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Festival vehicle show expands

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The way Frank Jaklic views it, if it has wheels and you think it's cool it belongs in the vehicle show at the Indian Summer Festival this year.

Jaklic is coordinating the Wheeled Vehicle Show at the festival on Sept. 7.

"There have been car shows in the past," Jaklic said. "I've been coming to the festival since 2005, but we were looking to expand it to motorcycle and trucks."

He especially wants to see older vehicles that are in original condition.

Vehicles entered before Aug. 20 pay a \$20 entry fee. Those entered after that point are \$25. The money goes to Historic Hertford Inc., the group that puts on the festival.

The show will be held behind the Hertford Town Hall building.

Jaklic said many car shows are just that — car shows. They attract car lovers, but they might not entertain the whole family.

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STEP FUNDING IS IN LIMBO

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Hertford should get an extension to finish out a \$75,000 grant by the state, but it's unclear if the state will unfreeze the money. On Sunday, Gov. Pat McCrory

announced that the state was going to free up 14 grants to groups that were eligible for money through the N.C. Rural Economic Center. The money for Hertford wasn't on the list, but Person County will get \$500,000 of the \$734,344 that was released.

Hertford was eligible for up to \$75,000 remaining in a STEP Grant that was offered through the Rural Center, but the money was frozen because of a critical audit of the center.

The town has been working for three years on the STEP (Small

Towns Economic Prosperity) program. Using the remaining \$75,000 in STEP funds, the town planned to build a nine-slip boat marina, provide incentives to improve the appearance of downtown businesses

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A TOUCH OF FAITH



Worshippers touch a shawl and offer prayers outside the Perquimans County Courthouse on Thursday. The event involved the Gil Wise, district superintendent of the Beacon District, who is visiting area counties. Wise will be in Currituck County on Aug. 1 and Chowan County on Aug. 5. See story on page 7.

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Teachers may be left in the cold

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Holly Weeks is ready to enter her third year working on her master's degree. With the degree came the promise of a 10 percent salary increase.



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The first grade teacher at Perquimans Central School will still get the degree and the \$8,500 tuition bill

that it took to earn it. What she may not get is the salary increase thanks to a rule by the N.C. General Assembly and a bureaucratic deadline within the N.C. Department of Public Instruction.

Weeks is just one of at least a dozen Perquimans County educators who could or will feel the pinch because of the General Assembly's decision to end the advanced degree benefit.

Weeks is set to graduate from East Carolina University in May 2014. DPI had a deadline of April for teachers who seek the higher pay scale. The DPI board is being asked to change the deadline this year to June 30 so the last group of teachers who have been working on

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Schools foundation looking to hire director

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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A foundation designed to support public schools in Perquimans County is looking at hiring an executive director.

The Perquimans County Schools Foundation, Inc. board consists of 14 community and school members and serve for free. Four of the members sit on the committee due to their jobs with the Perquimans County Schools and the other 10 are members of the public.

"We all have our plates full," said Antoine Moore, the newly elected president of foundation. "We're all willing to do what we can do, but we need a person in charge who can answer to the board and do a lot of the legwork."

Moore works as a loan officer for Ag Farm Credit and farms. As a volunteer he's a firefighter and captain of the Inter-County Fire Department, helps put on the Farm-City Banquet in Pasquotank County and works with 4-H.

One reason for the push to hire a

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director is the pending retirement of Brenda Lassiter. She works as the spokesman for the school system and sits on the foundation board as its secretary. She estimates about 10 hours of her week are spent on foundation business. She has plans to retire sometime in 2014.

The foundation administers an endowment from Walter and Marjorie Rayburn, raises money through fundraisers and acts as a conduit for groups that want to help students. Donations to the foundation are tax deductible, but a direct donation to a student or a school is not. That's the reason the foundation was created in 2002.

"People were giving money to the high school for scholarships and then when it came tax time,

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Reed retires, Frierson named to fill out term

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The Perquimans County Commissioner approved a request Monday night to name Jacqueline S. Frierson to replace long-time Register of Deeds Deborah Reed.

Reed announced she will retire Sept. 1 after 36 years of county service. The last 19 has been register of deeds.

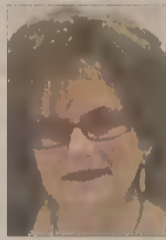
In her resignation, she recommended that Frierson be named to fill out her remaining term. Frierson has been working for Reed for the past 19 years.

Reed only had to run opposed for office one time, the first time she sought the office. In her last election in 2012, Reed won by a landslide in unopposed bid for office

with 4,785 votes. Frierson will fill out the three and a half years remaining in Reed's term.

"I'll miss the people I've been working with for such a long time, but there comes a time in your life when you know it's time to retire," Reed said Tuesday. "I've loved the job and I just like helping people."

"My experiences as Register of Deeds and working for Perquimans County have been most rewarding. I have enjoyed working with past and present boards of commissioners and county managers. With everybody's help we have been able to keep this office running with the updated technology needed for good record keeping and



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THIS IS JUST A DRILL



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N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper Tremayne Mebane and Perquimans County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Kendall Harrell lead officers down a hall at Perquimans County High School during a drill last week. See story on page 6.



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