

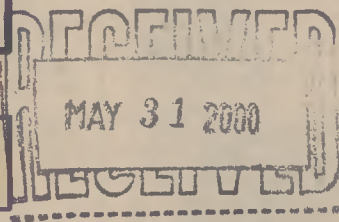
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## Hurricane season begins June 1

Inventory property, check insurance coverage now

Hurricane season begins today.

Hurricanes Floyd and Dennis slammed North Carolina last fall, causing a record \$1.4 billion in insured property damage. Fran hit in September 1996 causing the second highest damage at \$1.3 billion.

"The 1999 hurricane season was the costliest hurricane season on record for North Carolina," said John Peterson, director of the North Carolina Insurance News Service. "Insured property losses for 1999 totaled approximately \$1.4 billion from hurricanes Floyd and Dennis. This statistic alone should encourage people to protect themselves and their property against hurricane damage. The massive flooding as a result of hurricanes Floyd and Dennis should serve as a permanent reminder of the need for flood insurance."

Peterson said that now is the time to prepare, but most people don't think about their insurance until after a disaster happens. The North Carolina Insurance News Service recommends five steps that should be on a hurricane planning list:

1. Determine if you are covered for flood damage. Homeowners who live in federally designated Special Flood Hazard Areas are required to purchase flood insurance. You must buy separate flood coverage and there is a waiting period of 30 days. For more information about purchasing flood insurance, contact an insurance agent or call the National Flood Insurance Program a 1-300-638-6620.

2. Review your insurance coverage with your insurance agent or company and make sure you know what your policy covers.

3. Update your household inventory. Make a list, take pictures or videotape your personal belongings and store the inventory in a safe place outside your home.

4. If your homeowner's insurance does not have wind/hail coverage, you will need to purchase separate coverage, which has a waiting period of 15 days.

5. Check to see how your insurance will handle damaged, stolen or destroyed items. Does your policy provide replacement cost coverage or actual cash value? Full replacement coverage is preferable.

While being prepared cannot stop the forces of nature and damage from wind, tornadoes and flooding like that inflicted across much of eastern North Carolina by hurricanes Floyd and Dennis, knowing what coverage you have and having a household inventory can be a tremendous help in filing claims and for assistance after a storm.

## Harris, Winslow lead Class of 2000

The 108 members of the Perquimans County High School class of 2000 are preparing for two very important events as they close another chapter in the book of their lives.

Baccalaureate services will be Sunday, June 4 at 3 p.m. at Hertford Baptist Church. Guest speaker for the service will be William E. Byrum, former PCHS principal and a member-elect of the Perquimans County Board of Education.

Graduation exercises are scheduled for Friday, June 9 at 8 p.m. at Memorial Field. Valedictorian Courtney Susan

Harris and salutatorian Blair Toneil Winslow will be among those class members to speak during the ceremony.

Harris is the daughter of Phil and Susan Harris and will attend Meredith College.

Winslow is the daughter of Brenda White and the late Tony Winslow and will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In case of rain, the ceremony will be moved inside. Each graduate will be allowed five admission tickets if the ceremony is moved inside due to space limitations. The decision will be made early on graduation morning.



Courtney Susan Harris



Blair Toneil Winslow

## Festival, regatta on tap for this weekend

Another weekend of activity is coming to Hertford.

CultureScope, the second annual multi-cultural festival sponsored by the Perquimans Arts League, is set for Saturday. Missing Mill Park will be the setting for the event which will feature music, exhibits of various cultures represented in Perquimans County, demonstrations of ethnic foods and many hands-on craft projects and fun activities to help celebrate this year's festival. There will be activities for the whole family from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

PAL hosted its first festival last year in the American Legion building. It was well-attended by local residents as well as visitors from the surrounding area. The children especially enjoyed making craft items, which helped them learn about and appreciate other cultures.

The event is free to the community. It is supported in part by a grassroots grant from the North Carolina Arts Council.

The third annual Hertford Mothboat & Sunfish Regatta is set for Sunday on the picturesque Perquimans River. Boats will set sail at 1 p.m.

"The Perquimans River is a perfect spot for a regatta of this type," said Dan Danaker, chairman of the Regatta. "Local sailors enjoy this race and we're expecting a good response."

Approximately 25 boats are expected for the race, which takes place on the west side of the bypass bridge. The majority of the racers hail from Hertford, Elizabeth City, Edenton and Camden.

The day will conclude with a barbecue dinner at 5 p.m. Tickets are available for \$7.50 per person.

The regatta is sponsored by Perquimans Heritage Inc., a non-profit organization comprised of volunteers dedicated to preserving and enhancing downtown Hertford by utilizing the community's abundant water resources.

For more information on the regatta or dinner, contact Danaker at 426-5692.

## REMEMBERING THOSE WHO SERVED



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Small American flags dotted graves in Cedar Wood Cemetery this weekend, a tribute to those who served in the armed forces. The stars and stripes waved from veterans' graves this Memorial Day weekend.

## Chamber to host Flag Day ceremony

The Korean War 50th Year Commemoration will be a part of the Flag Day Celebration 2000 in downtown Hertford.

Set for Wednesday, June 14 at 11 a.m., the ceremony will be held on the courthouse lawn. It is sponsored by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

Sheriff Eric Tilley will escort Aaron Hoffer, Cub Cadet, U.S. Navy memorial, Washington, D.C., who will lead the procession of the special American flag. The flag will be presented to the Flag Honor Guard composed of Korean War, World War II and Viet Nam veterans.

After a flag raising, a roll call of World War II and Korean War veterans killed in action will take place. A 21-Navy bell salute for all deceased veterans will be performed by Hoffer.

Rev. Keith Vaughan of Hertford Baptist Church will give memorial remarks and an invocation.

Those present will pledge allegiance to an 8x12-foot American flag provided by Jack Hoffer, N.C. State Coimmander, Veterans of Underage Military Service.

The Chamber has provided the American street flags. Local Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will participate in the program.

## Survey of state's farmers to begin soon

North Carolina farmers will be contacted to take part in a nationwide survey of American agriculture soon.

As a primary source of agricultural information, this survey is one of the largest and most important conducted by the North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service. The resulting information will be used to make reliable state, regional, and national estimates of crop acreage, grain stocks, and livestock inventories.

Producers rely on the data to reach valid production, marketing, and investment decisions. Congresspersons and regulators use the information to produce better regulations and farm programs. Industry analysts, extension agents,

farm organizations, and agricultural leaders need the information for a variety of reasons.

It is important for North Carolina farmers to participate in the survey to ensure that local agriculture is accurately portrayed, according to the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. A representative will contact local producers between May 29 and June 16. Most producers selected for interviews have been notified by mail.

For a copy of the finished report or to obtain other agricultural statistics, visit the North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service website at [www.ncagr.com/stats](http://www.ncagr.com/stats) or call 1-800-437-8451.

## Use Chamber Community Calendar when planning events

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce keeps a calendar of county events. All organizations are asked to call the Chamber at 426-5657 as soon as dates are set for events. A Chamber representative can tell you if something else has

already been planned for that date. The Chamber seeks to promote events in the community and to assist with scheduling so that several events won't be planned on the same date, resulting in poor turnout.

The Chamber provides a cal-

endar to The Perquimans Weekly at the beginning of each month. Items listed on the chamber calendar are included in The Week at a Glance column in the newspaper each week.

Items submitted to the news-

paper for inclusion in the Happenings column should be submitted in writing. Items may be faxed to 426-4625, mailed to PO Box 277, Hertford, or emailed to [perquimansweekly@datainkc.com](mailto:perquimansweekly@datainkc.com). No phone calls, please.

## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
High: 88  
Low: 68  
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY  
High: 92  
Low: 69  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY  
High: 87  
Low: 67  
PARTLY CLOUDY