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## Storm damage victims seek FEMA help

By CATHY WILSON  
Staff Writer

Local officials encourage county residents who suffered damage from Hurricane Irene to register with FEMA in order to seek federal help in recovery.

Jarvis Winslow, county

emergency management coordinator, said residents must first register with FEMA before any federal financial help can arrive.

"Once the residents get their FEMA package, they need to read the entire package," he said. "Don't just read the first couple

of paragraphs and decide you don't meet the requirements. Read the package completely."

Perquimans is one of six area counties added to the federal disaster list approved for both individual and public federal assistance following Hurricane

Irene. Families and business owners may seek low-interest loans or grants to help pay for damages that occurred during the storm. Local governments may also seek reimbursement for costs associated with the storm including debris removal.

### CAMA help

Permits offered for storm repairs, P. 9

Residents recovering from hurricane damage should also complete a disaster loan application from the Small Business

Administration even if they don't seek to borrow money.

"Registering with FEMA is the first step toward disaster recovery," said state Emergency Management Director Doug Hoell. "The

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## Indian Summer Fest is fun in the Sun



PHOTO COURTESY PAM HADDEN

Downtown Hertford was bustling with visitors during this year's Indian Summer Festival held Friday and Saturday. The festival also celebrated its 30th anniversary.

## Festival celebrates 30 years, still growing

By PETER WILLIAMS  
The Daily Advance

The Indian Summer Festival turned 30 Saturday, but the annual street festival was not showing any signs of aging.

Although exact estimates weren't available, organizers and merchants said attendance at the weekend event was more than last year.

"It's much bigger than last year," said Susan Cox, who organized the entertainment for this year's festival.

"Being that it's our 30th anniversary, we brought back the street dance that we used to do. That drew a good crowd Friday night."

This year Cindy Elliott led a demonstration of the dance-fitness program Zumba, and that was followed by a demonstration of the Korean martial art Taekwondo by the Tae Kwon Do Institute. Young boys showed they could split wooden boards with just their hands or feet.

"Anytime you get kids involved, you will draw a crowd," Cox said.

All the crowds on Church Street didn't translate in extra business for Erie Haste, the owner of Hertford Hardware for the past 51



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A youngster tries to knock over a pile of cans with a ball, Saturday.

years. But that was OK.

"People don't come to these things to buy appliances or lawnmowers," the 76-year-old businessman said. "This is good for downtown."

Pam Hadden, however, said some businesses in town were very busy including Woodard's, White's Dress Shoppe, and Gregory's.

"Of course, Woodard's had a

constant line for ice cream," she added.

Babette Greenwood and her husband Art stood outside the hardware store watching the Taekwondo demonstration. They've lived in the Elizabeth City area for about six years, but this was the first time they've attended the Indian Summer Festival.

"It's nice," Babette Greenwood

said.

### More festival photos

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Festival visitors who didn't use the shuttle system provided for Saturday's events faced long walks through Hertford's historic areas. The Greenwoods took the shuttle.

Hadden said the train ride for children and the tractor pulling a trailer giving passengers a ride to the action was "wonderful". She also appreciated the tents with tables and chairs set up in parking lots for people to rest while enjoying their food purchased from vendors.

"That was great," she added. "In times past, there was no place to sit. It would be even better to have more seating available throughout the town. There are a lot of senior citizens that just go home because they are tired. If they had some place to sit other than in front of Woodard's, I think they would stay longer and spend more money."

Daryl Miller had the perfect seat to take in the crowds. He

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## Grand jury indicts Smith

From staff reports

A 56-year-old Perquimans County man remains in the Albemarle District Jail under \$470,000 secured bond after being indicted on five felony sex crimes involving a girl under age 12.

Investigator Shelby White, with the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, said James Smith of the 100-block Fir Street faces two counts of indecent liberties with a child, two counts of first degree sex offense, and one count of first degree child rape.

A special grand jury indicted Smith on the charges Sept. 1. He was arrested without incident on Sept. 8, White said.

The investigation began last May when the alleged female victim reported the incidents that occurred in the Snug Harbor area over six years ago, White added.

## Year's top principal is PCHS's Lassiter

From staff reports

Chant Lassiter, principal of Perquimans County High School, is the 2012 Wells Fargo Principal of the Year for Perquimans County Schools.



Lassiter

She was selected in a program sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and Wells Fargo.

Lassiter served as the assistant principal at PCHS from September 2008 until June 2010 at which time she was promoted to principal.

Under the first year of her leadership, PCHS students met expected growth standards, the school was named a school of progress, students met adequate yearly progress, and the

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## Holiday Island asks to end water, sewer service

By CATHY WILSON  
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The Holiday Island Property Owners Association has filed a request with the state utilities commission to discontinue water and sewer service to the camping

sections of Holiday Island.

The application for utility service to be discontinued was filed Sept. 6 by Steven J. Levitas, an attorney with Kilpatrick Townsend, a law firm in Raleigh, on behalf of the local property owners association. The application also seeks an expedited hearing on their request to close the campground's wastewater treatment facility.

The application indicates discontinuing the utility service

will impact 96 water and 95 sewer customers. The application states HIPOA seeks to discontinue furnishing the public utility service because there is "no reasonable probability of this applicant realizing sufficient revenue from its customers to make repairs and improvements to the sewer system required..."

The application states that no one else proposes to furnish the utility services but notes that "customers have recently ex-

pressed some interest in acquiring the system."

Residents of the camping areas say they will lose their homes if HIPOA stops offering water and sewer service since lots in those areas are not large enough to site private septic systems. Many of the residents live in the camping sections year-round.

The application includes a closure plan from Cavanaugh & As-

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## Arts & Crafts Show

Saturday, September 24 • 10 am - 4 pm  
Perquimans County Recreation Center  
Over 40 juried artists & craftsmen

Door Prizes • Food Artist Demonstrations Admission \$2.00



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