

GROWING TREE



PHOTO BY CHUCK PAGELS

A tree grows through where an engine used to be in a pickup truck sitting in a yard in Belvidere.

Event for seniors set for Oct. 15

From Staff Reports

The 18th Annual Aging with Gusto Extravaganza event will be held on Oct. 15 at the Currituck County NC Cooperative Extension Center in Barco. The regional conference sponsored by NC Cooperative Extension features workshops, speakers, entertainment and exhibits.

The event starts at 9:30 a.m. and runs until 2 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person and includes lunch.

The registration deadline is Oct. 2. Workshop space is limited. The center is located at 120 Community Way right off US 158 East between the Currituck Airport and Central Elementary School.

This annual confer-

ence is hosted by NC Cooperative Extension Family and Consumer Science Agents in Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, and Tyrrell counties. A registration brochure can be downloaded using the link: go.ncsu.edu/awg2015. Or contact the Perquimans extension office at 426-7697.

School bus involved in accident

From Staff Reports

A Perquimans County school bus was involved in an accident early Tuesday morning at the intersection

of Edenton Road Street and Ballahack Road.

Teresa Beardsley, a spokeswoman for the school system, said Bus 123 was finishing the route when the

accident occurred. No students were injured and all reported to school. The bus suffered a dent.

No other details were available.



PHOTO BY PAM HADDEN

Chloe Jenkins had her face painted by Shelia Schultzei Saturday at the 34th annual Indian Summer Festival.

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Raymond said. "For me that's far more important than the total number of people who showed up."

That wasn't lost on the people who attended.

"It's a good mix," one person said.

Perhaps one reason for the mix in the crowd could be the vendors, performances and activities Saturday appeared to be more varied than in the past even if there were fewer of them.

The festival started with staples — the presentation of the flag and performances by the bands from Perquimans County High School and Middle School. But during the day musical acts varied and there was Native American dance and music performance as well as a gospel group.

The two-day event started with a tribute to 9/11 and a concert on the courthouse green. The Main Event — a band from Greenville — provided the music. Raymond said the band brought a mix of songs that appealed to a broader selection of musical tastes.

A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter performed a simulated water rescue in the Perquimans River behind Hertford Town Hall. That's not the first time for the

event, but tight budgets have meant the event hasn't happened in the past few years.

What was new is spectators got a very close look at the action standing and sitting on the town's new nine-slip marina. The marina didn't exist the last time the Coast Guard did the rescue operation.

What was also new was a paddleboard demonstration in the same area.

Bron Prokusk, who organized the car show, seemed a bit disappointed that just 30 cars showed up. He suspected even the threat of bad weather might have kept some people away even though the bad weather never actually happened.

"If you're close, it's not a great issue but if you're coming from the Outer Banks it is," Prokusk said.

Still visitors could see everything from a 1923 Ford Model T to a trio of 2015 Scions.

Raymond said a decline in vendors was both real and imagined. There were fewer of them. In one case a food vendor's truck broke down in Norfolk.

The imagined part is in last year's layout HHI had four booths selling soda and water and prohibited food vendors from doing so. This year HHI allowed vendors to sell the products and eliminated the four HHI booths.

In the past there were gaps between some vendors. This year, those single-space gaps were largely filled to open up one larger gap in the area near the courthouse stage.

Most food vendors seemed content with the event. The volunteer groups use the money to fund their projects.

"It wasn't as much as we'd like, but it was enough," one woman said at a Cub Scout booth. The group wanted to raise money for a camping trip the following weekend and they reached their goal.

Because the event fell on the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, Hertford paid tribute on Friday during a ceremony.

The Hertford Fire Department Honor Guard and Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts presented the colors and local EMS, fire and police members stood and were recognized. The Albemarle Chorale assembled on the courthouse lawn and sang.

Jane Leechford, pastor of Hertford United Methodist Church, offered some words on the theme that 9/11 brought things that people shouldn't have to deal with.

"We remember where we were when we first heard the news," she said. "We remember the first time we saw the images. Images of death and destruction. Images that human eyes were never meant to see. We remember the way our thoughts and prayers were with the families who lost loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with them again today."

"Help us forgive those who caused so much trauma and that we may find release in that forgiveness," Leechford said.

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home, but he said even if they put it on the market that's no guarantee it'll sell. They still own another Front Street home that's been on the market for seven years.

Regan said given that her husband has a new job with a startup company, it's difficult to plan.

"We're all kind of in limbo," she said.

She says just because she isn't here doesn't mean she can't still contribute to the local Habitat group.

"I'll still be active," she said.

The Habitat president's job falls to Sally Holloway who was in line for the position. The board is also bolstered by the fact five additional board members came on in August.

"Those were exactly the people we needed with the skills we need. I don't have any worries about the success of Habitat moving forward," she said.

She started out with Habitat in 2011 as a volunteer, then a volunteer coordinator working with the family selection committee.

Dan's position with Rotary will be assumed by Sandy Stevenson, an Albemarle Plantation resident. He was installed Sept. 1. Rotary, he said, has a strong organizational structure with a president-elect and a vice president that move up each year.

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BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of

Application by Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power, for Approval of Demand Side Management and Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Rider Pursuant to G.S. 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8 69

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a hearing in the annual demand-side management (DSM) and energy efficiency (EE) cost recovery proceeding for Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion North Carolina Power (DNCP). The public hearing has been scheduled to begin Monday, November 2, 2015, immediately following the 1:30 p.m. hearing in Docket No. E-22, Sub 526, in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. This proceeding is being held pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8 69 for the purpose of determining whether an increment or decrement rider is required to allow DNCP to recover all reasonable and prudent costs incurred for adoption and implementation of new DSM and new EE measures and appropriate incentives.

On August 10, 2015, DNCP filed its application for approval of DSM/EE cost recovery pursuant to G.S. 62-133.9 and Commission Rule R8-69. By its application, DNCP requests a DSM/EE cost recovery rider effective for service rendered on and after January 1, 2016. This request, exclusive of the regulatory fee, would result in the following kilowatt-hour (kWh) charges: 0.127 cents per kWh for residential customers; 0.087 cents per kWh for small general service and public authority customers; 0.084 cents per kWh for large general service customers; and 0.102 cents per kWh for rate schedule 6VP customers. No DSM/EE rate rider would be applicable to rate schedule NS customers, outdoor lighting or traffic lighting customers.

Specific information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of DNCP's application is available for review by the public, and on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Written statements to the Public Staff should include any information that the writers wish to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Roy Cooper, Attorney General, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27699-9001.

Written statements are not evidence unless persons appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Any person desiring to intervene in the proceeding as a formal party of record should file a petition under North Carolina Utilities Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Friday, October 16, 2015. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Friday, October 16, 2015.

ISSUED BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION.

This the 26th day of August, 2015.

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