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## Festivals updates

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## Cocaine seized

When Hertford police arrested a man at Wynn Fork Apartments for trespassing, they were able to confiscate a sizable quantity of crack cocaine.

Officers were on foot patrol in the complex on Aug. 29 when they saw a man who had been previously banned from being on the property, said Police Chief Dale Vanscoy.

Officer Jeff Thomas spotted the man, Brandon Clarence Skinner, 20, who said he resides at 118 Parkers Lane. When Skinner saw the police, he got into his car and attempted to leave, Vanscoy said.

Thomas stopped the vehicle, charged Skinner with trespassing and searched his vehicle. Officers found nine grams of cocaine and one gram of marijuana inside the car. The vehicle was seized and impounded.

Skinner was further charged with possession with attempt to sell and deliver cocaine and possession of marijuana. He was taken to Albemarle District Jail on a \$5,500 secured bond.

## Gas leak thwarted

MARGARET FISHER

A gas leak raised suspicions of firefighters, but the homeowner suspects fowl play by her son.

A call was made to Central Communications that a neighbor smelled gas seeping from a tank behind 325 Grubb St.

The neighbor, George Harvey of 323 Grubb St., smelled gas and told one of the homeowner's sons, who made the call around 4:20 p.m.

Hertford Fire Department officials came to the scene, which is located across the street from the station. They found a spit valve was missing and they replaced it.

At about 5:45 p.m., they

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## Old-time open grill coming to Winfall

MARGARET FISHER

Terra Development Partners has purchased about an acre of land in Winfall to build an Andy's Cheesesteak Restaurant.

The company, located in Greenville, bought the property on the north corner of U.S. Highway 17 and Creek Road on Aug. 7 and will lease it to Andy's in Mount Olive.

Real estate developer Jim Midgette said that Andy's hopes to open by the end of the year.

Dwayne McKay of Andy's confirmed the building of a restaurant in Winfall, but is not officially providing comments at this time.

## WATER VIEWS, NO EXTRA CHARGE



PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

Water encircled Larry's Drive-In restaurant in Winfall where the Perquimans River reached Creek Road. Nearby, the causeway was closed most of Friday as waves splashed over the road and debris littered the pavement.

## Storms cause floods, outages

### Also wrecks, downed trees

MARGARET FISHER

A storm estimated to have dropped about seven inches of rain last Wednesday night created an ideal setting for flooding when Tropical Storm Ernesto moved through on Friday morning.

Despite dropping at least the same amount of rain to as much as 11 inches, the storm caused mostly minor problems on Friday.

The first storm caved in the roof of a home that Karl Bolander of Harris Landing Road was in the process of building.

Ernesto, downgraded to a tropical depression, blew winds at about 35 miles per hour with gusts estimated as high as 45 miles per hour, said Jarvis Winslow, Perquimans County emergency management coordinator. It downed three trees on Old Neck Road,



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Grubb Street flooded quickly in front of The Perquimans Weekly office during the downpours last Wednesday prior to Tropical Storm Ernesto's arrival.

## Wellness center plan may be misunderstood

SUSAN HARRIS

When Renee Zimmick comes before the county planning board a second time on Sept. 12, she hopes that everyone understands exactly what she's trying to do on her New Hope prop-

erty. She believes if they do, there will be no opposition to the wellness center she wants to create on part of her property.

Part of the misunderstanding about what she wants to develop on the Deep Creek Road property, she believes, stems from the fact that there are two separate things planned for the property.

The first is a wellness center she wants to name Haywood House Wellness Center in honor of the property's former owner,

Haywood Small. The center would be a non-profit addressing the needs of older adults by establishing creative linkages between the community, the elderly and families. Zimmick sees the center operating as sort

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PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

Waterfront businesses along Grubb Street, like Farmers Feed and Seed, experienced high waters reaching buildings, vehicles and supplies.

the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Much of the water came out of farmland, while about 15 percent came from DOT ditches, Swayne said.

"The northeast side of the storm went through," Winslow said. "It's normally considered the worst part of the storm, anyhow."

By about 10 a.m., the eye of the storm came through the county, but rains began Thursday night and continued through Friday afternoon.

Lightning took out equipment at the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office and Inteliport, Winslow said.

Also, more than 640 residents were without power in Perquimans and Chowan counties around 9 a.m. on Friday, stated a report from Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation. Most of these were in the Center Hill Road area. A tree had fallen on a distribution line that

carried electricity from a substation near Winfall to Center Hill. Power was restored to most residents by 2 p.m.

Quick power restoration was credited to a computerized system that enables switches at the substations to be turned on remotely from the co-op's office instead of having to dispatch employees to manually throw the switches, the report stated.

"Our Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system enabled us to restore electricity from a half hour to an hour faster than we otherwise could have," said Brad Furr, technical services manager for Albemarle EMC, which serves about 11,000 area residents.

Wednesday's storm also disrupted power to residents in the Burgess and Harvey Point roads area when a line went down to a

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## Multiple wrecks

MARGARET FISHER

High waters caused at least two accidents in Winfall last Friday. Charges were issued for one accident.

That wreck happened in front of Perquimans Central School at about 2:40 p.m., said Winfall Police Chief David Shaffer. Two vehicles were traveling south on Winfall Boulevard. The first one, a 2002 Ford pickup driven by James Taylor, 41, of Elizabeth City, was making a right turn into a driveway at 180 Winfall Blvd.

Scott Bulman, 34, of 466 Bagley Swamp Road, was driving a 1989 Ford Mustang behind the truck. The Mustang hit the right front of the pickup, causing it to become airborne and flip over into a ditch.

Bulman suffered minor lacerations to his hand and arm and was found driving with a suspended Virginia driver's license. He was charged with having no

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## Winfall planners approve homes

Winfall's planning board met on Aug. 28 and approved a proposed 35-lot development to be located next to Perquimans Central School.

The development, Nixon's Terrace, if approved by town councilors, will be located on at least 12 acres of farmland between Hollowell Oil Company and the school.

Developer Julian Nixon of Albemarle Home Builders has proposed single family stick-built dwellings on approximately one-third-acre lots. The developer has built a similar tract - Summerfield - in Elizabeth City, said Nigel Goodwin, planning board chairman.

Nixon could not be reached before publication.

Access to the development is proposed to be between the two houses north of the school. The first lot would be on Winfall Boulevard, the sec-

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## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 86, LOW: 68  
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 87, LOW: 70  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 89, LOW: 70  
MOSTLY SUNNY