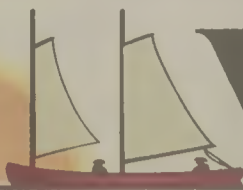


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CROWDS TURN OUT FOR ANNUAL FESTIVAL

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Thousands of people came out Friday and Saturday for the 35th annual Indian Summer Festival in Hertford.

The crowds and the number of vendors were down from last year, organizers say. The positive side is that gave people more room to dance on Church Street during Friday's perform from "The Main Event Band" said Lynne Raymond, the president of Historic Hertford Inc., the organization that puts on the event.

"The weather has been pretty good, we had some humidity Friday night but it's turned out pretty nice."

The heat index Saturday climbed to more than 100 degrees, but a breeze made it bearable, spectators said.

Hertford Police Chief Douglas Freeman said he couldn't offer an official estimate on the crowd size, but said the event went well.

One of the new things this year was the addition of Knockerball. KnockerballOBX, an Elizabeth City based company supplied the large inflatable balls that people climb into and bump into other players.

Marcus Robbins, one of the owner operators, said the operation is still new, but it's already made appearances in Elizabeth City and will be at this year's Chowan County Fair.

"People have a lot of fun," Robbins said. "In Elizabeth City we had a 6-foot-6, 240 man against a 5-foot-1, 100 pound girl.



The Perquimans County High School Color Guard performs for a crowd Saturday at the start of the Indian Summer Festival. More photos coming in Sept. 21 edition.

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Frank Jaklic and Alton Lane hang lights on the tent at the Rotary Club beer and wine garden Friday before the Indian Summer Festival.

"He of course won, but she was safe and she had a great time."

Saturday's events began with performances from bands from both Perquimans County High School and Perquimans Middle School. High school band director

Ryan Minster was happy with the performance.

"This year they're more focused and that allows me to push them a little bit more," Minster said.

A car show drew a record crowd this year. It was sponsored by Biggs Cadillac GMC Truck.

The Best In Show winner was Jim Wise with a 1966 Pontiac GTO.

Other first place winners were: Best per-1940s, Syd Halstead 1939 Chevy Coupe; Best 1940s, John Sampson, 1948 Chevy convertible; Best 1950s, Leroy Vanhorn, 1957 Be-

lair; Best 1960s, Jim Wise, 1966 Pontiac GTO; Best 1980s-Plus, John Durko, 2014 Corvette; Best truck per-1960s, Lloyd Sholes, 1950 Chevy 3100; Best truck 1960s-plus, Cliff Holland, 1966 Chevy

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Bridge changes possible

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Construction of a new bridge in Hertford may be a few years off, but transportation officials hope to speed up the process once it does get final approval.

N.C. Department of Transportation leadership has committed to using "design-build" method when it comes to the replacement of Hertford's S-Bridge.

In some cases large projects are designed by DOT, bid out to contractors and then built. The design-build method relies on a single point of responsibility. The contractor both designs and

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Wind meetings resume

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Perquimans County is set to resume hearings next week on an application to build a new wind power project.

The six-member county board met for two nights in August, but did not hear from all of the people scheduled to testify on the project. The hearings on the Conditional Use Application (CUP) are considered

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Town of Hertford purchases new fire truck

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

The Town of Hertford took delivery of a new \$636,000 fire truck Friday, the first new engine in about 14 years.

The E-One ladder truck will serve both the role of a fire engine as well as a ladder truck. The town hasn't had a ladder truck before and the new E-One model

will serve both purposes and give the department the flexibility of a 75-foot-tall ladder.

It will replace a 22-year-old engine, which will now be sold.

Town officials said they knew eventually they'd have to replace the older engine, but earlier this year council members discussed putting off the purchase. The original plan was to designate

\$100,000 of its reserves this year and then allocate another \$100,000 next fiscal year.

But the availability of USDA loan funds and the availability of a demonstration model truck presented itself, the town moved quickly to close the deal now.

"We started in August

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Robbie Reed (right), the Hertford Fire Department's assistant chief, and others inspect the town's new ladder truck Friday at town hall.

Health report shows areas of concern for county

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Perquimans County has an older population that is likely to get even older and has gaps when it comes to health care providers according to a study unveiled recently.

The numbers show men,

especially black men are at risk of some health issues.

Sheila Pfaender, a public health consultant presented the findings. She urged officials to watch levels of heart disease and lung diseases like asthma, especially among African Americans.

The Perquimans County Community Health Assess-

ment is done every three years and provides a snapshot of economic and health data. The assessment is designed to help health agencies shape what they do for the clients they serve. Many of those attending the meeting at the Perquimans County Recreation Department were from Vidant Chowan

Hospital or Albemarle Regional Health Services.

Pfaender said the study is based on secondary data - data that was already out there. She simply compiled it. There were also 11 small group meetings held in 2015. They ranged from as few as four people to as many as 15. The racial demographics

roughly matched the population.

In the past the data on health would only list what people died from, not the health problems people who are alive are living with. With the inclusion of some hospital intake data from local hospital, the newer study fills in that gap.

"With the advent of hospital data we are beginning to understand what people are living with," she said.

Some of the data dealt in the "incidences" of a disease vs. the "mortality" of the disease.

Pfaender said numbers

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Schools find recipe for success

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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When the grades came this month, it was only appropriate that teachers at Perquimans County Middle School celebrated with cake.

For the past six months

the staff have been reminded "don't forget the egg."

Principal Laura Moreland had been repeating that statement since she took over leadership at the school this year.

Moreland explains. When making a chocolate cake there are certain ingredients that need to be added at a specific time. When educating children, the same thing applies.

"If you don't add the ingredients at the right time, you don't end up with a fluffy,

moist chocolate cake," she said.

So to celebrate with cake seemed like the thing to do. "We had a fluffy, moist chocolate cake," Moreland said with a laugh. "We laughed, we cried and we celebrated."

There was reason to celebrate. For years PCMS has earned a "D" grade when it came to annual reports compiled by the N.C. Department of Public

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TWO TRUCKS COLLIDE



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Hertford Fire Department Assistant Chief Robbie Reed checks a pickup truck that burned after a head-on wreck Saturday afternoon on Grubb Street. Three people were involved in the wreck and one of those was transported to Vidant Chowan Hospital. No other details were available.



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