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## Officials pleased with Earl's response

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Local officials are pleased with the cooperation and coordination that went into emergency preparedness last week in anticipation of Hurricane Earl.

The once Category 4 hurricane blew by the state's coastline as a Category 2 storm last Friday, causing flooding and some wind damage on the Outer Banks. No damage was reported in Perquimans County.

As local officials experience relief now that the storm didn't make a direct hit, their planning practice run, as it may be termed, showed their strengths and weaknesses.

"While we didn't feel

much of the effects of this storm, Hurricane Earl is still a major hurricane," said County Manager Bobby Darden after the storm passed. "Had Hurricane Earl been predicted to make landfall and made more impact on Northeast NC, so many other things would come into play for us, such as mandatory evacuations, hurricane shelters, and post-disaster cleanup. So much of our decisions are based on strength and track of a storm. If we ever get a storm with the strength of Hurricane Earl on the track of Hurricane Isabel, it would be devastating."

Darden's words drive home the importance of emergency preparedness planning county-wide. The county's emergency man-

agement coordinator, Jarvis Winslow, led the efforts dealing with the storm projected to be the worst storm he's seen during his four and a half years in the emergency management post.

"This was really my first one," he said. "We had seen some small storms but nothing of the magnitude that Earl was projected to have been. I missed Isabel."

The preparations for Earl pinpointed some weaknesses that had to be fixed immediately.

"We found out about a couple of problems that we wouldn't have known about if it had not been for the storm coming," he said. "We got them corrected."

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PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Teacher Richard Thach (left) and Superintendent Dwayne Stallings help children off school buses after arriving at Perquimans Central School Friday morning. County schools started two hours later than normal after officials deemed the county roads safe following a brush with Hurricane Earl.

## Indian Summer Festival is Saturday

By CATHY WILSON  
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In addition to lots of fun, food, crafts, and entertainment, Saturday's Indian Summer Festival will begin with a tribute to local firefighters, law enforcement officers, and rescuers in recognition of the ninth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorists attacks on the United States.

Local emergency services workers, firefighters, and police will be honored on the Courthouse Green stage at 9 a.m. as the Perquimans County High School Band plays patriotic music. In addition, the Woodmen of the World will present a flag to fly over the historic courthouse. The Hertford Fire Department color-guard will present the colors as the band plays the National Anthem.

The patriotic program will kick off the festival that will run until 5 p.m. and features a children's venue, local craftsmen, informational booths, a variety of entertainment and lots of good food.

Bring the children to enjoy an active, fun-filled venue on the Hertford Baptist Church parking lot including giraffe combo, castle bouncer, inflated slide, climbing wall, face painting, carnival style games,

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## Top teacher



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Lynn Winslow is the "Teacher of the Year" for Perquimans County High School and the Perquimans County Schools district for 2010.

## Winslow is district Teacher of the Year

Winslow teaches music and theater arts

By CATHY WILSON  
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For teacher Lynn Winslow, the success of his students is his greatest reward.

Their accolades and their respect are his highest honors.

The 24-year veteran choral music and theatre arts teacher at Perquimans County High School is the Teacher of the Year for both the Perquimans County Schools and the high school.

The Belvidere resident who is recognized throughout the county and region as an

outstanding musician, director, historian, and teacher, believes his students' successes in the classroom, concert hall, theater, festival performances and beyond the school arena, are indicative as to why he returned to teach in his native Perquimans County.

"It is a way of giving back, of encouraging students in our small rural school system to see that they can use whatever talents they have, be as creative as they can, no matter where they are, and become the productive adult they want to be," said Winslow. "And maybe, just maybe, they will return to Perquimans and use their talents and skills to make it an even better place for another

generation."

Winslow earned his bachelor of music education degree from Guilford College and has performed course work at Greensboro College, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the University of London, Elizabeth City State University, and College of the Albemarle where he also directs the Albemarle Chorale.

"As a current music and theatre educator, I have been in training my entire life," noted Winslow. "From the first notes I heard sung by my mother and the first parts I recited in Sunday School programs, to the concerts and plays I have most recently attended and produced, I have been learning and con-

tinued to learn to appreciate, perform, and share with others the musical and theatrical arts."

Winslow began taking piano lessons the day he completed second grade and continued through college with additional lessons in flute and organ along the way. He played the piano for Sunday School in the fifth grade, and was directing his church choir and accompanying the Perquimans County High School Chorus at the age of 15.

"The pivotal point in my musical life came during the summer of 1979, between my sophomore and junior years of high school, when I was selected

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## Hertford's water credit policy changes

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Hertford water customers who experience an outdoor water leak where the water does not enter the sewer system will now be given a credit on their water/sewer bill.

Last month, Hertford council approved several changes to their water bill credit policy allowing for credit given for outdoor

water leaks and for those filling swimming pools.

To receive credit for any water leak, indoors or outside, the customer must submit a written request for a leak credit and explain what leaked, where it leaked, and any other relevant factors. In addition, the customer must present proof in the form of a plumbing bill or receipts for the purchase of supplies if the customer

repaired the leak himself.

The water leak must not have occurred as a result of a willful or negligent act on the part of the customer, and no credit will be given for leaks caused by contractors or companies breaking the customer's water lines.

For indoor leaks where the water entered into the sewer system, no credit will be given for the water or sewer charges.

For outdoor leaks, where the water did not enter into the sewer system, a credit will be given for the sewer charge above normal usage. Normal usage will be determined by averaging the last 12 months of usage.

Credits will be limited to two consecutive billing periods, and the customer, in accepting the credit, will not be allowed another credit for any reason for

the next 12 months.

Town customers who fill swimming pools in the summer may receive a credit for water used in the pool but does not enter the town's wastewater collection system.

The customer may receive one annual adjustment of their bill after submitting a written request saying the time and

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### WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 83 LOW: 68  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 87 LOW: 70  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SUNDAY  
HIGH: 87 LOW: 69  
SCATTERED T-STORMS

