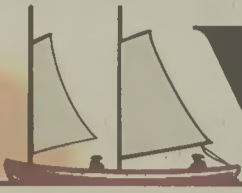


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## TOWN HOSTS ANNUAL FESTIVAL

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

Thousands flocked to downtown Hertford Friday and Saturday, but the crowds at the 34th annual Indian Summer Festival were down from previous years.

Organizers would not pin down a single issue for the decline or cite attendance figures. Some put the count at between 2,000 and 3,000.

The festival fell on the same date as the Taste of Edenton that Friday and the Currituck Wildlife Festival Saturday and Sunday.

Lynne Raymond, the president of Historic Hertford Inc. — the group that puts on the Hertford event — was undaunted. She framed it as a "quality" vs. "quantity" issue.

"We've got people of all ages from all different segments of the community,"



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PHOTO BY CHUCK PAGELS

A crowd participates in the Stung-Tongue Challenge Friday night at the Indian Summer Festival.

## Woman killed in wreck

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

A 21-year-old Perquimans County woman was killed early Friday morning after her car ran off the road and overturned in a ditch.

Highway Patrol Trooper J. Jacobs said Molly Holder was not wearing a seatbelt and was ejected from the 1997 Chevy Cavalier.

"The family would really like to get the message out there that people need to wear their seatbelts," Jacobs said.

The wreck happened on Lake Road near the north entrance to a racetrack there. It happened about 12:30 a.m. during a severe thunderstorm.

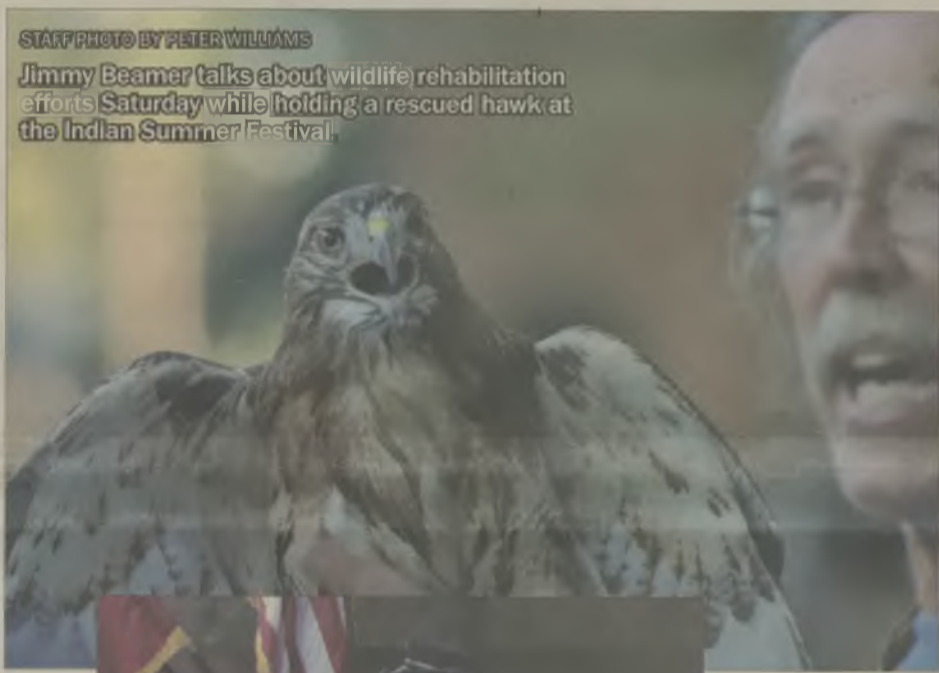
"It looks like she ran off the road on the right hand side and just kept going," said

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Crowds pack the new municipal dock in Hertford Saturday to watch a simulated water rescue by the U.S. Coast Guard.



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Jimmy Beamer talks about wildlife rehabilitation efforts Saturday while holding a rescued hawk at the Indian Summer Festival.



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Scouts and the honor guard from the Hertford Fire Department pay tribute to 9/11 Friday at the start of the Indian Summer Festival.

## Landfill effort wins award

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

An innovative plan to graze cattle over the old Perquimans County landfill instead of paying to mow it received an award last month from the N.C. Association of County Commissioners and the Local Government Federal Credit Union.

For the past 20 years, Perquimans, Chowan and Gates taxpayers have shared the cost of moving the grass up to 11 times a year at a cost of \$10,000 a year.

Since February 16 black cows have been keeping the grass down at no charge on

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## Perquimans agrees to consider wind regulations

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

Even as one wind power project moves forward, Perquimans County elected and appointed officials agreed last week to consider tighter regulations on more new industrial wind farms.

The Perquimans County Commission directed the county attorney to take a look at what's involved in imposing a moratorium on new wind projects. The idea was to freeze new development until the county planning board can review any proposed changes to the wind ordinance.

Two days later, the county planning board did agree to review changes and take up discussion again at its next formal meeting. Thursday's meeting was a work session.

Both meetings drew packed crowds. The commission and the planning board traditionally meet

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PHOTO BY CHUCK PAGELS

Burt Eure speaks to the Perquimans County Planning Board about wind turbine issues at a meeting last week.

## Board defends Chowan planner

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Chowan Herald

Chowan County commissioners defended the county's planning director last week against a widespread — but inaccurate, according to county officials — criticism that the planner exceeded the commissioners' authorization in drafting a wind energy text amendment.

The county's planning board has recommended to the commissioners a text amendment that would make the wind energy ordinance somewhat stricter than it currently is — for instance, requiring noise levels to be measured from the nearest property line rather than the

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## Rotary, Habitat presidents step down from their posts

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

A Hertford husband and wife have stepped down from their leadership roles in two prominent community organizations but don't plan to totally back away from the efforts.

Dan Westra, 60, was installed as president of the Hertford Rotary Club in June. His wife Regan, 53, has been president of the Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity since June 2014. Both have resigned their offices but they will remain affiliated with the groups.

The move was brought about when Dan accepted a job in a start-up company that deals with arbitration and mediation data. West was retired, having stepped

down from his post as vice president of engineering for Philip Morris at age 54.

He said the Bill Slate, the CEO of Dispute Resolution Data, gave him "an offer I couldn't refuse." The new company is based in South Carolina.

"This is a sales job and my territory is all of North America and it starts next week," he said Wednesday.

The couple already owns a home in Florida, 30 minutes from the Jacksonville International Airport. He

said Jacksonville offers a lot more flights than Norfolk does and the proximity to the airport is closer in Florida. He expects to do a lot of traveling for the new job.

The couple have owned property in Hertford since 2006 and lived there full-time since 2010. The couple wants to maintain ties with Hertford.

"I'm just not sure when I'll be in town," Dan said.

For now they'll keep their

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Dan and Regan Westra.

