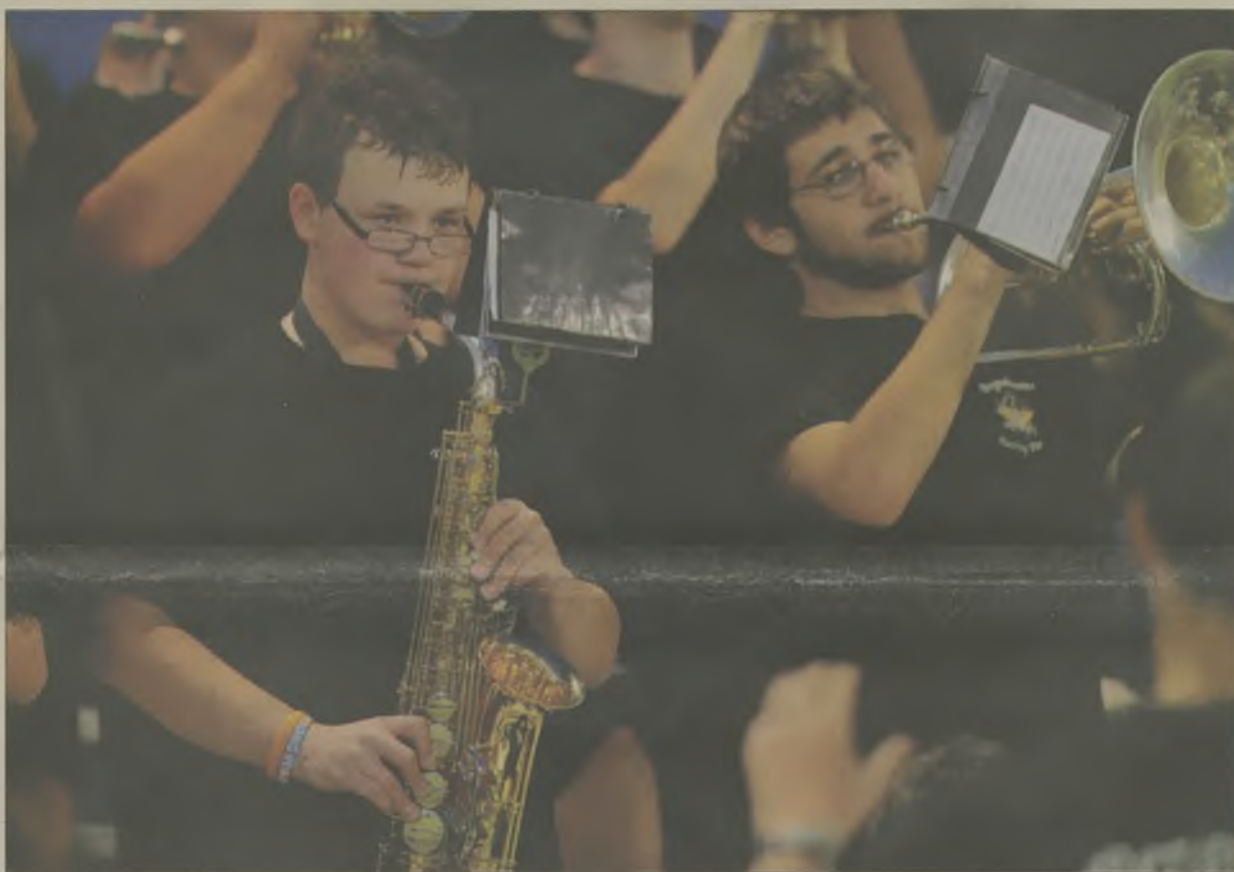
Tom Hughes, spokesperson for the hospital, said the victim was listed in fair condition on Friday.

According to police reports, the man first poured kerosene on himself at his Edenton Road Street home after telling family members he wanted to die. Family members called police who responded to the scene and found that the man had left the home and walked towards Market Street.

Police travelled to Market

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## MARCHING PIRATES ENTERTAIN AT THE GAME



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Perquimans County High School band members perform during the football game against Currituck High School on Friday night.



## Bonus annual leave for state employees

By CATHY WILSON  
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Local eligible state employees will receive five bonus annual leave days this fiscal year, thanks to action taken by the state legislature earlier this summer.

The one-time bonus annual leave days were approved during the 2012-2013 fiscal state budget.

Since school instructional personnel can not take annual leave days while school is in session, officials with the Perquimans County Schools chose to designate Easter break as the system-wide bonus annual leave days. That way, employees will

have the time off from school while school is closed for Easter break and not use their normal annual leave days to do it.

"The big bonus for instructional personnel is that the bonus annual leave days will enable them to roll over their normal annual leave days to help when they retire or leave the school system," explained Brenda Lassiter, the school system's public information officer.

Non-instructional school personnel may take annual leave while students are in school,

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## School system receives grant

Grant worth \$10,000 for science programs

By staff reports

Thanks to the support of the local farming community, Perquimans County Schools has received a \$10,000 grant from the Monsanto Fund.

The school district applied for and won the money through the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education program of the MOnsanto Fund. Once the application was made, the local farming community nominated the local school system that was one of more than 1,000 applications submitted in the process.

The fund is providing \$2.3 million to 176 of them including four in North Carolina.

The Perquimans school district will use the funds to provide system-wide science fairs and science and math competitions in grades 3-12. Of that, \$4,000 will go for salaries of teachers putting on the fairs, \$4,000 will be used for technology including buying iPads, iPods and

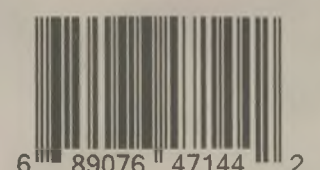
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## BLUE MOON



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A blue moon was photographed over the high-rise bridge in Hertford by local photographer Edward Leicester Friday night. While blue moons are seldom blue in color, the phrase simply means the second full moon to occur in a calendar month.



### Indian Summer Festival - Historic Hertford

CRAFTS, FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT, BEER GARDEN & MORE

**Free Street Dance Friday Night - The Rhondels**

**Sept. 7th, 6 to 10 p.m.**  
**Sept. 8th, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**