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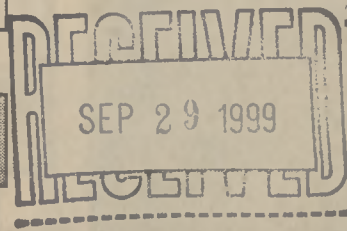
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## Floyd's flooding frustrates Ferry Road resident

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Most folks in Perquimans County hardly realized we had a hurricane when Floyd came calling two weeks ago.

Deana and Ricky Sawyer are not among those people. The Ferry Road residents live in one of five houses that suffered flooding in their eight-home neighborhood.

Deana Sawyer was at home on Thursday during the heavy rains of Floyd when she saw a neighborhood family running towards her house. They asked for shelter in her home because their house was starting to flood. Before long, the Sawyers' home, too, began to take on water.

"It came fast," Deana Sawyer said Sunday night. The Sawyers had about 5-6 inches of water in one part of the house, higher in another, Deana Sawyer said. Another house in the neighborhood had about 12-18 inches of water.

While the water was inside, the Sawyers watched tiny fish, tadpoles and crawfish swim across the floor. When the water ran back out, they had to tear up the flooring and the underlayment, also. Out with the carpet, vinyl and press board went two chairs. Now in has come mold and mildew. And it seems that with every piece of flooring that comes out, another new problem pops up.

"The more we go, the more we find," Deana Sawyer said. In addition to replacing the subfloor and carpet and vinyl, she said the air conditioning and heating system and part of the plumbing will have to be replaced. They also lost one of their vehicles to the overflowing river. Ricky Sawyer has taken time off work this week to try to make repairs to the house.

Ricky Sawyer said his house sits about 100 yards from the river. Deana Sawyer said the neighborhood has experienced flooding before, but not to the extent Floyd brought. The water reached waist level in at least one yard, she said.

"My front yard was the river," Deana Sawyer said. "We've had it to flood down here, but nothing like this. It was pretty bad down here."

One single wide mobile home in the community may be a total loss, Deana Sawyer said. The floor has collapsed in some places, and the family was moved to a hotel by the Red Cross. As a matter of fact, all five families spent at least one night in a hotel until their homes could be checked for structural soundness.

Whatever repairs will have to be made to the Sawyer home will come out of the family's pockets unless they can get disaster assistance through FEMA. Although the property sits in a flood zone, Deana Sawyer said it is in zone A, and the insurance would have cost over \$500 per year and have a \$1,500 deductible. She said they decided they could not afford the coverage. Homeowners insurance will not cover flood damage.

So Deana Sawyer has spent over a week completing forms and trying to find financial help to repair her home. Last week, emergency representatives did visit her house, she said, but only took photos from the outside.

"There's nothing wrong with the outside," she said. "They needed to come inside."

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Daily Advance photo

Members of the family of the late Jimmy Hunter gathered this weekend in Winfall to play softball during a tournament to benefit the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation this weekend. Three generations of Hunter men were coached by Marvin Hunter Sr. and Pete Hunter.

## Hunter clan goes to bat for ALS

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Three generations of Hunter men went to bat to help fight ALS Friday and Saturday during a benefit men's softball tournament in Winfall.

With Jimmy Hunter's niece, Joan Rountree, leading the tournament organization, about \$5,000 was raised for the ALS Foundation set up this spring in Hunter's honor.

"This was a great feeling seeing this family together like this," Rountree said of the Hunter Boys, the family team sponsored by Owens Carpet of Hertford. The boys even let Rountree, a stand-out softball player, have a turn at bat during an exhibition game Saturday afternoon against WVEC-TV Channel 13. The hometown favorites defeated the television station, 20-8.

The Hunter Boys were coached by Marvin Hunter and Pete Hunter, brothers of the late major league pitcher. Team members included sons Todd and Paul; nephews Marvin Jr. Hunter, Gary

Hunter, Kenneth Ray Boyce, Edgar Roberson, Kelvin Roberson and Alex Cox; and great-nephews Travis Riddick, Justin Roberson and Wayne Hunter.

More than just bringing a family together, the tournament brought several communities together to raise funds to fight the disease that led to Hunter's untimely death earlier this month at age 53.

Rountree said the WVEC-TV family was very interested in the tournament, and because Hunter had done so much for baseball across the Albemarle area, Rountree and former Perquimans baseball player and present Gates County High School coach Jeff Winslow agreed to organize the tournament.

Sponsors were sought, and businesses and individuals from across northeastern North Carolina sponsored teams and made donations to the event. Sponsors included Adroit Utilities, Inc. (Brian Malcolm and Gregg Sipe), Charles Ward & Co., Chowan Hospital, Comfort Systems, Gates County Boys, Hertford

County Big Time, Owens Carpet, Pepsi and River City Fraternity of Police. Donors were Atlantic Diesel, Carolina Trophy, Family Foods, Food Lion, Gates County Babe Ruth League, Jackson Wholesale, Jimbo's Jumbos, K-Mart, Metaltex of Murfreesboro, McPherson Brothers, Miller Funeral Home, and Perquimans County Parks and Recreation.

Charles Ward & Company claimed the tournament title. Barbara Rominger of Winfall won the 50-50 raffle and donated her winnings back to the ALS Foundation. Umpires Robin Forehand and Gary Cook volunteered their time to officiate the entire tournament. Rev. Keith Vaughan served as announcer.

A full house enjoyed the tournament Friday evening and Saturday. The event was so enjoyable, Rountree said it will become an annual September event in Perquimans.

"Everyone knows as long as ball exists, Jimmy will always be here with us," stated the game program.

## McKay installed at COA Friday

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With a promise to address the needs of the 21st century college student, Sylvester E. McKay was installed as the seventh president of the College of The Albemarle Friday.

Several hundred people attended the ceremony at COA's community auditorium including his mother, brother and sister and their children, who fought flooded highways to drive from Raleigh.

During the ceremony McKay was welcomed and praised by representatives from the local community, university system and state.

"He has a vision and passion for providing higher education services in northeastern North Carolina," said Harold E. Mitchell, president of Roanoke-Chowan Community College and McKay's long-time friend.

Anne-Marie Knighton, Edenton Town Manager and member of the State Board of Community Colleges said McKay embodies a tradition set forth by one of the system's founders, Dallas Harrington, "take people where they are and carrying them as far as they are willing to go."

McKay said while COA consistently receives high marks for its student services, the school must continue becoming more student-oriented.

"My vision for community colleges in general and College of The Albemarle more specifically, is to build our various communities by reaching out and bringing individuals to our classrooms who need us and can benefit from what we have to offer," he said. "When possible, we must be willing to bring the classes to their doorsteps."

McKay said to meet the needs of these new students COA will be building partnerships with public and private schools. Elizabeth City State University and Roanoke Bible College and local businesses.

COA and ECSU officials are already developing a program to provide joint training in geographic information systems and global positioning systems. McKay said COA and RBC are also discussing shared courses and faculty.

"Given that COA serves more than 140,000 individuals spread out over 1,800 square miles, we must expand our ability to deliver education through distance learning," he said. "You have noticed our increasing number of credit and new credit classes that we offer over the Internet. This growth must continue."

Prior to joining COA, McKay was vice-president for curriculum and instructional technology at Guilford Technical Community College.

McKay is a three-time graduate of North Carolina State University, first receiving a bachelor of science degree in psychology 1975, a master's degree in 1983 and his doctorate in 1990.

## Webb, White now sell cars in Winfall

Sales vets team up to offer good cars, low prices

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Tom White and Johnny Webb hit on a novel idea: Open a used vehicle sales business, don't charge the lot fee and procurement or documentary (doc) fees charged by many car dealers and pass the savings on to the buyers.

They're betting their friends and neighbors in Perquimans County will like their new plan, as they opened WW Motors, Inc. at the intersection of U.S. Highway 17 North and New Hope Road on Aug. 5. The duo held a grand opening last Friday with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

"Me and Johnny both are

from Hertford and we want to provide the people here with cars they can afford and depend on bought from people they know and trust," White said. At WW Motors, a handshake still seals a deal. People must be buying into the pair's reasoning as they have sold 22 units already.

White said the business partners saw a need for a sales outlet for late-model used cars in the county. They're banking that they are correct that they can make a living selling quality cars people can afford to drive from dealers they trust.

Most cars on the lot come from auction houses with some bought directly from individuals. White said his 25 years of experience in the vehicle sales business helps he and Webb choose quality cars to offer their customers. He knows what to look for in a good, used vehicle.

WW will offer those vehicles



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Local officials gathered with the owners and staff of WW Motors, Inc. in Winfall to celebrate the grand opening of the used vehicle sales business. Perquimans County natives Tom White and Johnny Webb own and operate the business six days each week. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting to mark the day.

at the best prices possible because they'll keep their overhead down, White said.

"If there's one thing that's been proven over the years, it's that low prices come from low

overhead. The only overhead we've got is the pecan trees" (that shade the corner lot).

Bank financing is available, as well as secondary financing from loan companies. There

will be limited in-house financing also.

WW is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. "or until the last customer leaves."