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Ghosts, goblins come out Friday

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Costumed characters will hit the streets Friday night, seeking treats from those who welcome them by turning on an outside light.

The downtown merchants are also opening their stores to trick-or-treaters from 3:30-5:30, offering a safe and fun alternative to traditional treks through Hertford's neighborhoods.

According to co-organizer Harriette Woodard, several merchants were concerned about the debris on the streets and sidewalks resulting from Hurricane Isabel, and the safety problems the stumps, limbs and cracked sidewalks could pose.

The merchants decided to invite children downtown to collect treats.

The group has also arranged for local tale-weaver Ann Carol White to tell ghost stories on the courthouse lawn at 5 o'clock.

The event, which will also feature cookies and punch at the courthouse lawn, is for children age 12 and under.

Hertford Town Manager John Christensen said those planning to take children trick-or-treating in town should be extra cautious this year because of storm debris, but that he believes much of the refuse will be off the streets by Friday.

Trick-or-treating should be done during daylight hours, Christensen said, and children who may be out after dark should wear reflective clothing.

There is a home football game Friday night, so extra caution should be taken by drivers and by trick-or-treaters.

Schools have also set some guidelines for Halloween.

At Perquimans Central, each teacher will decide whether children may come in costume. In no event will masks, face paint or hair paint be allowed. Parents should check with teachers for their child's class for more details.

No costumes will be allowed at Hertford Grammar, Perquimans Middle or Perquimans High schools.

Parents who wish to send treats must send store-bought, individually wrapped goodies.

New Hope United Methodist Church will sponsor a Holy Ghost Party, a Christian alternate on Halloween, on Friday, 5-9 p.m. at the Cale Retreat and Conference Center. Kids through age 12 are welcome.

The evening will include food, music, treats, games, storytelling, a campfire and a 7p.m. costume contest (no scary or ugly costumes). Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Call Frances Jones, 264-2683, for information.

Parents should accompany children trick-or-treating and to any of the Halloween festivities mentioned.

Mississippi children send aid to local hurricane victims

Wilmington students also send supplies to county

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Children in other towns and states who have experienced the devastation of hurricanes like Isabel reached out to Perquimans County students recently.

Students from the Pascagoula, Mississippi School District and Wilmington, N.C. sent school, cleaning, baby and other supplies to those in Perquimans County rebuilding their lives after the powerful storm swept through.

Branwick Associates offered the use of their building at the Perquimans Commerce Centre as a storage and distribution center for the donated supplies.

"John Brogan and I are pleased that we are in a position to help," said Bob Smithwick, president of Branwick Associates. "Our building had been leased, and fortunately, the building is now available for the county's needs during this difficult time of re-building."

County Manager Paul Gregory said Brogan and Smithwick offered the use of the building to county relief efforts immediately after the storm.

"We needed a large facility to receive the donated goods and prepare them for delivery. The building on Harvey Point Road off Route 17 meets our needs perfectly," said schools Superintendent Ken Wells.

The Mississippi school system learned about Perquimans County's needs through Paul South,



Student government representatives, school maintenance staff, administrators and volunteers unload a truck of supplies sent from Mississippi by school children to local families in need after Hurricane Isabel (above). Wal-Mart provided the truck and driver at no charge to help the community. A Wilmington school also reached out to their fellow students by sending supplies that were unloaded by student government members and administrators (right).

a newspaperman there who formerly worked with the Virginian Pilot in the Albemarle area.

The supplies were driven to Hertford by B.J. Raynes of Columbia, Mississippi, a Wal-Mart truck driver. Raynes said he drove 914 miles on his trip.

He said Wal-Mart often offers its trucks and drivers at no charge in emergencies.

"They do this a lot," Raynes said. "People don't know it."

The supplies are being distributed by the school system through Latonia



Saunders, the system's Homeless Coordinator based at Hertford Grammar School.

Saunders will work with counselors at each school to determine needs of local families.

The supplies are also

available to those who do not have children in the school system.

For information, call Saunders at 426-7166.

(Editor's note: See related story, page 7.)

Municipal elections are Tuesday

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Hertford voters will have some choices on the ballot, but Winfall voters won't as registered residents of both towns go to the polls Tuesday.

Polls will open in Hertford at the courthouse and Hertford Grammar School, while Winfall voters will cast their ballots at the Parkville Ruritan Building. Poll hours are 6:30 a.m.—7:30 p.m.

Perquimans County Board of Elections Director Eula Forbes said One Stop voting is underway now, and voters can cast their votes at the Board of Elections Office in the Extension Building on Edenton Road Street during regular business hours the rest of this week and on Saturday until 1 p.m.

There are six candidates for two available seats on the Hertford Town Council. The seats are currently held by Jo Ann Morris and Carlton Davenport. In addition to Morris and Davenport, those vying for the seat are Ralph Autry, Anne White, Dan Daneker and Drew Woodard.

Mayor Sid Eley is running unopposed. In Winfall, Mayor Fred Yates and councilpersons Bertha Dixon and Kenneth Rominger face no opposition. Rominger currently serves as mayor pro tempore.

The Perquimans Weekly traditionally publishes information about candidates for contested offices. Efforts began Friday

to contact all six Hertford candidates. Attempts continued until Tuesday morning. The newspaper was unable to reach both White and Woodard. Daneker opted not to complete his questionnaire.

The responses to the questionnaires of Autry, Davenport and Morris appear exactly as submitted to the newspaper. Because we were unable to reach White but were sent a brochure about her candidacy, the information from her brochure will be published.

Answers to the questionnaire appear in alphabetical order, with White's information from the brochure at the end.

How long have you lived in Hertford? If a native, please tell why you chose to stay in Hertford. If not a native, please tell how you came to live here and why you chose Hertford as your home.

Autry: 5 years. My wife and I were employed in the northeastern NC area and began looking at communities/towns to find the best place to live. We found exactly what we desired in downtown Hertford.

Davenport: I grew up here, pursued a number of professional opportunities in other places and chose to move back here in 1988. I have lived here ever since. I always intended to return to Hertford, and while away, I kept up with events and friends in this area. This town will always be home to me.

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History book is here

The pictorial history book, "Perquimans County, North Carolina," is now available for purchase.

The 128-page book features 225 photos in seven chapters: At Home; At School; At Work; At Play; At Worship; In Town; and On the Water. It sells for \$19.99 and is available at the Perquimans County Library, the Newbold-White House Visitor Center and the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

The book is a joint project of the Perquimans County Library and the Perquimans County Restoration Association. Forty local citizens contributed images for the book and Raymond A. Winslow Jr., local genealogist and author, wrote the text and captions.

The book was produced by Arcadia Publishing, a publisher of local and regional interest books. "Perquimans County, North Carolina" is the latest volume in the compa-

ny's Images of America series. Arcadia has also published books in this series about Elizabeth City and Chowan County.

A community signing will be scheduled the near future. Call 426-5319 or 426-7567 for information.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 71
Low: 58
MOSTLY SUNNY

FRIDAY
High: 74
Low: 59
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
High: 75
Low: 16
PARTLY CLOUDY