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PERQUIMANS WEEKLY PHOTOS BY CATHY WILSON

Art Bunch, scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 150, presents American Legion Post 126 a large framed coat patch that displays a memorial to U.S. servicemen and women who have died in combat, at a Veterans Day ceremony last week. The patch reads, "The nation which forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten."

Ceremony honors WWI veterans

By Cathy Wilson
Staff Writer

Ken Rominger choked back tears as he remembered the special flag that hung in the window of his childhood home.

He was only five years old at the time, but the War Mothers Flag displayed in his home years ago was defended diligently by his mother out of respect for those who paid the price defending this country during times of war.

"My father had been a World War I Doughboy," Rominger said. "Even at the young age of five, I knew that people with these flags in their windows were special for some reason. And, one such memory was seeing my mother defend that flag and its meaning with broomstick in hand as anti-war people would try to play small record players, or deliver pamphlets or sermons about the evils of war."

The unique flag was first flown over the nation's capital on Armistice Day,

now known as Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 1926, Rominger said. The flag flew again at the nation's capital on Veterans Day last Wednesday, remembering the Americans who served and died in World War I.

"My sister still has mother's flag," Rominger added. "Mother was a three Blue Star mother in WWII, Korea, and Vietnam."

Blue stars represented those who served while gold stars represented those who died in war.

Last week's local Veteran's Day commemoration was dedicated to those who served in World War I. The crowd that attended was smaller than usual after inclement weather forced it inside at the county community center rather than on the historic courthouse green. But the patriotism displayed wasn't diminished in any way.

Art Bunch, scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 150, helped teach patriotism to his



See VETERANS on Page 8 Veteran Bill Ferguson salutes the colors.

Denny is karaoke runner-up

Hertford plumber takes home \$100K

By Toby Tate
The Daily Advance

SOUTH MILLS — Donnie Denny didn't win Oprah Winfrey's "Karaoke Challenge," but the Hertford plumber's brush with fame has made him \$100,000 richer.

Denny walked away with the prize money after finishing runner-up in "The Oprah Winfrey Show's" first-ever karaoke singing contest on Friday.

Abraham McDonald, of Los Angeles, won the Karaoke Challenge as well as the contest's \$250,000 top prize.

Rob Weddle of Orlando, Fla., came in third, netting \$50,000 from the show.

Denny's father, William Denny of Chesapeake, Va., said he was happy with his son's showing.

"He did good," he said. "He won anyway." William Denny was among the singer's 30 friends, relatives and fellow church members who gathered at South Mills Church of Christ on Friday for the second day in row for a taping of "The Oprah Winfrey Show."



Denny

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70,000 gallons of waste spills during rainfall

By Cathy Wilson
Staff Writer

Over 70,000 gallons of wastewater spilled from a pump station in Winfall Thursday during excessive rainfall.

According to a press release provided by the town, 70,210 gallons spilled out at Pump Station #1 located on West Main Street. Mayor Fred Yates said the spill occurred when excessive water ran into a manhole, which is located in a ditch.

"The pump station was pumping wide open," said Yates, "but it just couldn't handle that much water from the rainfall."

The spill was discovered when town employees checked the pump station around 7 a.m. and the spill ended around 4 p.m., he said.

"There was no actual raw sewage that got into

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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 68 LOW: 56
RAIN

FRIDAY
HIGH: 66 LOW: 49
FEW SHOWERS

SATURDAY
HIGH: 60 LOW: 47
FEW SHOWERS

Historic dugout boat at Newbold

By Cathy Wilson
Staff Writer

A Locklear two-log dugout boat, believed to have been buried for at least 150 years or longer, will be on exhibit at the Newbold-White House this spring.

Site Manager Glenda Maynard stated in a press release that the historic boat is currently at the Perquimans County Restoration Association's (PCRA) Visitors Center located on the NWH campus.

"We expect that it will generate much interest among historians on the eastern seaboard," she wrote.

The "trap boat" relic was



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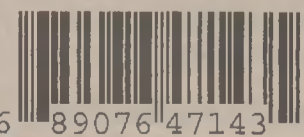
Storm brings heavy rain, wind, flooding

By Cathy Wilson
Staff Writer

Heavy rainfall and stiff winds from last week's Nor'easter caused power outages, and drenched area roads with high water. Several accidents were reported during the inclement weather that started last Wednesday and ended on Saturday.

Chris Powell with Albemarle Electric Membership Cooperative (AEMC) said about 1,200 residences in the Holiday Island, Snug Harbor and Albemarle Plantation areas lost power last Thursday around 6:30 a.m. when a tree fell onto a Dominion Resources power line that feeds electricity to the AEMC substation located on Harvey Point Road. Power was restored by noon

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