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## Stallings receives state award

ERIN RICKERT

Perquimans County Central School Principal Billy Stallings was recently announced the Rex Whittington Community Educator of the Year for 2005.

"I was excited," Stallings said of the honor last week. "I thank Dr. Wells, my staff and the support I have received from the other schools."

The state-level award, given out by the North Carolina Association of Community Education, recognizes individuals whose work makes an impact on the community.

For Stallings, his 28 years as an educator, five of which he has spent as PCCS principal, has truly helped bridge the gap between the school and the community.

During his tenure at PCCS, Stallings brought a Community Impact Technology Center to the school in 2002.

Through the program, which served more than 500 Perquimans County residents last year alone, individuals were able to attend free workshops offering assistance in learning basic computer skills ranging from sending an e-mail to perusing the Internet.  
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## THE BIG NIGHT

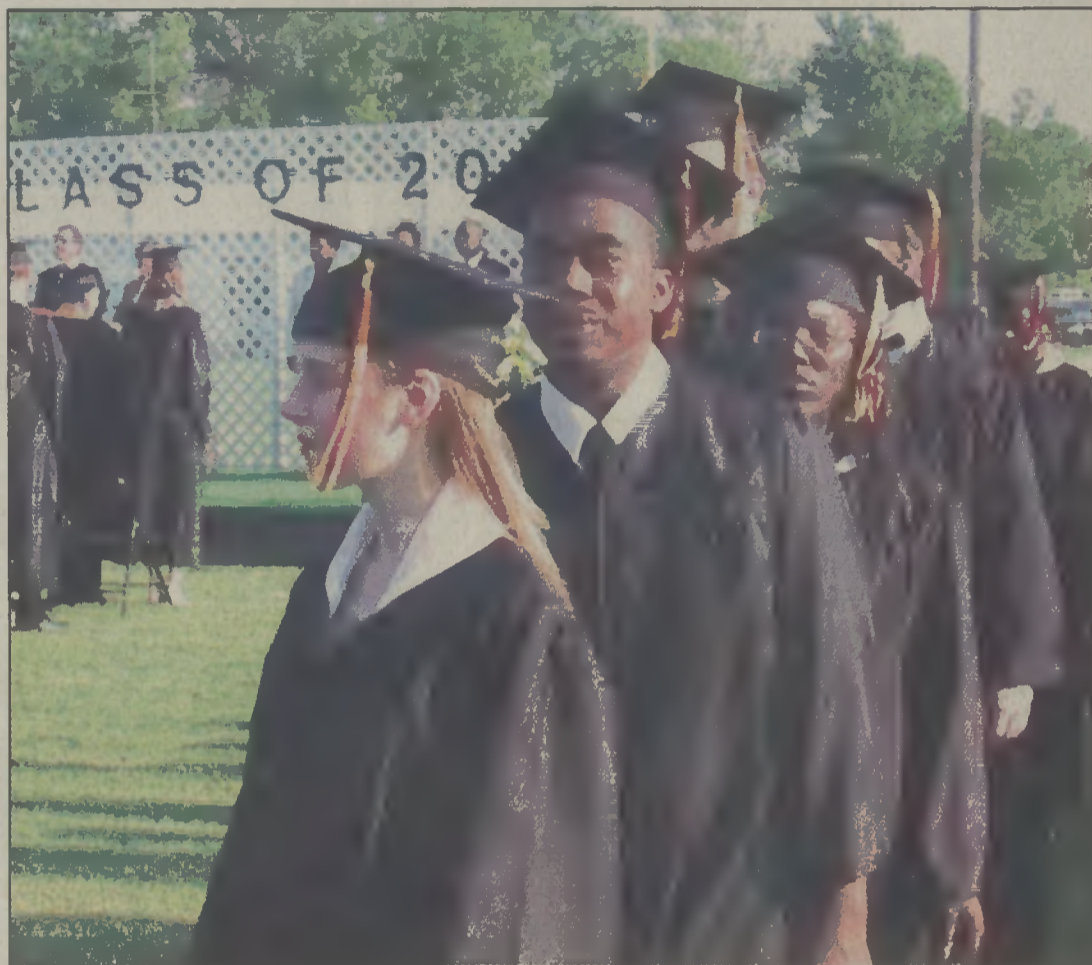


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Students file in to commencement exercises Friday evening at Perquimans County High School. Ninety-one students became graduates during the ceremony.

## PCHS graduates 91

ERIN RICKERT

"We love you, baby!"  
 "You did it!"  
 "You go girl!"

Those were the sounds pouring from packed bleachers in Memorial Stadium Friday evening as friends and family watched

91 Perquimans County High School seniors walk across the stage to receive their diplomas.

Adorned in black gowns with caps decorated in stars, bubble paint, glitter and airbrushing, these seniors walked across the stage as unique as their

own future dreams — dreams PCHS Principal Hans Lassiter said will take nearly 45 of these graduates to four-year colleges and 28 to 2-year colleges or technical schools where they will take with them

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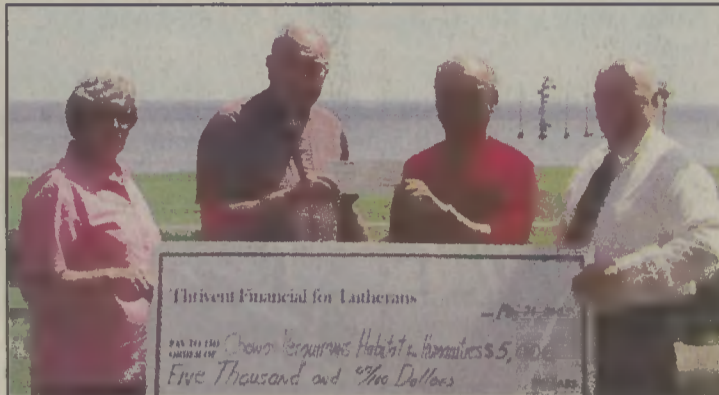


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President of the Chowan-Perquimans Chapter of Habitat for Humanity is presented with a \$5,000 check from (right) David English, financial associate with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans; (middle) Rev. Daniel Reinheimer, president of the Albemarle Sound Chapter of Thrivent; and (left) Sallie Wolfgang, team member with the area Thrivent chapter.

## Habitat home to be built here

Lutherans make \$5,000 donation

ERIN RICKERT

With the help of a \$5,000 donation from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, the Chowan-Perquimans Chapter of Habitat for Humanity is now halfway to their goal of \$50,000, which could mean construction on this year's habitat home could begin as early as the fall.

Cary Pittman, president of the Chowan-Perquimans Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, said the three-bedroom, approximately 1,200 square foot home

would go up on Nates Drive in Hertford once the organization raises the remaining monies and obtains the proper building permits.

"We are almost there," Pittman said. "Then it will just be a matter of getting permits and crews together."

Pittman said the new home would be built quickly, which is the norm for Habitat homes.

Once volunteers have started, Pittman said, it will take only six months and more than 6,000 man-hours to complete work to the home.

At least 400 of these volunteer hours will be completed by the family who is awarded the home, what

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PHOTO BY ERIN RICKERT

Winfall Town Councilwoman Donna Mummert and her husband Scott plant oak trees in Winfall Landing Park. The town adopted the oak tree as the symbol on its logo, and has recently named its fall festival, The Winfall Oak Leaf Festival.

## Groups gear for festivals

ERIN RICKERT

Plans are underway for a series of festivals that will bring bands, vendors and games to Perquimans County this fall.

The three festivals, the Indian Summer Festival, the Hearth and Harvest Festival and the Oak Leaf

Festival, will all take place Sept. 10 in downtown Hertford, the Newbold-White House and Winfall Landing Park, respectively.

It is here thousands of spectators will peruse tables of crafts and other wares as the smell of roasted peanuts and the sound of  
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## Eighth graders become freshmen

SUSAN R. HARRIS

A new chapter in their lives began last Tuesday evening when eighth graders officially became high school students.

To the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance #1 in D Major," students entered the auditorium at Perquimans County High School, where they will in August begin the final phase of their journey to high school graduation.

Valedictorian Deborah Swindell and Salutatorian Jaelyn Winslow, with fellow honor students Jordan Copeland, Nathan Ricks, Zachary Winslow, Amanda Everett, Tracie Rucker,



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Valedictorian Deborah Swindell leads the class of 2009 into eighth grade promotion exercises at Perquimans County High School last week.

Sunny Saetern, Sarah Miller and Donald Carnes led the class.

Also recognized during the evening were seventh grade honor students Bryanna Bass, Colby Brooks, Brittany Cartwright, Vincent Cestaro, Casey Dail, Cameron Foreman, Raeann Gates, Kahliah Gordon, Brittany Hare, John Hunter, Bradley Miller, Kyle Proctor, Caitlin Sawyer, Kendall Spagh, Ariana Stallings, Kinnan Stallings, Jessica Suis, Hannah White, Alison  
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## New shop offers something for all

ERIN RICKERT

Tired of the fast-paced lifestyle Virginia Beach afforded them, Chester Thorne and his wife Barbara decided to make a change.

"It just got to be too much," Barbara said. "We just wanted to go out to someplace quiet and settle down."

So earlier this year the two bought a fixer-upper and moved to Hertford where they were awarded not only their dream for a

quieter lifestyle, but were able to open a shop housing what has been their hobby for decades — antiques, collectibles and new and classic video games.

Lady & Mr. Goodstuff, their shop at 405 Grubb St., now open from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, celebrated its grand opening with a Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting recently.

At their shop, Chester boasts, the couple sells something for just about

anybody, from period antique furniture to the dolls and art glass.

"We have antiques, but we are leaning heavily in carrying something for everyone," Chester said.

Each week Chester said new things find a place in the shop after the couple makes their weekly trips to auctions, flea markets and estate sales.

Their selection of video games and video game systems is also updated each week when, Chester, who  
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## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
 High: 71  
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FRIDAY  
 High: 74  
 Low: 60  
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SATURDAY  
 High: 78  
 Low: 62  
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