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## AEMC to use \$11.5M loan for upgrades in area

### Butterfield on hand for Hertford ceremony

By Cathy Wilson  
Staff Writer

HERTFORD — Albemarle Electric Membership Corp. will use a \$11.5 million federal loan to pay for upgrades to its electric system in five area counties.

Congressman G.K. Butterfield, D-N.C., announced the Rural Utilities Service funding for the Perquimans County-based rural electric coop-

erative during a ceremony in Hertford Monday morning. The funds will be used for power line conversions, installations and other improvements to the system, officials said.

"The bad news is I couldn't get you any free money," Butterfield joked during the ceremony. "The good news is you got a 30-year long-term loan. It's always good to see what



Butterfield

rural electric cooperatives are doing for rural America."

Butterfield is a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

The RUS loan is being made available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Development agency.

Bradley Furr, executive vice president and general manager of AEMC, said the project is needed to prepare for expected increases in demand for electricity.

"This area will continue to

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### Butterfield: Grow out of deficit

By CATHY WILSON  
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Congressman G.K. Butterfield says the country is facing a lot of economic challenges including funding two wars, a worldwide recession and not being able to balance the federal budget.

The Iraq and Afghanistan

wars are costing the taxpayers over \$100 billion a year, the impact of a world-wide recession ripples down to local communities via job losses, and this year's \$1.7 trillion deficit spending in the national budget are only three of the challenges facing the nation's leaders, said Rep. Butterfield (D-N.C.).

He spoke passionately about one of those issues—deficit spending.

"This is a terrible problem," Butterfield said. "What do you do when you can't balance a budget? In order to fix that, most people stop spending. But the government just can't shut

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### Camp Cale head faces child sex charges

By Cathy Wilson  
Staff Writer

The director of Camp Cale Retreat faces two felony charges involving alleged sexual activities with a child.

According to criminal warrants, Stephen Wayne Carter, age 50, of 257 Camp Cale Road, was arrested July 1 and charged with taking indecent liberties with a child and first degree sex offense involving a child. He was released on \$80,000 secured bond.

Court documents state Carter is to have no contact with a child under the age of 18 except his own child, and he is not to go upon the property of Camp Cale Retreat.

Camp Cale Retreat is a summer camp and conference center in Perquimans County operated by the Chowan Baptist Association.

Carter has served as director of the retreat since February 2002.

Sheriff Eric Tilley said he was not at liberty to release any information regarding the ongoing investigation pending grand jury indictments expected on July 13. The investigation is being conducted jointly by his office, the State Bureau of Investigation, and the District Attorney's Office.

"The decision was made by the three agencies not to hold the investigation open



Carter

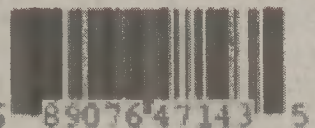
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### WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 87 LOW: 73  
MOSTLY SUNNY

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 88 LOW: 74  
SUNNY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 92 LOW: 75  
SUNNY



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## Big bang on the Fourth!



PERQUIMANS WEEKLY PHOTOS BY CATHY WILSON

The Fourth of July was all about fireworks, hot dogs, hamburgers, homemade ice cream, gospel music and a patriotic parade in Perquimans County, Saturday. Children and parents dressed in red, white, and blue, decorated their favorite non-motorized moving machines and paraded from Hertford Baptist Church to Missing Mill Park. Folks cooked on the grill, played on the slide, and enjoyed gospel music in Winfall. Even the ponies from Circle S Stables enjoyed the day dressed in their patriotic hats and glasses as local citizens celebrated the birth of this nation. The day ended with a colorful display of fireworks over the Perquimans River. Event organizers say they are still approximately \$600 short in funds to pay for the fireworks. If interested in helping defray the costs, donations may be dropped off at the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce office. To see more photographs of July 4th activities in Perquimans County go to Page 9A. Also, check out the slide show at [www.dailyadvance.com](http://www.dailyadvance.com).

### Jackson files for Hertford town seat

From staff reports

Challenger Quentin Jackson filed Monday to seek one of two Hertford commissioner seats to be decided in the November election.

The seats are currently filled by Horace Reid, vice mayor, and JoAnn Morris. Reid said recently he intends to seek re-election. Morris has said she will not seek re-election.

No one has filed in Winfall where seats currently held by councilwomen Donna Mummert and Debbie Jean Whedbee will be decided.

Mummert said recently she is undecided whether she will seek re-election. Efforts to reach Whedbee have been unsuccessful.

Deadline for filing is July 13.

### Prepare now for hurricane season

By Cathy Wilson  
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While the state is ready to support local government in the event of a disaster, it's up to each citizen to be ready to survive it.

Doug Hoell, director of the North Carolina Emergency Management,

stressed individual and family responsibility to prepare for a disaster, especially now during hurricane season.

"We know disasters are going to happen," he said. "The public has very high expectations of what officials will do when that happens. The bottom line is families and individuals have the responsibility to prepare themselves. Our responsibility is to plan for everything needed to support local government when it happens. People have a responsibility to prepare themselves."

Hoell spoke last week to the county's first responders and representatives of agencies and organizations

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