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HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS
Fireworks explode over the Perquimans River Saturday during the annual Fourth of July celebration.

Lawmen injured in arrest

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Winfall Police Chief David Shaffer was taken to the hospital Saturday night after a fight with a man he was trying to arrest and a Perquimans County Sheriff's Deputy responding to help was also injured when he crashed his patrol car into a pole.

Both Shaffer and Deputy Chris Murray have since been released from the hospital, according to Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley.

Shaffer said he was patrolling Winfall at about 10:30 p.m. following the fireworks that night and he saw a car pull up to a house "that is known for drug sales."

"I pulled up, turned the blue lights on and he took off," Shaffer said. "He never was speeding he just refused to stop."

The driver of the car, Rodney Gordon, 50, pulled into a driveway in the 600 block

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No date set yet for wind program

BY REGGIE PONDER
Chowan Herald

Although Chowan County staff has talked about holding an informational meeting next week to explain to the public the process for considering the conditional use permit application for the Timbermill Wind Project, the date for such a meeting had not been set as of Tuesday morning.

The Chowan Board of Commissioners was slated to meet Tuesday night and actions at that meeting could have an effect on the timetable for conducting the informational meeting.

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PHOTO BY CHUCK PAGELS

Members of Bethel Baptist Church march in Hertford's parade on Saturday. See more photos on page 2.



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Ginney Branham, 8, peaks down the street to see if the parade is getting close in Hertford on Saturday.



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Doctor wraps up long teaching career after 45 years

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dr. Hubert Burden (center) stands with Dr. Don Fletcher (left) and Dr. Randy Renegar last month during a pig pickin' held to celebrate Burden's retirement. Dr. Burden is holding a placard that resembles what will soon be installed outside the gross anatomy lab in his honor. Both other doctors have worked at East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine since the 1980s.



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Dr. Hubert Burden, a Winfall native who went on to become a founding member of the staff of the new medical school at East Carolina University in the 1970s retired last week after 45 years.

"It's been a quick trip, but I have been very fortunate," Burden said Thursday. "I can honestly say I enjoyed going to work every day."

There were some that fought the creation of the Brody School of Medicine from the start.

In the early 1960s there was only one public university in North Carolina that offered a medical degree -- UNC Chapel Hill -- and some lawmakers liked it that way.

However the General Assembly agreed under pressure to allow ECU to teach the first year of medical school in Greenville provided the students then transfer to Chapel Hill to finish their medical education.

"It was an experiment and some didn't want us to go forward," Burden recalls.

Operating funds weren't provided until 1971 and first class of 20 students didn't arrive until a year later.

At first Burden taught anatomy in a double-wide trailer near Christenbury Gym. Forty-five years later, new ECU students will study their gross anatomy in a lab that was named in honor of Burden. The ceremony

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Groups support Schools Foundation, swimming program

From Staff Reports

The Perquimans County Schools Foundation received the largest grant, \$5,000, when two regional philanthropic groups announced the awards during an event held recently at Arts of the Albemarle's Maguire Theatre.

According to PCSF Executive Director Brenda Lassiter, the funding will help pay for swimming lessons for kindergarten students attending Perquimans County Schools next school year.

Through a collaborative effort with the YMCA known as "The All Kids Swim" program, all kindergarten students in Perquimans County



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for the past five years have participated in two-weeks of free swim lessons at the YMCA.

The \$2,000 grant from the Northern Albemarle Community Foundation coupled with a \$7,500 Vidant grant also secured by the Foundation, will ensure the continuation of the swim program for students in Perquimans County for another year.

A \$2,000 grant was also awarded by The Women Givers of Northeastern North

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CAR WRECK



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The driver of a car in the 1700 block of Harvey Point Road lost control and hit a power pole and flipped over into a driveway Monday about 4 p.m. The N.C. Highway Patrol responded to the scene and the driver of the vehicle was arrested.



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