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Sink hole closes causeway

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State Department of Transportation officials closed the causeway Saturday evening when a sink hole that had been repaired less than a month ago reappeared.

Hertford Police Chief Dale Vanscoy said that the hole had a 6-8 inch drop from the level of the roadway and was "steadily sinking."

DOT supervisors planned to review the situation Tuesday morning, Vanscoy said.

He added that from his conversations with DOT employees, he believes there is a chance the causeway could be closed for several weeks.

No more information was available at press time.

ALS softball tournament set for this weekend Another Hunter battles ALS

The sixth annual Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS softball tournament has taken on an even more urgent meaning this year, as the Hall of Famer's nephew, Gary Hunter, has been diagnosed with the disease since the last tournament.

"He is fighting this disease with everything he's got," said his sister and softball tournament co-director Joan Rountree. "He knows how important it is to raise as much as possible for research to 'strike out' ALS."

Hunter, who now lives in Manteo, was, like his uncle, a PCHS baseball stand-out.

The 15-team tournament is set for Sept. 10-12 at the Perquimans County Softball Fields in Winfall.

Events planned for this year include WTKR Channel 3 broadcasting from the event as well as playing softball against the Hunter Family in an attraction game.

There will be food, including home-baked goods, a silent auction which will include several items signed by Catfish Hunter, a raffle, and JCH ALS sportswear sales.

To register a team, make donations of funds or items for the auction and raffles, or volunteer to help, contact Rountree at 252-441-9483 or 340-0210 or Marvin or Helen Hunter at 426-4863. Donations may be mailed to Joan H. Rountree, 802 West First Street, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948.

Guy Webb is also tournament co-director.

For information, check out the tournament website at www.geocities.com/jchalsoftball.

SAT scores highest in 10 years

Superintendent:
Goal to reach
state level

SAT scores at Perquimans County High School in 2004 rose to their highest level in 10 years, according to information released last week by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

Local scores climbed 30 points to 954 in 2004, up from 924 in 2003. Over half of PCHS students take the

test. One of the most significant factors in interpreting SAT scores is the ratio of eligible students taking the exam. Typically, the higher the percentage of students taking the test, the lower the average scores will be. According to Perquimans County Schools Superintendent Dr. Kenneth W. Wells, that is not the case in Perquimans County.

"It is noteworthy that scores continue to climb even as the participation rate continues to exceed

fifty percent," said Wells. "We encourage all students to take the PSAT and the SAT, especially students aspiring to enter college. My goal is for Perquimans County students to exceed the state average score of 1006."

The results were released last Tuesday by Gov. Mike Easley and State Superintendent Mike Ward at a news conference held at Enloe High School in Wake County.

Perquimans was second highest in the surrounding counties, with Camden hav-

ing the top score at 1005. Edenton-Chowan's average was 945, while Pasquotank's was 924. Gates came in at 911.

The state average score was 1006.

SAT scores measure developed verbal and mathematical abilities necessary for success in college. While the SAT scores are useful in making decisions about individual students and in assessing academic preparation of students entering college, the information is incomplete. Test takers of the SAT are self-

selected and the percentage of SAT-takers varies widely among all schools in North Carolina and across the nation.

While administrators said they are pleased that Perquimans High had again shown improvement on the SAT, they realize that using the scores as a measurement tool is precarious because it does not include all students. Administrators are also pleased that SAT scores are competitive with or higher than surrounding Northeast counties.

Festivals promise day of fun in county

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Start with a large measure of quality entertainment. Add an equal portion of arts and craft, food and information vendors. Sift in exciting waterfront activities including the arrival of the periauger. Stir it with children's games, heritage crafts, a book signing, storytime and events in Winfall. And organizers of the Indian Summer, Hearth & Harvest and Winfall Landing Park festivals hope you have a recipe for a fun-filled day in Perquimans County Saturday.

Hertford's celebration is set from 9 a.m. — 5 p.m. The popular street fair features crafts, a food court, daylong entertainment, a children's pavilion, a book signing and a Perquimans County Schools art show.

The Perquimans River will be a special focus of the day with the grand arrival of the periauger set for 10 a.m. at the Hertford Municipal dock. River events and activities include recreational paddles for kayaks and canoes leaving from Missing Mill Park. Wild River Outfitters of Virginia Beach will rent kayaks and will lead shoreline paddles for a fee at the town docks.

UNC-TV will be on hand to film the celebration.

Other special events during the day includes a children's story time at 11:30 and a book signing with Lillie Gilbert and Vicki Shuler for "Wild River Guide to Dismal Swamp Trails," at 2pm. Both are at M. James Bookseller on Market Street.

Arts and crafts of all kinds will be available for sale and the food court boasts something for every taste — from seafood and hoagies to funnel cakes and cotton candy.

A variety of entertainment is scheduled on the courthouse lawn, including Lacey Reames, the PCHS Marching Band and Loose Change. A highlight of the day will be a performance by the United States Atlantic Fleet Jazz Band scheduled for 4 p.m.

The children's pavilion will feature a petting zoo.

In Winfall, local entertainers and vendors are set to be on hand 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with a patriotic program featuring the PCMS chorus and band at 2 p.m.



The Atlantic Fleet Band (above) was one of the highlights of last year's Indian Summer Festival in downtown Hertford. Festival-goers in Winfall enjoyed browsing through the vendor tents and listening to local talent (top right). One of the highlights of Indian Summer Festival 2004 will be the arrival of the periauger (bottom right), a replica of an 18th-century work boat built at the N.C. Maritime Museum in Beaufort that is now under sail to Hertford. The S-bridge will open at 9:45 to admit the boat, which will be ushered home by a paddle flotilla. The PCHS band brass section will play at 9:30 and the ceremony will begin at 10.



candles, make some butter and play 18th century games. Join in a musical performance. Watch artisans at work on traditional crafts. This family event has something for everyone. Hours are noon-4 p.m.

Visitors to Hearth & Harvest Festival will have the special opportunity to view the ongoing restoration at the historic Newbold-White House.

Reid Thomas, restoration specialist with the North Carolina Division of Archives and History, will be on hand to discuss the restoration process.

Throughout the day, numerous crafters from weavers to woodworkers, will demonstrate their crafts. The Ingrams from Far and Away Farm, will be on hand for pony-cart rides for children. An

exhibit of sheep will add to the day. Cost is \$1 per person. Free bus transportation will be available between the Hearth and Harvest Festival, the Indian Summer Festival in downtown Hertford and activities at Winfall Landing Park.

For more information, browse through the official festivals program book inserted inside this newspaper. Program books will also be available at the information booth at the Visitors Center on Market Street on the day of the festival.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 87
Low: 71
SCATTERED T'STORMS

FRIDAY
High: 85
Low: 69
SHOWERS

SATURDAY
High: 83
Low: 67
SCATTERED T'STORMS