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Storm blows through county

High winds down trees, electric lines

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Black clouds circled like a hawk before unleashing a wind and rain storm Saturday evening that sent electric and telephone poles and trees crashing down throughout the county.

Emergency Management Coordinator Todd Tilley was

out of town Tuesday, but area law enforcement and utilities officials reported no injuries to people resulting from the storm.

The Hertford Fire Department was kept hopping with a series of calls, but Chief Sid Eley said there were no blazes. The calls stemmed from arcing after trees and heavy limbs fell over electric wires. Eley said the Brian Center fire alarm went off due to a downed telephone wire.

Parker Newbern, maintenance supervisor for the town

of Hertford, said the storm cut a path from the schools administration building back to the river.

"It was unreal," Newbern said. "After it was over we drove through Sunset and Crescent drives and down Artie Street. Those yards looked amazingly clean. Over on Pennsylvania Avenue, you couldn't even see the street for the leaves. We were very fortunate."

Newbern said his department responded to nine calls with three trouble spots. Trees

on an electric line on Perquimans Street knocked out one service. Pennsylvania Avenue also lost power due to a downed line. The line to the town's pumping station in the cemetery was burned in two.

Sgt. Dale Vascoy of the Hertford Police Department said the deck was ripped from a home on the old 9-foot road.

Trees also reportedly fell on at least two homes in town.

Just as quickly as it blew in, the storm subsided, leaving only the downed lines to attest to its strength.



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

A huge limb fell on this Grubb Street home in Hertford during the storm Saturday night.

Hertford moves to curtail fishing on bridges

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Hertford Town Manager John Christensen wasted no time complying with the town board's wishes to curtail fishing from the bridges within the town's municipal limits.

After being directed by the town council Monday night to find out what action the town would have to take to outlaw fishing from the bridges, Christensen called the state department of transportation first thing Tuesday morning. Christensen said the council should have the information it needs to move on the issue at its next meeting.

The fishing issue was put before council by town residents Eldon Winslow and JoAnn Morris. Winslow told the council that a portable restroom should be placed near the S-bridge so "people will stop urinating in front of my wife." Winslow lives on the river just off the bridge.

Morris added that fishing on Walter's Bridge (on Church Street Extended) is extremely dangerous due to the heavy traffic there. She said it is especially hard to see the fishermen at dusk. One of her concerns was also that there are often children fishing, either alone or with adults. She reminded council that a child was killed on Skinner's Bridge years ago.

Councilman Sid Eley said he had crossed bridges to find fishermen in the roadway and had had his vehicle hit with lures from people casting.

Both Eley and councilman Bill Cox said it was time to stop the fishing from the bridges.

Christensen said DOT must concur with the town's decision, although resident Don Morris said he was told by DOT officials that the decision is the town's, not the state's. In any event, Christensen called DOT Tuesday and "got the ball rolling" on putting an end to fishing from the town's bridges.

On Eley's recommendation, the town will also consider an ordinance to keep boat trailers off the streets. Although the town has a municipal lot with overflow parking adjacent to the tennis courts, there is no ordinance disallowing parking along the streets. Council authorized attorney Walter Edwards to move on an ordinance.

OLD TIMERS REUNITE



PHOTOS BY BRIAN MCLAUGHLIN, THE DAILY ADVANCE

The annual Perquimans County Old Timers games Saturday brought out over 200 fans, about 50 old timers from the 1950s to the 1990s, and the three 1996 Perquimans High teams. Everyone had a great time, including possible future old timers (left to right) Kinnan Stallings, Alison Winslow and Whitney Stallings.

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No one earned the bragging rights this year—not the 1963 state baseball champs or the 1996 Pirates, who themselves may be poised for infamy—because a storm cloud cut short the annual Old Timers game. But nobody seemed to care because one thing's always for sure during the event: Perquimans wins!

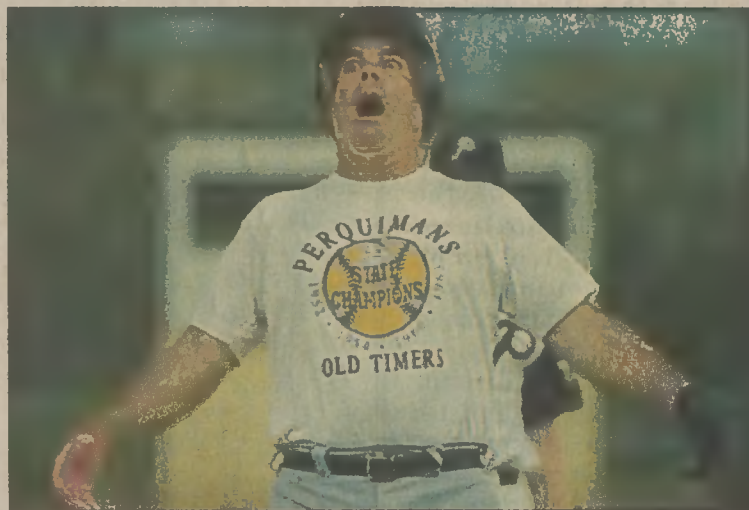
The fans began pouring into the high school stadium just prior to 2 p.m. to watch the 1996 Lady Pirates softball team face off with players from Perquimans' past. Last year, the old girls pulled it off. This year, the high school team was just too tough, pulling off an 11-2 win.

The old timers, however, surprised the younger squad with some leaping catches and tough outfield defense.

The game celebrated the 20th anniversary of softball at Perquimans High School. Four players from the first team—Lynn Hurdle Winslow, JoAnne Meads Jones, Mary Wood Hurdle and Yvonne Stallings Baker attended the game and reminisced about old times on the diamond.

The first Lady Pirates had no official ball uniforms. They didn't even have a playing field. They shared the baseball field with the boys. They may have been the underdogs, but the scrappy team managed to pull off a second-place finish in the Albemarle Conference.

From there, the fans migrated to the baseball



Old Timer John Stallings reacts to a play during the nightcap, the former state champs of the '60s vs. the 1996 Pirates varsity and JV squads.

field, where hotshots from the 1952 and 1954 state championship teams showed their stuff against some younger old timers. No scoreboard was necessary for that contest, as the outcome was based on pride and fun. The game featured two father-son pairs: Stanley "Dimp" Pierce and Mike Pierce, and Marvin Hunter Sr. and Marvin Hunter Jr.

Marvin Sr. is one of the mainstays of the '50s gang, tagged the "old old-timers." Why does he continue to play?

"I still can see a baseball. I still know I can hit a baseball," Hunter said. "I love it and I love to see any kind of baseball game played...I'll stop anywhere to see a ball game if I've got time and I'm by myself."

"It shows the younger boys too that someday they'll be able to come back. I just love it."

The nightcap didn't get

very far due to the storm. The 1996 squad had pulled ahead on the scoreboard and Perquimans' favorite son, Jim "Catfish" Hunter had taken himself off the mound, bowing to guest pitcher Ron Davis, a former major league pitcher and friend of Hunter, when the game was called.

The Old Timers game was begun about 15 years ago to support the baseball program at Perquimans High. Now sponsored by the Perquimans County Athletic Boosters, funds raised from the day's events are used to support all athletic programs at both Perquimans High and Perquimans Middle schools.

Sports at the high school include football, volleyball, basketball, track, softball, baseball, golf, cross country and cheerleading. Football, volleyball, basketball, softball, baseball and cheerleading are offered at the middle school level.

Unsung heroes sought for award

Nominations are being accepted for the 11th annual Nancy Susan Reynolds Awards, which recognize North Carolinians who have demonstrated extraordinary leadership at the grassroots level. Nominees should be "unsung heroes" - people who have sworn a resourcefulness in tackling problems that required new approaches and who have worked without recognition and outside the mainstream of existing organizations.

The deadline for nominations is June 1. Categories for the awards are advocacy, personal service, and race relations. Each award is accompanied by a grant of \$25,000, \$20,000 of which will be designated to charitable organizations chosen by the recipient.

The selection panel will consider many criteria. Among these are the impact of the nominees' efforts and accomplishments, the difficulty of the circumstances surrounding the nominees' work (personal adversity, community attitudes, geography, etc.) and the degree of recognition already received.

The awards were established in 1986 in memory of Nancy Susan Reynolds, who

died in 1985. Mrs. Reynolds was born in Winston-Salem but lived most of her life in Greenwich Conn. Even so, she maintained a keen interest in her native state, visiting here frequently and giving generously to charitable causes.

Nominations may be made by anyone except the nominee. They are to be submitted to the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation on forms supplied by the Foundation.

Nomination forms may be obtained by calling 1-800-443-8319 or (910) 725-7541 or by writing to the Foundation at the following address: Nancy Susan Reynolds Awards, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, 101 Reynolds Village, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27106-5199.

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation was established in 1936 as a memorial to the youngest child of R.J. Reynolds. During its history, it has made grants of more than \$218 million to projects in all 100 counties in North Carolina.

The Foundation's current areas of major interest are pre-collegiate education, minority issues, women's issues, community economic development, and the environment.

Garden party set

A beautiful setting. A worthy cause. A good time.

All can be said of the annual Perquimans County Restoration Association Garden Party set for this Sunday, 4-6:30 p.m., on the lawn of the riverside home of Julian Winslow on Front Street.

The garden party has become one of the premiere fundraisers of the restoration group, according to party committee member Mary Alice Brinn. Held for four years in the gardens of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Lane, committee members Brinn, Sharman Haskett, Chris Lane and

Jeanne White opted to change the scenery for event number five.

The Winslow gardens feature a fish pond, flowering shrubs, a patio, perennials and a breathtaking view of the Perquimans River. Sunday, the lawn will be filled with the sounds of Wayne James, food, dancing and good company.

Tickets for the affair are \$15. Reservations may be made by calling Brinn at 426-5696 or the Newbold-White House at 426-7567. A drawing will also be held for twin fern stands. Donations are \$5.

Proceeds support local historic preservation.

Outside

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
High: 80s	Low: 60s	High: 80s	Low: 50s	High: 80S	Low: 50s
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