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## FLAG BURNING CEREMONY HELD

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Jim Tepper, Earl Pinigar and Pete Perry, members of American Legion Post 126 conduct a flag retirement ceremony Saturday at Missing Mill Park. The event featured the Post 126 Color Guard and Boy Scout Troop 150.

## Deputy wrecks during chase

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

A Perquimans County Sheriff's deputy who was chasing a southbound car over the U.S. 17-Bypass bridge was forced to swerve off the road and wrecked Thursday morning when another sheriff's vehicle pulled into the way to join the chase.

Sheriff Eric Tilley said his office was responding to a request from the Elizabeth City Police Department to detain a suspect who was suspected of stealing a large screen television from Wal-Mart.

Deputy David Murray picked up pursuit of the red Dodge Magnum as it passed through Winfall and started the chase. Deputy Tom Reid set up in his vehicle in the median on the south side of the U.S. 17-Bypass bridge facing north.

"He (Murray) got behind the car, and runs the license number and it's the vehicle," Tilley said.

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## Athletic policy changed

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

Perquimans County athletes will follow the same rules as other area schools when they take to the field this fall.

Perquimans County High School has adopted a new policy that aligns with the standards set by the N.C. High School Athletic Association.

The old Perquimans policy set a higher bar. It required student-athletes maintain a 2.0 grade average. It also said a student convicted of theft or assault would be prohibited from ever playing sports in Perquimans again.

The second thing became an issue last fall when two football players were convicted of misdemeanor assault. They were still allowed to play and school staff claimed they were unaware of the policy.

Football Coach Elvin James was forced to sit out two weeks of coaching and one game and Principal Chante Jordan was suspended without pay for three days. Assistant Superintendent James Bunch had a five-day suspension.

The incident highlighted how the Perquimans policy was tougher than other area schools. Had the two players attended Camden

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The Main Event band from Greenville will perform Sept. 11 in downtown Hertford as part of the Indian Summer Festival.

## Summer Festival coming Sept. 11-12

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

The 34th annual Indian Summer Festival in Hertford will include a tribute to the 9/11 well as some Indian demonstrations.

Historic Hertford, Inc. puts on the event in downtown Hertford. Most of the craft and informational booths are located along Church Street and food vendors are centered down Market Street. A children's play area is set up beside Hertford Baptist Church.

The event starts Sept. 11, a Friday night and continues through Sept. 12.

Susan Cox, one of the organizers, said it will include the presentation of the colors by the Hertford Fire Department Honor Guard and local Boy Scouts in honor of 9/11 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a prayer of remembrance and members of the Albemarle Chorale will sing patriotic numbers.



"We're inviting area law enforcement EMS, firemen and veterans to come down and take part," Cox said.

There will also be entertainment that Friday on the courthouse green. The main event will be — The Main Event. The seven-member Greenville-band performs R&B, soul, beach, country and funk

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## Spay/neuter program credited for decline

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

A spay/neuter program started in 2009 is reducing the number of unwanted cats dropped off at the Tri-County Animal Shelter.

In the year ending in June, the shelter took in

450 fewer cats than it did the previous year, according to Barbara Yates, the president of AWARE (Animal Welfare of the Albemarle Region Everyday).

The number of dogs was higher, but she said fewer dogs have been spayed or neutered.

"We're hoping the dog numbers will grow, but I think we're moving in the right direction," Yates said.

The Tri-County Shelter serves Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties.

AWARE has been offering discounted services since 2009. Thanks to do-

nations, grants and reimbursement from the state's program for low-income pet owners, 245 cats and 126 dogs were altered. The next CatSNIP spay-neuter clinic in Perquimans County is Sept. 25. AWARE

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## DOT meeting to be held

From Staff Reports

A meeting designed to get input on road, bicycle and pedestrian improvements in Perquimans County will be held Sept. 23 at the Emergency Medical Services Building in Winfall.

There will be no formal presentation, however, local, regional and state staff will be on hand to hear input, answer questions and collect comments. The meeting runs from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. and residents are invited to drop in. The EMS building is at 159 Creek Drive.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Towns of Hertford and Winfall and the Albemarle Rural Planning Organization, is working on a Comprehensive Transportation Plan for Perquimans County and the steering committee needs your input on recommendations for future transportation improvements.

## Sixty golfers raise money for Schools foundation

From Staff Reports

Sixty golfers took to the greens Aug. 6 for the Perquimans County School's Foundation during its 12th annual golf tournament at Sound Links Golf at Albemarle Plantation.

The event raises money for Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization de-

signed to encourage and assist educational functions and activities.

With the threat of severe weather looming, the pro sounded the horn with about an hour left to play, leaving several teams with a couple of holes still to go.

"Safety was priority for the event," said the tournament directors. "All players were understanding when the decision was made to end the tourney."

Cody Lamb, John Laster, Ryan Caldwell and

Zak Caldwell placed first in this year's tournament with a score of 56. Team Caldwell was able to complete the entire course before the horn sounded.

Van Harris, a member of the Farm Bureau team, hit a hole-in-one on the 150-yard No. 11 hole. Harris' team landed second place with a score of 57. Other players on The Farm Bureau team included Alan Stallings, Wayne Baker and Stephen Marshall.

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## TEACHER RETREAT



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Perquimans County educators attended a retreat Aug. 4 in the conference room at Albemarle EMC. Classes resume on Monday.



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