

# Always remember to keep your powder dry

The phrase "keep your powder dry" has come to mean, be ready for a possible emergency. It comes from the fact that gunpowder does not do its thing when wet. During hurricane Matthew I thought about it being the Saturday before the end of muzzleloader season for deer. It would have been hard to keep ones powder dry sitting in a stand that Saturday afternoon.

Today's modern metallic cartridges all but make the axiom obsolete. Even my homemade snake shot is waterproof at least to

some extent. Proved by the dunking Bob and I took on our canoe trip. When I got home I spread the snake shot cartridges out on the workbench to dry and after a week gave them a try, not on an actual snake but on an aluminum can. They shot just as good as they would have the day I loaded them. My snake shot consists of a primed .44 magnum case, a small amount of powder topped by a disc of thin cardboard, some #7 1/2 shot and another cardboard disc. The outside cardboard is sealed with a product called Lee Liquid Alox, LLA for

short. Alox is a waxy bullet lube used for cast bullets. The Lee Precision Company makes all kinds of products for casting and reloading. Though not the intended use, LLA works as water proofers also.

Way back when before I owned a muzzleloader I had borrowed one. The outing was more of a scouting trip before the upcoming rifle season than an actual hunt. Good thing too, as it

## Do It Outdoors



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turned out. I was walking down the edge of a field and a bear just appeared right there in front of me, then a smaller bear and another smaller bear. A mama with twin cubs. Me and my borrowed muzzleloader decided to go the other way.

That next weekend when I tried to shoot the gun so I could clean it and give it back to my buddy Bryan, it didn't shoot. I had failed to

keep my powder dry.

In 1981 I started reloading shotgun shells, back then there were still a lot of paper shells and most of the plastic ones had paper base wads. Base wads are at the bottom of the shell on the inside. Now a days, all or at least almost all shotgun shells either have an integral base wad or a base wad made of plastic. The paper would absorb water and if not completely dried the water would cause all kinds of problems. When the trigger was pulled the gun would make a hissing sound and the shot would

leave the barrel and just sprinkle out on the ground. Sometimes the wad or shot cup would actually travel further than the shot. This was funny but also potentially dangerous. If the wad stayed in the barrel and another shell was fired with the barrel obstructed, the gun could explode. To this day, I shine a flashlight into every empty shell to check the base wad.

Hunting season, the election, cyber attacks, email hacks, ISIS. With all the stuff going on in the world, these days we all need to keep our powder dry.



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Wayne Jordan (above) teaches Mallorie Stallings how to use a fire hose during a recent field trip to downtown Hertford.

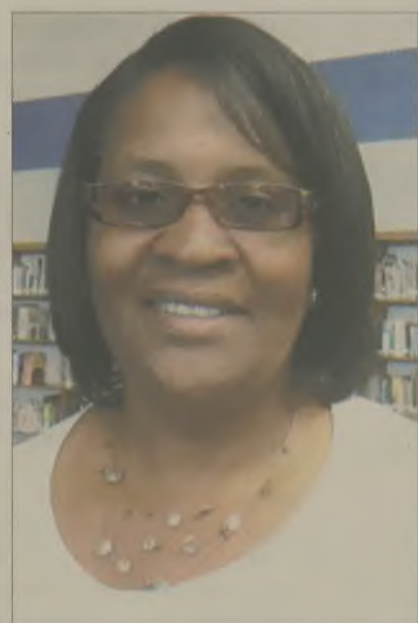


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First Grade students from Perquimans Central School took a walking tour of local businesses in downtown Hertford recently.

## Field Trip

## TEACHER HONORED



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Annette Whidbee has been recognized as this year's Perquimans County Schools Exceptional Children Teacher of Excellence. Whidbee is a lead Exceptional Children Teacher at Perquimans County High School. She will be honored at the State EC Conference that will be held in Greensboro this month.



## BOOK GRANT

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Helen Lane, a Kindergarten teacher at Perquimans Central, recently received a Donor's Choose grant in the amount of \$370 for an organizing rack with book bins and science books for students.

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