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Charley blows through county

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It sounded like a freight train.

That was how one person at Albemarle Plantation described the wind that Hurricane Charley gushed through the waterfront community Saturday afternoon.

In addition to torrential rains, the remnants of the hurricane that wreaked havoc in Florida spawned high winds off the Albemarle Sound, downing trees and scattering leaves and branches in the shoreline communities of Albemarle Plantation, Snug Harbor and Holiday Island.

Emergency Management Director Harry Winslow said the entire county got a lot of rain and there was some flooding on roadways, but no significant property damage had been reported to him or the building inspector as of Tuesday morning.

"We dodged this one," Winslow said, adding that the eye of the storm came across the northern part of Perquimans County where it touches Gates and Chowan counties.

The county set up an Emergency Operations Center and opened a shelter at the middle school. About a dozen people sought shelter before it was closed on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Fire departments responded to a few limbs that had fallen on electric lines, causing sparks.

Albemarle EMC called in crews and was on the street as soon as the storm passed, restoring the 1,600 customers in Perquimans County left in the dark, according to spokesperson Larry Johnson. EMC had a



Hurricane Charley brought gusty winds through the Albemarle Sound communities of Albemarle Plantation, Snug Harbor and Holiday Island Saturday afternoon. Trees like these at Albemarle Plantation, were twisted off, and branches and leaves still littered the communities Monday. Plantation work crews hauled off numerous loads of debris.

total of 2,900 customers without power immediately after the storm, but had most restored within hours. The final customers in Perquimans County got electricity Sunday afternoon. Johnson said the number of fallen trees



made restoring current in the Perquimans County area affected more time-consuming.

The town of Hertford was prepared for whatever Charley brought, but Town Manager John Christensen said nobody lost power and

the town only got a call about a service line down.

"We made out real well," Christensen said.

The causeway was closed for a time due to the three-foot storm surge, Christensen said. NCDOT got the debris washed on

the roadway by the surging water off quickly, Christensen said, and reopened the stretch of road Saturday evening.

Town crews have worked this week cleaning out catch basins where trash blew into the storm drains, Christensen said.

Perquimans was lucky this time, but Winslow warns that residents shouldn't think the hurricane season is over.

"Don't think it's over with yet," he said. "Just because we've had three (named storms) fairly early doesn't mean that's all of them. We haven't reached the height of the season yet."

Winslow said residents should be prepared in advance for the possibility of a direct hit. Emergency kits with canned food, water, flashlights, a radio, batteries, a manual can opener, rain gear and other items needed in the event households lose power or have to leave in a hurry should be readied if a storm is possible. FEMA recommends that items be gathered and placed in a large plastic container with a tight-fitting lid or assembled inside double trash bags.

Winslow said the Emergency Management office is moving this week to its new headquarters in the county office building on Dobbs Street that formerly housed Social Services. That office has been outfitted to serve as an Emergency Operations Center in the event of a disaster. The phone number will continue to be 426-7029.

The building inspector's office is also moving into the Dobbs Street building.

Final Summer Breeze concert Sunday

Connie Mason will perform

The final performance in the Newbold-White House's 2004 Summer Breeze Concert Series is set for Sunday, Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m. and will feature Connie Mason, a singer, musician and songwriter who performs songs about the history and lore of coastal North Carolina.

Her performance will celebrate the periauger, the 18th century workboat set to arrive in Hertford on Sept. 11. Mason is collections manager and historian at the North Carolina Maritime Museum.

The event will also feature an old-fashioned fish fry. Plates are \$6 each and will include trout, stewed potatoes, slaw, hush puppies and tea. Captain Bob's will be catering. Tickets are available at the Newbold-White House Visitors Center, the Perquimans Visitors Center, and Hertfordshire Antiques and must be purchased by Wednesday, Aug. 18.

The concert will last about an hour. It is free, but donations will be accepted.

Bring blankets, lawn chairs and a picnic for this casual outdoor family concert. The concert will take place rain or shine. Rain location is the Perquimans Recreation Center, off Harvey Point Road, across from Planter's Ridge.

The Newbold-White House is open for tours on Sundays from 2 - 5 p.m.

The grounds will open at 5 p.m. for the concert. The Newbold-White House is located just off Hwy 17 on Harvey Point Road outside of Hertford. For more information call the Newbold-White House at (252) 426-7567 or nbwh@inteliport.com.

Darrow turns love of archery into in-home business

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Bill Darrow's father, who was half Black Foot Indian from Montana, taught Darrow to shoot a bow and arrow when he was 4 years old. There are photos of Darrow bow fishing for trout in Oregon with his dad.

Later, he was the first officer at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune to set up a 3-D archery range.

It just seems natural that a man who's loved archery for over 50 years has opened a shop in his home at 308 N. Church Street in Hertford.

Darrow's Archery carries all sorts of archery equipment, including traditional archery and compound bows. He also carries muzzle loaders, and services everything he sells.

In addition, Darrow teaches archery on the premises, and has also taught about 400 students at the Cale Retreat Center. In fact, teaching at the Cale Center was one reason he opened his business.

"Last year when I got to Cale Retreat, the kids were



Bill Darrow's life-long love of archery has been turned into an in-home business. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting at Darrow's Archery Monday.

really turned on to archery and they wanted to know where they could buy archery equipment, and there wasn't any place around here to buy the kind of archery equipment that they wanted," Darrow said. "So I decided to give them that service."

Archery, whether for competition, physical fit-

ness or hunting, is very enjoyable, and is becoming increasingly popular, Darrow said. A lot of people are into 3-D shooting, which is shooting at decoys. And even some Hollywood stars enjoy archery.

The shop is open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.



Perquimans County High School Principal Hans Lassiter speaks with parents and community residents at the high school's open house on Sunday, which ended with a pre-season pep rally in the gym.

PCHS tries Sunday event

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Perquimans County High School Principal Hans Lassiter has said he will do whatever it takes to get parents engaged in the academic performance of their high school students.

So, the high school tried a Sunday afternoon open house and pre-season pep rally last weekend in hopes that some parents who are unable to make it to school on week nights when programs are typically offered could attend.

"It was awesome, considering Hurricane Charley and everything else that was going on, the turn-out was a blessing," Lassiter said. "Parents could have stayed at home, but chose to come out to become engaged in their children's education."

Lassiter said about 125 parents braved the rain to attend the event, during which parents could speak with teachers and other faculty members, could learn about school clubs and met the fall sports teams.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
 High: 90
 Low: 73
 PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
 High: 91
 Low: 73
 ISOLATED T'STORMS

SATURDAY
 High: 87
 Low: 70
 SCATTERED T'STORMS