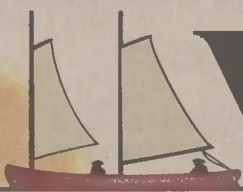


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Seasonal flu shots hard to find, for now

By Cathy Wilson
Staff Writer

A check with local health care providers shows seasonal flu shots may be hard to come by until the first of next year.

The local health department has already exhausted its supply. Coastal Carolina Family Practice (CCFP) in Hertford is also out, and Dr.

Neil DeNunzio's office in Winfall is providing seasonal flu vaccinations to established patients only.

Local public school employees, however, are scheduled to receive seasonal flu vaccinations Nov. 10 during a flu shot clinic originally scheduled for last week.

"Our flu clinic was postponed until November 10 due to a shortage of shots,"

commented Brenda Lassiter, public information officer for Perquimans County Schools. "This will be regular flu vaccine for all staff members. We have 125 signed up to receive it."

Jill Jordan, health education director for Albemarle Regional Health Services, said the health department has received and given out its usual seasonal flu vaccine

supply for adults, but that vaccinations for children may still be available.

"ARHS does not currently have any more seasonal influenza vaccine for adults available and will not be receiving any more adult seasonal influenza vaccine in 2009," Jordan wrote in an email. She added that the department received seasonal flu vaccines earlier than usual, and saw

an increase in demand for this time of year.

Regarding the H1N1 vaccine, supplies are being targeted for at-risk populations, but officials expect to offer it to more people once additional quantities arrive. The local health departments expect more vaccine in the next few weeks with increased quantities.

Jordan said residents

should contact the health department in Perquimans County at 426-2100 or local healthcare providers' offices to determine whether or not the H1N1 vaccine is available.

ARHS received its first shipment of 2009 H1N1 influenza vaccine in the intranasal form on Oct. 5, she pointed

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Early election turnout light

By Cathy Wilson
Staff Writer

Voter turnout in Hertford and Winfall was light as of early Tuesday.

Results

For Hertford/Winfall election results, see DailyAdvance.com, Wednesday's Daily Advance and next week's Perquimans Weekly for follow-up stories.

Eula Mae Forbes, director of the Perquimans Board of Elections, said 16 voters had cast ballots in the East Hertford precinct (Courthouse) and four voters had voted in the West Hertford precinct (Hertford Grammar School). Only six voters had voted in Winfall by that time.

In Hertford, five candidates sought two seats on the Hertford Town Council while two candidates sought two seats on Winfall Town Council.

In Hertford, incumbent Horace Reid and political newcomers Lloyd Hodges, Lillian Holman, Quentin Jackson, and Ed Lane were vying for the two seats on the board.

In Winfall, incumbent Debbie Jean Whedbee and newcomer Steav Congdon ran for two seats on the Winfall Town Council.

All five candidates who ran in Hertford were standing on the sidewalk in front of the Courthouse seeking votes Election Day morning.

One professional woman

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Lady Pirates win sectional



PHOTO COURTESY PHIL HARRIS

The Lady Pirates celebrate their sectional championship win in Hertford, Saturday. Perquimans fans (at left), many clad in Lady Pirates volleyball shirts that read "Hit like a PQ girl", cheer after Quinyotta Pettaway served the final point in the 3-0 win over Southwest Onslow. At right, Southwest Onslow fans absorb the season-ending loss of their team. See page 7 for story.

Schools receive report cards

By Cathy Wilson
Staff Writer

Perquimans County Schools fared well last school year on the Education First-N.C. School Report Cards issued recently by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

The report, issued for each school district as well as overall for the state, includes information such as school and student performance, class sizes, attendance, school safety, instructional resources, and teacher quality.

All four schools in Perquimans County met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) as determined by the federal accountability program. Students demonstrated expected or high growth standards during the 2008-2009 end-of-grade and end-of-year testing.

"I am especially pleased that testing data indicates that the overall composite scores for students in grades 3-8 increased by more than 13

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From work to fighting, White is champ

By Cathy Wilson
Staff Writer

Most days Hertford resident John White slings a hammer and pounds nails in the construction business.

But on nights and weekends, he slings his fists and pounds his opponent into submission inside a caged ring. At least, that's what it might appear to the untrained eye watching White and others take part in the Amateur Fight League Mixed Martial Arts (AFLMMA) competitions held around the country. It's usually referred to as ultimate or cage fighting.

But to White, it's not so much fighting as it is a highly energetic workout, trained discipline in martial arts, and

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PERQUIMANS WEEKLY PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

John White, 35, of Hertford, earned the 170-pound Welter Weight AFLMMA Championship held in Elizabeth City in September and came in second in the state North American Grappling Association competition held last July in Charlotte. His record is now 3-1 in amateur fighting. According to White, all three of his wins were knock-outs.

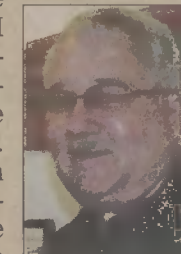
Eley to serve on League board

From staff reports

Mayor Sid Eley was elected recently to the board of directors of the North Carolina League of Municipalities (NCLM).

His election took place at the NCLM 2009 Annual Conference held Oct. 25-27 in Greenville. He will serve a two-year term.

2009-2010 league officers elected include: president, Council Member Rodney W. Locks, Brevard; first vice president, Council Member Christopher D. Jones, Clemmons; second



Eley

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Singing plumber to perform on 'Oprah'

Denny to compete on show Thursday

By Cathy Wilson
Staff Writer

Donnie Denny, of Hertford, is one of eight national semi-finalists in Oprah Winfree's Karaoke Challenge.

Owner of Standard Plumbing, he is scheduled to sing live on The Oprah Show on

Thursday at 4 p.m. "I was just stunned," said Denny when he heard he would compete this week in Chicago on the popular television show.

Denny's family first submitted a video of him singing in early October and then a show producer and film crew visited him at his church, South Mills Church



Denny

of Christ, to film him singing once again. Later, a producer and film crew visited him at his Justin Avenue home in Perquimans County to interview him for the show.

He flew to Chicago Monday and will compete Thursday in Round 1 of the competition. Audience members and viewers can vote afterwards

for their favorite karaoke performance either online on the show's website or by phone to a number that will be displayed during the show. The top three vote-getters will continue on to Round 2 at a later date during which a winner will be selected.

"They were filming me at church, and I had to sing the song over three times, so I was

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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 65 LOW: 44
MOSTLY SUNNY

FRIDAY
HIGH: 67 LOW: 46
SUNNY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 64 LOW: 49
MOSTLY SUNNY



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