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## Arts, crafts, and music to highlight Indian Summer Festival

### Groundwork being laid for September event

By SUSAN HARRIS  
In only four short weeks Perquimans and out-of-towners alike will come together to celebrate the good life in Perquimans County during the fourth annual Indian Summer Festival.

The brain-child of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, the Festival was begun in 1982 to accentuate the many positive aspects of local living, past and present. Over the years the gala event has drawn crowds of participants from far and near.

This fall's two-day festivities will ost favorites such as the Flat Cloggers and the Navy Band, as well as new events, one of which is a tug-o-war.

Festival Chairperson Mary Harrell said Monday night in a telephone interview that committee members are busily confirming the appearances of a variety of entertainers, and are reserving spaces for the many arts, crafts, and food booths expected to be rented.

"Old Fashioned Days" will kick off the Festival on Friday, September 13th at 9:00 a.m. Downtown merchants will 'peddle their wares' as in days of yore at sidewalk displays. The merchants hope to evoke feelings of nostalgia with historical window displays and colonial dress.

The Downtown Merchants Association asks that everyone step back in time and stroll Church Street in styles reminiscent of the county's younger days. A sidewalk cafe will further carry-out the days theme.

New this year will be a fashion show sponsored by area clothiers. Featured will be the fall season's smartest attire.

McGruff the Crime Dog will be on hand along with the mobile crime unit. Several contests to be announced at a later date and musical entertainment are tentatively planned through the day. Downtown activities should end at 5:30 p.m.

A papoose contest will be sponsored by the county's senior citizens club. Those interested in entering a child should contact Patti White at the Senior Citizens Center on Grubb Street.

A fish fry at Missing Mill Park will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. No tickets will be sold in advance. Harrell said that the Entertainment Committee is seeking participants to provide music during the supper.

The Perquimans Pirates football team will host archrival Edenton Aces at 8:00 p.m. at Memorial Field. The contest should provide a night of intense competition as the two teams will pull out all the stops, each aiming to emerge victorious under the leadership of new head coaches.

train for the children, the Cann Memorial Puppeteers will offer stories through puppets and song presentations.

Tours of a Coast Guard helicopter and an ROTC boat from Edenton will be available.

Teams are being organized to compete in an adult tug-o-war. Cost to enter is \$40.00 per eight-person or 1,600 pound team. Entrants can call the Chamber of Commerce office to sign up.

Food booths offering tantalizing delights will set up near the Senior Citizens Center. Arts, crafts, and display booths will line the park's sidewalks.

Talents are being lined up to provide continuous entertainment throughout the day.

A pig-pickin' supper will be served starting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Plates will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Climaxing the Festival will be a street dance which always brings hundreds of dancers and listeners, young and old alike.

Spaces for Saturday's Fun Day are being rented for \$15.00 for a 12' by 24' space. Chairpersons to contact for booth rentals are: Carolyn Lane, crafts; Brenda Hollowell, art; and Eva Wrae Landing, food.



Saturday will begin with a race and fun run. Runners can enter by contacting the Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Department.

Children are expected to flock enmass to the Edenton Optimist Club's train. In addition to the

## Hertford man was killed in weekend automobile accident

By JANE B. WILLIAMS  
A Hertford man died Saturday as a result of injuries he sustained when he was run over by a car approximately four miles south of Hertford around 2:40 a.m.

The body of William Junior Johnson, age 23, was found by Trooper Craig Garriss of the North Carolina Highway Patrol on the shoulder of Snug Harbor Road (Rural Road 1340) about one mile off of U.S. 17. Garriss apparently arrived on the scene moments after the incident occurred. According to Garriss, he was enroute to his home when he noticed a pair of boots in the road. He turned around and upon investigation found Johnson's body on the shoulder of the road lying face down. Within a few minutes of his arrival on the scene Ernest Lee Perry approached the area and told Garriss that he had run

over something, but didn't know what, stating that he had left the scene to call the Highway Patrol.

Statements gathered from two passengers in the Perry car collaborated with his statement.

A full investigation was conducted by the Highway Patrol, the SBI, and the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department. The body was transported to Greenville, N.C. by Stallings Memorial Chapel for an autopsy.

Results of the investigation and an autopsy report showed that Johnson was lying in the road when the 1982 Oldsmobile operated by Perry, age 27 of Hertford, struck him. No charges were filed against Perry.

According to Garriss there were indications that Johnson had been drinking prior to the incident, but information on the



Mary Harrell, executive secretary for the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and Indian Summer Festival planner, sets the pace for fashion in celebration of the Festival's Colonial Day. (Perquimans Weekly File Photo.)



The Flatland Cloggers from Tidewater (above) will again make an appearance at the Indian Summer Festival to entertain Festival goers on Saturday, September 14 at Missing Mill Park. Friday, September 13 will be a time to celebrate days gone by with local folks turned out in old-timey attire such as that depicted below by Perquimans County Sheriff Julian Broughton. (Perquimans Weekly File Photos.)



## Plans discussed for September clean-up campaign

By JANE B. WILLIAMS  
A city-wide clean-up campaign will be launched by the Hertford Town Council in conjunction with a state clean-up drive slated for the month of September.

On Monday night council members discussed ways to coordinate their efforts with those of the State of North Carolina throughout the month to improve the appearance of the municipality.

Suggestions to property owners include the basic concepts of "Clean-up, Fix-up, and Spruce-up." The council hopes that the move will encourage city property owners to mow grass, edge sidewalks, trim hedges and undertake general clean-up and repair projects on their property.

Hertford Mayor-Manager W.D. "Bill" Cox stated that he had been contacted by several of the town's citizens saying that it was time for the town to encourage property owners to take an interest in cleaning up the Town of Hertford.

After a discussion of the proposal the council agreed that it would be advisable to appoint a committee to oversee the clean-up campaign, and instructed Cox to take the necessary steps to get the campaign off the ground.

The council also asked for the help of this publication in publicizing and promoting the activ-

ity. The paper's staff has agreed to take on that responsibility.

In discussing the clean-up campaign it was brought to the council's attention that the town has been forced to take over the mowing of several lots and lawns, where property owners reside outside of the area. It was pointed out that these property owners are billed for the services rendered by the town, but that the town has not been able to collect from the landowners.

Councilmen discussed the possibility of adding those fees as a special assessment to the individuals' town property tax bill. Town Attorney Walter Edwards, Jr. was instructed to begin work on the legal aspects of the special assessment.

The topic of extra-territorial zoning of the one-mile area surrounding the town saw councilmembers struggle with mixed feelings due to the financial aspect of the action.

Most of the councilmen agreed that they would like to extend the limits to include the full mile radius; but an earlier proposal to only include those areas that were originally targeted for annexation in 1984 would save the town in the neighborhood of a few thousand dollars since a map of that area has already been prepared. No action was taken on the matter.

**PIRATES PLAN FOR '85 SEASON**—The Perquimans Pirates football squad is working hard to get in shape for the upcoming season under the direction of new coach Bill Flippen. The Pi-

rates will begin their regular season play on September 6 when they travel to Williamston to face the Tigers. (Photos by Tim Bryant.)

