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# PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Holiday events planned

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Thanksgiving is a memory and now the Christmas season looms on the horizon. Holiday events planned in the county this week should get everyone in the Christmas spirit.

Thursday evening is the annual Extension Homemakers Christmas Ramble.

From 6:30-9 p.m., three homeowners will open their doors to guests to view one modern and two restored historic homes in the county.

The tour features the homes of Billy and Margie Nixon, Lyn Winslow and Joe and Mary White (Springfield Inn). Four passes are \$4 for adults and \$1 for students. Tickets will be sold at the homes on the night of the ramble. Advance tickets are available at the Extension Center.

Tourists should bring flashlights and wear low-heeled shoes.

Refreshments will be served at the Extension Center.

Call 426-7697 for information.

Also as part of the tour, the Perquimans County Library will be open from 5-8 p.m. for an open house and book signing of the new pictorial history book of Perquimans County.

Friday evening at 5 o'clock, the annual Caroling on the Green will take place downtown.

Saturday will bring the annual Christmas parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, through the streets of Hertford. Floats, bands, local dignitaries, horses and more will travel from Perquimans County High School down Edenton Road Street, onto Grubb Street, onto Church Street, onto Dobbs Street and back down Edenton Road Street to the high school. The parade will leave the high school at 2 p.m. to make its way down the parade route.

Grand marshals for the event will be the chiefs of all county fire departments, rescue squad captains and Emergency Management Coordinator Harry Winslow. The chamber decided to honor the emergency personnel in recognition of the tremendous job they did helping the county to recover from Hurricane Isabel.

After the parade, Historic Hertford, Inc., formerly known as Main Street, has coordinated an old-fashioned downtown celebration.

The downtown block will remain closed to traffic after the parade passes



Workmen brave cold temperatures and chilling winds to finish the small plaza being constructed beside Woodard's Pharmacy. The new period street lights have been adorned with greenery and red velvet ribbons trimmed with gold, dressing up the business district. Further down both ends of Church Street, the decorations the town formerly used downtown have been placed on lights poles.

through. Immediately after the last entries leave the downtown block, the new plaza under construction beside Woodard's Pharmacy will be dedicated. The Albemarle Plantation Women's Club donated the funds to complete the area with granite.

Carolers and other entertainers will roam the streets spreading holiday cheer, while local merchants will welcome guests with refreshments and a variety of holiday gift ideas.

At 5:30, the town will turn on the Christmas lights, this year featuring the new period street lights recently installed through grant funds for which the county commissioners provided the match.

There will be a book signing after the parade at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish House. The pictorial history books of Perquimans County will be available there.

The Chamber and



Historic Hertford, Inc. hope that those who attend the parade will stay downtown afterwards to enjoy the other festivities planned,

and will browse the businesses looking for unique Christmas gifts for those on their lists.

## Eight teachers earn national certification

Eight more teachers from Perquimans County Schools joined the 24,000 other National Board Teachers across America.

They are David Modler, art, Hertford Grammar School; Cheryl Newby, first grade, Perquimans Central School; Melissa Fields, media, Perquimans Central School; Thelma Finch, Pre-K, Perquimans Central School; Pam Griffin, eighth grade math/science, Perquimans Middle; Margaret Brothers, science, Perquimans High; Lynette Baker, biology/science, Perquimans High; and Jeff Holland, English, Perquimans High.

National Board Certification measures a teacher's practice against high and rigorous standards. The process is an extensive series of performance-based assessments that includes teaching portfolios, student work samples, videotapes and thorough analyses of the candidates' classroom

teaching and student learning, said Superintendent Ken Wells.

Perquimans County Schools now has 16 National Board Teachers. Wells said this is truly an accomplishment for sys  
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Lynette Baker



Margaret Brothers



Melissa Fields



Thelma Finch



Pam Griffin



Jeff Holland



David Modler



Cheryl Newby

### WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
High: 50  
Low: 39  
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY  
High: 67  
Low: 46  
RAIN

SATURDAY  
High: 60  
Low: 35  
RAIN

## Clean-up deadlines approach

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Perquimans County residents have until Dec. 31 to put tree debris from Hurricane Isabel on the state right-of-way to their property.

New Year's Eve will also be the last date to take shingles and other roofing materials to the landfill

and dumping sites created to deal with Isabel waste. After Jan. 1, tipping fees will again be charged.

Tildon Whitehurst, one of the contractors hired by the county to clean up and dispose of hurricane debris, said he and another contractor are making their second passes in some locations already. FEMA

will only reimburse the county for the cost of making two passes through the county.

Whitehurst also said that he has seen landowners actually clearing lots in the Snug Harbor community and leaving the debris to be picked up by county contractors.

"We have to set a cut-off

date because it's going to be abused," Commissioner Mack Nixon said.

County Manager Paul Gregory said officials caught a load of shingles from Pasquotank County being brought into Perquimans last week. Pasquotank lowered but did not abandon its fees for storm debris.