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## Ice clobbers Perquimans County

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

An ice storm Saturday knocked out power, closed businesses, canceled church services and snarled traffic for Perquimans County residents.

Forecasters were predicting the county could get between four to 12 inches of snow. Instead the storm came in the form of mostly ice and bitter cold.

Temperatures were reported in the single digits for part of Sunday night and Monday morning.

Perquimans County Emergency Management Director said all in all, the county was "very blessed." He reported no major incidents.

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PHOTO BY CRAIG CRAFT  
A line of powerlines leans in Perquimans County last weekend as a result of the ice storm.



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Hertford Grammar School Principal Jason Griffin, (right) holds daughter Ainsley as Sonja Rinehart announces he has been named Regional Principal of the Year.

## Surprise! Griffin wins regional honor

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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It's hard to keep a secret. It's especially hard when it's a very good secret.

But 425 students and dozens of teachers and staff managed to keep it together until the surprise announcement Friday that Hertford Grammar School Principal Jason Griffin has been named Region 1 Principal of the Year. That makes him one of just eight principals still in the running for the statewide award.

Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman said he's known Griffin got the award since mid-December but it took a while to arrange the ceremony.

So Friday morning Cheeseman called Griffin into a meeting to get him out the school.

"We've spent the last five hours together," Cheeseman said of Griffin "and for four and a half hours he was probably wondering why he was still there."

While Griffin was kept occupied, the staff members were given the news and then students were instructed to go to the auditorium. Students didn't get the news until just

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Hertford Grammar School Principal Jason Griffin (right) poses with teacher Amy Parker last week. Griffin was named Regional Principal Of the Year last week. Previously Parker was named Regional Teacher Of the Year.

## Senator to speak at MLK event

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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Sen. Erica Smith-Ingram will be the guest speaker at a Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance Jan. 16 at Riddick's Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

As is tradition, there will be a motorcade to the event.

The group will start at 11 a.m. at Perquimans County High School and proceed to the church. The cars will proceed down Edenton Road Street to

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SMITH-INGRAM

## Decision delayed on sheriff

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

Perquimans County Commissioners agreed last

Tuesday to consider applications for the job of sheriff when they meet again Jan. 17.

The board is not releasing the names of the people who

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TILLEY

## New drama director to debut with 'Alice in Wonderland'

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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Rachel Sanders knows she has big shoes to fill replacing Lynwood Winslow as drama teacher at Perquimans County High School.

The shoes belong to her uncle.

Lynwood Winslow, the same drama teacher who led PCHS students for the past 25 years, is the brother

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Rachel Sanders, (right), the new drama teacher at Perquimans County High School, talks to students last week during a rehearsal for the play "Alice In Wonderland."



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Brennan Biggs dresses up as the Mad Hatter for the Perquimans County High School performance of "Alice in Wonderland."



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