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## PIRATES BEAT EDENTON!



Daily Advance photo by "Glen Biel"

After a 17-year losing streak against their backyard rivals, the Pirates dominated the Edenton Aces, 42-6 Friday night in Hertford. Over 2,000 people packed the stands and stood around the field to watch what is always a crowd-pleaser. The win came in large part due to the outstanding game by senior running back Joel McClenney (with ball, above). McClenney racked up 283 yards and scored four touchdowns against the larger Aces. Pirates head coach Harrell Thach credited the big win to the team's confidence and tough play on the field. The Pirates last defeated the Aces in 1983 when assistant coach Richard Thach was on the football roster as a player, and Perquimans has won only twice in 31 years.

## Festival fun coming this weekend

### 20th annual Indian Summer, Hearth & Harvest set for Saturday

Two dances will close out the 20th annual Indian Summer Festival.

The Carolina Beach Club will headline a dance at the American Legion hall from 8-11 p.m. There will be a \$5 per person admission fee for this 21-and-over dance. Snacks are included with admission price.

Over at Missing Mill Park, GutarandStein will provide the music for a youth street dance from 8-11.

The dances will end a full day of activities at the Indian Summer and Hearth & Harvest festivals.

The Perquimans County Restoration Association sponsors the Hearth & Harvest Festival on the grounds of the 1730 Newbold-White House. The past comes alive at the historic complex with traditional 18th century activities that could have taken place on the grounds over 250 years ago.

A highlight of this festival will be a musical presentation and flag ceremony by the Hertford Fife and Drum Corps. The Evolution of the American Flag will feature a selection of flags that have flown over the country. It is set for 1:30.

Other activities set for the Hearth & Harvest Festival include Bert Berry on the dulcimer at 10:30 and 2:30; the Perquimans Pipers and violinist Aaron Grosjean at 11:30; a Quaker blessing by former Piney Woods Friends Meeting pastor Charles Stanley and Up River Friends pastor Tom McClaren at noon; storytelling with Ann Carol White at 11:30 and 1; and exhibits by artisans. There will be opportunities to make cornshuck dolls, dip candles, make butter, spin and play 18th century games.

Visitors can watch Harriott Lomax of Colonial Williamsburg cook Brunswick stew and apples over an open fire. These items will be available for purchase.

The house will be open for tours, as will the thriving herb and flower garden. Growing there are herbs commonly used in the 18th century for cooking, medicinal purposes and other household uses, as well as flowers to provide beauty and scent.

Hours are 10 a.m.—4 p.m. Cost is \$5 per carload or \$1 per person.

Over in Hertford, three venues will be alive with the sights and sounds of the Indian Summer Festival. Themed "The Year of the Turtle," the festival will take place in

three venues: historic downtown Hertford and the waterfront parks of the Municipal Center (by boat ramps) and Missing Mill Park.

Downtown will be alive with street vendors featuring arts, crafts, food, even a farmers market. On stage at the courthouse will be the Perquimans High School Marching Pirates, the Perquimans Middle School band, Rockin' Willie, Silver Spurs, The Albemarle Sounds Barber Shop Chorus, the Double Eagle Band, Bill Darrow, Brittany Perry, GutarandStein and more.

There will also be an antique car show organized by the Freshwater Region Antique Automobile Club of America and sponsored by Biggs Pontiac.

The river will be the focus of activities at the Municipal Center. Paddleboat rentals, guided tours of the river and demonstrations by the Perquimans County Rescue Squad Water Rescue Team and Coast Guard are scheduled throughout the day. Exhibits of nautical items, a dunking booth and food will also be featured. The activities will be coordinated by Perquimans Heritage, Inc.

At Missing Mill Park, the younger set will feel right at home with rides, games and entertainment. The Governor's One-on-One Basketball Tournament, Fitness Warehouse Strong Man Competition, truck pull and Wishing Well flag raffle are set for the venue.

Free shuttle buses will transport visitors between the festivals and venues. Shuttle stops will be the Newbold-White House, Grandma's Treasures, Hertford Municipal Center and Missing Mill Park.

The municipal boat ramps and Municipal Center and Missing Mill Park parking lots will be closed Saturday.

The Indian Summer Festival is sponsored by the Historic Hertford Business Association with the assistance of the Hertford Main Street Program.

## Chamber offers facade grants

The Chamber of Commerce has reopened its facade grant program.

The grant program was put on hold two years ago when the Chamber faced financial problems. Now back on more solid footing, the Chamber has reopened the program, called the Historic Hertford CBD Restoration Project.

The purpose of the project is to stimulate downtown revitalization and development, with the goal to help economic and tourism development. Funds are an incentive for building owners to restore,

renovate and repair the exteriors of buildings.

The program provides 3:1 investment matches. The grant will pay \$1 for every \$3 the building owner spends up to \$1,000 on pre-approved projects. Preference will be given to applicants that have not been awarded a previous grant under the project.

The program is open to all private businesses and government entities in the downtown CBD area. Examples of acceptable projects include building facade and improvements such as paint, brick repair

and lighting; and permanent streetscape improvements including landscaping, plantings, lamplights, canopies and awnings.

The application process includes submittal of grant application with restoration/renovation plans; review of plans by a review panel to include suggestions for revision if necessary; approval by review panel of plans that meet criteria; one-site renovation work; review and audit of finished work; and reimbursement.

The review committee will be composed of a

Chamber representative, the county's planner, the town zoning chair or town manager, and two representatives of the Main Street Design Committee.

The deadline to apply for funds is Sept. 28. Completed applications should be presented to Sid Eley, Executive Director, Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, 118 W. Market St., Hertford, ANc 27944.

The Town of Hertford and Hertford Main Street Program are cooperating with the Chamber on the project.

## Safety is schools priority

Providing a safe, nurturing environment is a top priority of the board of education, according to school administrators.

Perquimans County Schools is ranked the sixth safest school district in the state by the State Board of Education, but administrators and board members are not lulled into a false sense of security with the ranking. Instead, they continue to seek ways to improve the safety for students and staff.

Maintaining a safe and drug-free environment continue to be key components in all local school improvement plans.

The plans call for limiting entrances to schools to the front doors, continuing drug testing for athletes, training first responders at each school and promoting drug-free environments by providing unannounced

locker searches.

Local law enforcement is an important part of providing the safe environment. Officers assist the schools in several ways, including helping with security at school functions and locker searches. Recently, Winfall Police Chief David Shaffer and police dog Lobo helped Perquimans Middle School principal Anne White with random locker searches. The searches were done while students were in class. No drugs were found.

After the report that a gun had been taken to the high school last year, the schools held a public forum, asking parents and the community for input on ways to keep the schools safe and drug-free. The suggestions are being used as school improvement plans are updated. Call 426-5741 for information.



David Shaffer and Anne White prepare to search lockers at the middle school.

### FESTIVAL WEATHER

THURSDAY  
High: 80  
Low: 65  
MOSTLY SUNNY

FRIDAY  
High: 82  
Low: 66  
MOSTLY SUNNY

SATURDAY  
High: 87  
Low: 70  
PARTLY CLOUDY