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Heritage Day will feature native Americans

"A Tribute to Native Americans" will kick off the Indian Summer Festival Sept. 15 at the Newbold White House in Hertford.

This Heritage Day event will get underway at 10:30 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

Music by the Perquimans High School Band will welcome native Americans to Perquimans County. There will be a portrayal of the presentation of the first recorded deed by Indian Chief Killoconewen to George Durant.

The Hertford Fifes and Drums will present a history of flags.

Representatives from Indian groups throughout North Carolina are invited and will be present for this special event.

Speakers will include Adolph Dial, Professor of History at Pembroke State University; Betty Mangum, Director of the Division of Indian Education, N. C. Dept. of Public Instruction; and Bruce Jones, Executive Director of N. C. Commission on Indian Affairs.

W. R. Richardson, Chief of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe, from Hollister and a representative of the Meherrin Tribe in Hertford County will also be

present. Sarah Hodgkins from the Dept. of Cultural Resources in



Indian Summer Festival

Raleigh will bring greetings. Collections of local Indian artifacts

will be on display. Exhibitors are Herbert Crase, Corbin Dozier, Asa Stallings, Preston Elliott and Troy Elliott.

Indian heritage crafts demonstrations and exhibits will include pottery, wood carvings, baskets, jewelry, quilting and food.

One of the featured guests is Dr. David Phelps, Dept. of Anthropology at East Carolina University, who will be on hand to identify artifacts and discuss culture of the coastal Indians.

"Native foods" will be a special presentation by Hilda Livingston,

Education, Marine Resources Center.

Phil Evans, historian from the National Park Service, will speak about relationships of early settlers and Yeopim Indians who were a native tribe of this area.

A Brunswick Stew lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. Plates will cost \$2.00 and may be purchased on site.

Betty Mangum and Adolph Dial will visit Perquimans County Schools during the day.

"Son of Thunder-Man of Lightening," an exciting movie about the history of the Cherokee Indians

will be shown at the Perquimans County Library at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come and participate in this occasion to honor and pay tribute to native Americans. There will be special registration for all persons who are of Indian descent.

Prior to the Festival, there will be an exhibit in Morgan's window on Indian culture.

For more information contact the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.



Jamie Wilder, from Holiday Island, is beating the heat in the Albemarle Sound. Staying

under water or inside with the air conditioning is about the only way to stay cool during

the recent heat wave which has hit the area. Record temperatures in the 100s have

been recorded. (Photo by Val Short)

Commission hears report of services available to area

By VAL SHORT

A representative of the state's Department of Natural Resources and Community Development told the Albemarle Commission last Thursday \$40 million had been allocated for the state Community Development Block Grant program.

Tom Richter, director of the Division of Community Assistance told the members at their regular meeting that most of the funds would be allocated for community revitalization, housing and public works projects around the state. He said counties that had applied for those funds should be notified by the end of August.

Eight million dollars of the total are designated for economic development, while the remainder is used for developmental planning and emergency disaster relief, according to Richter.

Richter said his office handles many requests for sewer and water rate studies. "Those of you who got

your systems in five to ten years ago should be glad you did," he commented, adding that costs for such systems were almost prohibitive.

Another service available from the Division of Community Assistance, according to Richter, is landscape architecture. He said an architect was on the staff to provide assistance to local government for public buildings at no charge.

In other business, the Albemarle Commission:

- *approved the new Aging Council policies and procedures, but did not approve the Aging Council bylaws.

- *approved a contract with Jarvis' Restaurant in Hyde County to provide meals and a nutrition site for 25 senior citizens.

- *approved the appointment of Michael Nesbit, director of Dare County's Emergency Medical Service, to the Emergency Medical Services council.

- *heard a report of the clearinghouse committee in which seven requests were approved.

County Commissioners hold meeting on water problems

By SUSAN HARRIS

There is still no sure cure for the poor quality water being pumped from the county's Phase I water plant, although the county commissioners met Monday night with the water department personnel and two representatives of Rivers and Associates, the plant engineers.

Ron Sessoms, the engineer who has been in charge of the plant for the past several years, attributed part of the water quality problem to a change in the raw water being pumped from the three wells at Phase I. Sessoms said the iron content in the raw water has risen from 5 or 6 parts per million to 10 or 11 parts per million.

"It's something nobody could tell," Sessoms told the commissioners. He said the gradual iron increase has put a strain on the plant.

"I wouldn't even consider cross-connects at this time," Sessoms said, because of the irregularity with which the impure water shows up. Sessoms said the water is coming from the plant somewhere, but he

does not know where.

Water department supervisor Russell Chappell told the commissioners that all three filters at the plant are backwashed each day around 8 a.m. Two of the water softeners are cleaned in the morning and one is cleaned around 1 p.m.

Chappell said that he has spent several days watching the plant and sampling the water, to no avail.

Sessoms said that the chlorine used in the water treatment oxidizes the iron and manganese, giving the water a black or gray tint when the minerals are not removed from the water.

Commissioner Charles Ward suggested that Chappell monitor the water after backwashing by using a fire hydrant at the plant site to drain the water for approximately 30

minutes before allowing it to enter the county system.

Sessoms blamed recent problems on the lack of rain in the area and high water consumption.

"We are pumping more water than I have ever seen pumped out of that plant," Chappell said. "It embarrasses us," he continued. "It's frustrating."

"We've got to do something," Commissioner Ward said.

Sessoms and Chappell agreed that perhaps new media in the filter might help the situation. The present media works off of dissolved oxygen, Sessoms said.

Sessoms told the commissioners that a specialist will be coming before the month's end to give the plant a thorough check-up.

Sessoms also suggested an ad-

ditional retention tank be added to the Phase I plant, allowing more time for the water to settle. Sessoms offered to check on the cost feasibility of acquiring a new tank.

"You've got some mighty patient people in this county," Sessoms praised the customers.

"I think their patience is running out," Commissioner Ward answered.

Remedies already tried have included tearing down the filters and cleaning them thoroughly; checking fire hydrants on Harvey Point Road, where the problem seems to be worse, each day; and fluctuating backwashing times to determine the best results.

The problem has been labeled "discouraging" by both Sessoms and Chappell, as the county enters into its sixth year of water production.

Williams is new recreation director

The new director of the Perquimans County Recreation Department was named last week and began work Monday, announced

Bill Cox, Mayor and Town Manager.

Hertford native Howard Williams was selected from 16 applicants who applied for the position recently

vacated by Bobbi Veon.

"We are real proud to have Howard as our recreation director. We feel like we have made a good choice and he will do an outstanding job," said Cox.

The selection of the new director was made by a committee composed of town council members, county commissioners, representatives of the schools and members of the Recreation Advisory Council.

Williams, who worked with the county recreation program as a summer intern, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Parks and Recreation and Conservation from East Carolina University this summer.

While at ECU, Williams worked as a gym and equipment room supervisor with the Intermural Department and also as a volunteer with midget football and softball with the Greenville Recreation Department.

He also graduated from Chowan College and Perquimans High School in 1978. While in high school Williams

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Howard Williams

Hertford police issues warning

By VAL SHORT

The Hertford Police Department is warning area merchants not to give refunds for returned merchandise without a receipt.

The warning was prompted by reports of groups of juveniles who allegedly shoplifted merchandise, later returning it for refunds, according to Hertford Chief of Police Marshall Merritt.

No arrests have been made, but Merritt said he would like for merchants to be aware of the problem.

A break-in was reported in Winfall during the week of August 8, according to Winfall Police Chief Joe Lothian.

Lothian said the residence of Bobby Hollowell was entered through a sliding glass door at the rear of the

house while the family was vacationing. Among items taken included a black and white television and several family heirlooms.

Lothian said no arrests have been made but the investigation is continuing.

In a two-car collision which occurred in Winfall last Sunday mor-

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Greeting candidate for governor Lacy Thornburg during his recent visit to Perquimans were Keith Haskett and Jarvis Ward. Thornburg stopped with his

campaign staff to chat with voters at the Perquimans Courthouse last Wednesday during his week-long tour of the northeast. Also pictured above are, second from right,

Wayne Hooper, chairman of the Jackson County Commissioners and far right, Frank Watson, Jackson County Clerk of Court. (Photo by Val Short)