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Coast Guard family weathers the storm

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

The U.S. Coast Guard didn't have to send Lt. JG Andrew Jacot to Houston after Hurricane Harvey.

Jacot was already there in Texas.

The 25-year-old Perquimans County native is stationed in Texas as part of a group that inspects ships using the Houston/Galveston Bay channel. He deals with safety,



JACOT

environmental and security issues. But after Hurricane Harvey closed the shipping channel Jacot was kept busy acting as something of a 911 dispatcher.

Andrew said Harvey was unlike any storm he's ever seen. He remembers hurricane Isabel in 2003 when he was a

child in Perquimans County.

"This was a lot worse," Jacot said. "For Isabel the bad thing was the storm surge. With this one it was the rain. It just didn't stop."

Andrew Jacot didn't suffer property damage this time but co-workers did.

"We had one with four feet of water in the house. He lost everything."

Jacot's mother, Rose agrees about the Isabel in Perquimans.

"Isabel was 2003 so he was

about 11 or 12," she said Monday. "He also went through Irene. But Isabel hit us hard down here on the river. We saw the river rise at least 10 feet. Looked like a war zone for sure."

Coast Guard service is a family tradition in the Jacot family.

Rose Jacot's father, Julian worked as a civilian at the Elizabeth City Coast Guard base. He and her Rose's mother Carolyn Harrell live next door to Rose and her husband.

Rose graduated from Northeastern High School, but her parents, father Julian and mother Carolyn graduated from PCHS. So did the three Jacot children. Rose is a distance-learning teacher at PCHS.

"Brittany graduated in 2006, Robert 2009 and Andrew 2010 from Perquimans. I met Kevin when I worked at the Coast Guard base, just as Brittany met her husband to be Matt there," Rose Jacot

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Business seminar planned

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Economic development groups will be holding a seminar on Sept. 14 to help people who want to start a small business or those who already have one but face issues.

The event will be held at the Perquimans County Extension Center, 601-A S. Edenton Road St. in Hertford. The session runs from 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Dave Goss, Perquimans County's economic development director, said the "What's your big idea" event is designed to be more pro-active to go out and attract future entrepreneurs instead of just waiting for them to ask for help.

Perquimans County wants to grow tourism and to do that, there are certain businesses that would play a role.

"We have resources out there that can help them get from A to B to start a business," Goss said. "Some people don't know what it takes. If we can get enough response to this initial one, we can put on more programs."

Goss said the county has things people would like to see.

According to state data released in August, domestic visitors to and within Perquimans County spent more than \$10 million in 2016, and increase of 6 percent from 2015. The increase in Dare County was 4 percent.

"This just means we're

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The Richard Pratt House, 948 Pender Road, is part of the Jollification Tour. Right, Ben Hobbs looks over the dining room of the Richard Pratt House. It is part of the Jollification tour.



Historic homes open for tour

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

The Perquimans County Restoration Association will hold Jollification, an event celebrating Bethel's historic homes and sites, on Sept. 30.

Jollification is a word describing celebration with others or merrymaking. PCRA held Jollification in Belvidere last year.

PCRA operates the Newbold-White House and another histor-

ic property on the site on Harvey Point Road. They and three others will be open to walk-in tours. Another six sites will be part of a drive-by tour.

The driving tour runs from 1:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. and then dinner and music from 5:30 until 8 p.m. on the lawn of the Newbold White House. Music will be by the band "Uphill" and there will be a silent auction and live cake auction.

"Uphill" is the same band that

performed at the Jollification event in Belvidere last year.

Tickets are \$20 per person. Bobbi Stevenson, the chair of the event, said depending how well this event goes, the PCRA may hold another one somewhere else in the county next year, or maybe the year after.

Stevenson said PCRA is reaching out to both the Barker House in Edenton and the Mu-

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Glitch cancels Friday classes

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Classes were canceled at Hertford Grammar School Friday because of an electrical problem.

Jim Davison, the director of maintenance for the school system, said the three-phase power going to the school started acting up Thursday morning. It was tripping off the air conditioning units during the day.

Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman said he made the call to alert parents of the school closure about 5:30 p.m. Thursday. At that point nobody could say for sure if the electrical problem would be fixed before classes started Friday.

"I wanted to give families an amount of time to make child care arrangements. We're talking about 430 kids and staff and I didn't want to put them in a situation of being in a very humid and very uncomfortable environment."

Classes went on as normal in the other three schools in the district. Teachers at HGS were allowed to use Friday as an optional work day.

Hertford Town Manager Brandon Shoaf said the problem was caused by

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Lions to honor Jimmy Hunter

From Staff Reports

Lions Club members in Hertford will join members across the state as the 2018 North Carolina state Lions Club Lapel Pin honoring Jim "Catfish" Hunter is unveiled. The ceremony is set for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday at the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce on Market Street.

Jimmy, as he's known locally, signed to professional baseball right out of Perquimans County High School to play with the Kansas City Athletics. He pitched a

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Annual Hertford car show is coming on Saturday

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Cars from far and wide are expected to be in Hertford Saturday for the annual Historic Hertford Car Show. The event is held to sup-

port Historic Hertford Inc.

Bron Prokusi, the organizer of the event, said he hopes for at least 30 cars for the event. The issue that is beyond his control is the weather.

"Pray for no rain," he

said. The owners of fancy classic and new vehicles don't like taking them out if the weather is going to be bad, he said.

The show will be held behind Hertford Town Hall at

the boat ramp and the Hertford Bay Marina. The municipal parking lot and boat dock will be closed from midnight on Friday through 3:30 p.m. on Saturday. The lot opens to participants at 7 a.m. Saturday and all cars

and expected to be on site by 9 a.m. Judging will take place at 2:30 p.m.

Admission is free to the public, and the cost to enter a vehicle is \$20. Car owners are the ones voting on who wins awards.

As of last Thursday five people had already registered.

"I got a call this morning from someone who is a long-time friend and he knows of

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Cook announces he will not run for state Senate again

From Staff Reports

Northeastern North Carolina's state senator since 2013 is stepping down, cit-

ing redistricting and a desire to spend more time with family.

Sen. Bill Cook, R-Beaufort, announced he will not run for re-election in 2018. He explained his reasoning in a press release last week.

"I've tried to be a good servant to the people of Eastern North Carolina. How-

ever, the recent redistricting changes have prompted me to reevaluate my commitment to my family," Cook said. "And as much as I love the folks of Eastern North Carolina, I love my family more. I have decided to not seek another term in the state Senate. I am blessed to have a wonderful family and I need to spend more of my

life with them - especially my grandchildren."

Cook, 72, currently serves Senate District 1, which covers eight counties including Camden, Currituck, Pasquotank and Perquimans. That is expected to change, however, as the General Assembly approved new Senate districts in compliance with a federal court's ruling.

The maps would make Beaufort part of Democratic-leaning Senate District 3, rather than the reliably Republican district Cook has served since 2013, when he assumed office after the 2012 election.

According to a WRAL report, Cook told lawmakers before voting against the new maps that he opposed mov-

ing Beaufort County into a Democratic-leaning district. The "conservative-leaning county will be drowned in a sea of liberalism," he said in the report.

Perquimans County Commission Chairman Kyle Jones said serving as Cook has is a "selfless act" and he wishes

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