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Festivals set for Saturday

Pack up the kids and the lawn chairs this Saturday and head to Hertford's Indian Summer Festival featuring fun, food, music, history, crafts, and much, much more.

It all gets underway at 9 a.m. in the downtown area with musical entertainment, food vendors, craft vendors, tractor pull, car show, and fun activities for children.

The musical entertainment will be on stage on the courthouse lawn while craft vendors will be found on Church Street. The food court will be just around the corner on Market Street.

The State Line Pullers will host a lawn tractor pull at 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Clark Street just past Missing Mill Park. Registration is from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m.

The car show will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. featuring vintage vehicles and sports cars, motorcycles or bone shakers. Register early at Missing Mill Park since space is limited.

Relax in your own lawn chair and listen to the variety of entertainment planned throughout the day on the courthouse lawn.

After enjoying a spell downtown, jump on a shuttle bus and enjoy a trip through time visiting the Hearth & Harvest Festival at the Newbold-White House, held in conjunction with the downtown events.

Beginning at 10 a.m., the Hearth & Harvest Festival will offer guests traditional 18th Century activities, presentations, book signing, period costumed interpreters, colonial crafters, artists and tradesmen, as well as activities for the young and young at heart.

Company requests annexation

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Staff Writer

Greenville Timberline has asked the town of Hertford to annex 87.15 acres of land located near the intersection of U.S. 17 and Harvey Point Road.

Hertford Town Council members will hold a public hearing on the request Sept. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Part of Greenville Timberline's property is already located within the town's boundary, so annexing the remaining 87.15 acres located outside would incorporate the entire parcel.

Hertford Town Manager John Christensen said Greenville Timberline is considering developing residential properties on the plot with possible commercial sites facing U.S. 17. The town's moratorium on developing subdivisions expires in October.

Phone calls to Greenville Timberline were not returned.

LOSING CONTROL



Truck Crashes into U.S. 17 house

Home Occupants escape injury

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Fana Ifeula watched Tuesday morning as a pick-up truck pulling a work trailer crashed into the back of her house located on U.S. 17 just south of town.

She was standing on her front porch in the quiet of the morning when she saw the truck travel across 500-1000 ft. of grassy area and miss a utility pole supporting a transformer. She leaned over the railing of her porch and watched the truck travel across a couple of ditches, miss several parked cars, and plow into her laundry room.

"I saw him coming, and I thought, Oh, my God, and I began to pray," recalls Ifeula. "It missed the pole and the parked cars, and then I thought about the gas tank."

Luckily the truck missed

the gas tank as well.

According to Trooper T. J. Langley with the N. C. Highway Patrol, the 2000 F-150 was driven by 45-year-old Rodney Perry of Edenton.

Witnesses at the scene said the truck was traveling north on U.S. 17 when it veered across the southbound lane, ran off the left side of the road, and crossed the grassy area into the house. Witnesses said the driver apparently suffered from a medical condition. Members of Perquimans Rescue responded and transported him to a local hospital.

Ifeula's 33-year-old daughter was inside the house in the upstairs shower at the time of the accident. No one in the house was injured.

Ifeula said it appears only the laundry room of the house was impacted; however, the extent of the damage won't be assessable until after the truck is removed.

Members of Hertford Fire Department responded as well as the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department.

Perquimans SAT scores down from 2006

Locals lag behind state, national average

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Scores for Perquimans County High School seniors taking SAT tests last school year declined slightly from the previous year. Local scores continue to average less than the state and national numbers. The number of seniors taking the tests dropped as well.

According to the North Carolina Department of

Instruction, local seniors averaged 1358 on the three tests in 2007, down slightly from the 1377 averaged by seniors in 2006.

Seniors scored 485 in math, 440 in critical reading, and 433 in writing in 2007 compared with 486 in math, 448 in critical reading, and 443 in writing in 2006.

Statewide, seniors averaged scoring 1486 on the tests, including 509 in math, 495 in critical reading, and 482 in writing.

Across the nation, seniors averaged 1511 on the tests, including 515 in math, 502 in critical reading, and 494 in writing. Each test is graded on a

point scale from 200-800.

Both North Carolina and the nation include public school students and non-public school students in their figures. Local figures only include those attending PCHS.

Sixty-two or 52.5 percent of seniors at PCHS last year took the battery of tests used for college admission, down six from 68 or 53.5 percent who took the tests in 2006. Seventy-one percent of seniors in the state took the tests while only 48 percent did so nationwide.

Brenda Lassiter, public information officer for Perquimans County Schools, noted the above SAT results reflect scores

of seniors only. The greatest numbers of students at PCHS take the SATs as juniors since PCHS ensures students have already applied to colleges and are awaiting acceptance decisions from those colleges at the beginning of their senior year.

"Graduate data indicates the aggressive attitude of Principal James Bunch and other school administrators in preparing students for education beyond high school," said Dwayne Stallings, superintendent. "Out of 116 graduates in 2007, 48 headed to four-year colleges, 45 headed to

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Burning ban in effect

\$100 fines issued to those who burn openly

From Staff Reports

The statewide open burning ban remains in effect until further notice.

According to the North Carolina Division of Forest Resources (NCDFR), the ban is due to dry weather conditions and an increase of fire activity statewide. The ban prohibits all open burning, and all burning permits issued earlier have been cancelled. Permits will not be issued again until the ban is lifted.

The NCDFR is now issuing \$100 fines instead of warning tickets to anyone violating the open burning ban. In addition to the fine, persons found in violation of the open burning ban will have to pay court costs as well.

Wildlife officers with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission will be on the lookout for violations. Local fire departments and law enforcement officers are also assisting the NCDFR to enforce the burn ban.

"We advise sportsmen and other outdoorsmen to not build campfires and for everyone to be cautious with any open flame, including cigarettes," said Col. Kenneth Everhart, chief of the Division of Law Enforcement for the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. "The potential for accidentally causing a disastrous wildfire is too great to risk."

The burn ban does not apply to cooking fires, such as grills or outdoor cookers.

Open burning does include burning leaves, branches and other plant material. It is always illegal to burn trash, lumber, tires, newspapers, plastics or other non-vegetative materials.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 88
Low: 69
SUNNY

FOOTBALL FRIDAY
High: 87
Low: 68
MOSTLY SUNNY

FESTIVAL SATURDAY
High: 86
Low: 71
PARTLY CLOUDY