

# West Craven Noticeboard

**HERE COME THE BRIDES**  
The West Craven High School Drama Department is producing the play *Here Come The Brides*, a comedy in three acts by William D. Fisher, April 14 and April 15 at 8 p.m. The play will be presented in the high school cafeteria in Vanceboro. Tickets are \$3 each and may be purchased at the door on the nights of the performance and is open to the public.

**VANCEBORO TEE BALL**  
There will be a tee ball league in Vanceboro for boys and girls 8- to 8-years-old. Registration will be held April 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Farm Life Elementary School gym in Vanceboro. Call 638-6606 to register or for more information.

**RESCUE AUXILIARY**  
The Vanceboro Rescue Squad Auxiliary meets the first Tuesday night of each month at the Vanceboro Volunteer Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. Those interested in serving in a worthwhile volunteer organization and helping the community are asked to attend.

**SENIOR CITIZENS**  
The senior citizens in United Tri-County Senior Citizens Inc. are reminded to attend the "Happy Birthday Party" this month. Senior citizens in Vanceboro meet regularly in the newly-renovated community center in Vanceboro. The last Friday of each month is the date for the "Happy Birthday Party."

**COOKBOOK**  
The Craven County Extension Homemakers have available for sale the latest N.C. Extension Homemakers Cookbook. This cookbook was compiled by the N.C. Extension Homemakers for the 1988 national meeting it hosted and contains recipes from across the state. For more information contact Susan Noble at 633-1477.

**SENIOR EXERCISES**  
Twin Rivers YMCA now offers a basic exercise and stretching class for adults over age 55. The classes are on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 9:45 a.m. at the YMCA. For more information, call 638-8799.

**ARCHERY**  
Learn and experience the challenge of archery. Craven County Recreation and Parks Department is seeking currently organizing archery classes in New Bern beginning this fall. Classes will be available for youth, adults and senior citizens. In interested in participating or for more information, contact Eddie Games at 638-6606.

**SEEK-A-SENIOR**  
The Twin Rivers YMCA Seek-a-Senior program is a referral service promoting odd-job employment of active older adults who are 55-years-old or older by community members needing work done at reasonable rates. Call the YMCA at 638-8799 to find resources for hiring seniors to do such work as maintenance and repair, sewing, house-sitting and babysitting.

**BABYSITTING**  
The Twin Rivers YMCA is offering a course titled "Babysitting Techniques" for young people ages 10 and up who would like to get a solid foundation in babysitting. Students will be taught safety issues, caring techniques and areas of responsibility involved in child care. Classes will be taught at the YMCA on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Call the YMCA at 638-8799.

**HOSPITAL HOURS**  
Craven Regional Medical Center has extended its hours of operation for its outpatient registration center from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. The center is located in the front lobby of the hospital. Appointments may be made by calling the outpatient registration desk at 633-8118.

**TENNIS LESSONS**  
The Craven County Recreation Department will be holding tennis classes at Brinson Elementary School beginning in April. Classes can be made available for youth and adults, beginners to advanced. A tennis workshop will also be held April 1 for interested participants. Call 638-6606 for more information.

**TENNIS CLASSIC**  
The Craven County Recreation Department will host the second annual H.G. Anderson Tennis Classic for Cystic Fibrosis April 28-30. This is aUSTA sanctioned event. Events include men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Call 638-6606 for more information.



**AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM**  
The Twin Rivers YMCA offers after school care for school-age children at the following school sites. In New Bern, Brinson Elementary; in Havelock, Roger Bell, Graham A. Barden Elementary and Pamlico County, Fred Anderson and Arapahoe schools. Children may enroll in the program at anytime during the school year. The cost is \$12 for one child, \$20 for two and \$26 for three children per week. For more information, contact the YMCA at 638-8799.

**DROPOUT PROGRAM**  
High school dropouts can earn a high school diploma by attending night classes. Contact the extended day program director at New Bern Senior High School or any school counselor in the New Bern-Craven County Schools. Classes began Jan. 30. Call 638-8230 for more information.

**CHILDREN'S PARADE**  
The Craven Arts Council is looking for participants for the second annual Children's Parade to be held April 29 at 10 a.m. as part of the 89 Spring Arts Festival. The theme this year is "Fairytales." For more information, call 638-2787 or stop by the Bank of the Arts, 317 N. Middle St., New Bern.

**YMCA CAMP**  
Adults over 50-years-old can spend a weekend or a week in the Blue Ridge Mountain. If interested, then Camp Cheerio, a YMCA camp in Roaring Gap, might be just the place this spring or summer. Call the YMCA at 638-8799 for more information.

**EXERCISE CLASS**  
Twin Rivers YMCA offers a basic exercise and stretching class Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 to 10 a.m. It is conducted to music and designed to meet fitness needs of older adults. Call 638-8799 for more information.

**SOFTBALL**  
The Craven County Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a men's softball league this year. The season will start April 25. For more information, call 638-6606 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

**WOMEN'S SOFTBALL**  
The Craven County Recreation and Parks Department will hold a meeting for women's softball April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Craven County Administration Building at 406 Craven St. Anyone interested in participating or having a team should call 638-6606 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

**DEEP SEA FISHING**  
The Craven County Recreation Department is sponsoring an all-day deep sea fishing trip on April 23. Boat departs from Atlantic Beach at 6 a.m. and returns about 5 p.m. All equipment is supplied. Total cost is \$37.50 per person. A deposit of \$20 is required. For more information, contact the Craven County Recreation Department at 638-6606.

**TEE BALL**  
Registration is now being conducted for the Twin Rivers YMCA Tee Ball team. The team is for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 8. For more information, contact the YMCA at 638-8799 or stop by the offices at 303 First St. in New Bern.

**DRIVERS NEEDED**  
Drivers are needed to transport people for the Council on Aging from Vanceboro to appointments with doctors. Mileage will be paid. Contact Camille at 638-2118.

**MORNING AEROBICS**  
Twin Rivers YMCA now offers a morning aerobics class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and on Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 638-8799.

**BUY A BRICK**  
Be a part of history -- support the Twin Rivers YMCA in the Buy-A-Brick program. Your name will be listed among those who "build" the new YMCA. Call 638-8799 for more information.

**MANAGING MEDICATION**  
Managing medications will be the educational program for the Craven County Extension Homemakers quarterly meeting April 11 at 10 a.m. Bill Oakley, pharmacy manager for Craven Regional Medical Center, will be the speaker. His presentation will include how to take medications and possible interactions of drugs, food and other substances. There will be a question-and-answer period. Please call 633-1477 to register. The program will be held at the Agricultural Extension Service, Industrial Park, New Bern.

**SOCCER CAMP**  
There will be a soccer camp held at H.J. McDonald Junior High School July 10-14. The Britannia Soccer Camp is open to all skill levels for children 5- to 18-years-old. Qualified professional coaches and players will work with children. A free pre-camp clinic will be held at the school soccer fields April 15 at noon. Bring a soccer ball if you plan to participate. Call the Craven County Recreation and Parks Department at 638-6606 or Jeff Thomas at 637-4555 for more information.

## School System Hosts Meetings About College

The New Bern-Craven County Schools will be sponsoring a post-secondary planning session for middle school students and their parents. Topics to be discussed will include preparing for college, choosing a college, financing college and employment opportunities and trends. The sessions will begin at 7 p.m. at the following schools:  
— April 11 — West Craven Middle School.  
— April 12 — Havelock Middle School.  
— April 13 — H.J. MacDonald Junior High School.  
All parents of students are invited to attend.

### Card of Thanks

The Harris Family would like to thank everyone for their contributions, friendship, prayers and love during the unexpected death of Walter Harris on March 8, 1989.

Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

The Family

# Seeds Are Roots To Success In Home Gardens And Lawns

By HENRY RIDDICK  
One of the most important steps in establishing home gardens and lawns is choosing the seeds to plant. Seeds that are high in quality germinate rapidly and produce strong, healthy seedlings. Low quality seeds, however, are slow to germinate and can produce weak seedlings that may not survive. This frequently leads to poor plant stands. Another cause of poor stands and weak seedlings is soil borne pathogens. Many seedling diseases are caused by fungi that flourish in poorly drained or wet soils. Problems caused by these organisms can often be controlled by treating the seeds before planting with a fungicide. Some garden seeds are chemically treated before packaging. If your seeds are not treated, ask your garden center operator for recommendations. Grass seeds for establishing or rebuilding lawns need careful selection. Some seed lots have excessive

amounts of weed seeds or other grass seeds. State law requires that information about the amount of weed seeds and other crop seeds, in this case, grasses, be listed on the bag or a tag attached to the bag. Gardeners are encouraged to read this information. Weeds or unwanted grasses in the lawn are difficult to control. Careful selection of the seeds that are sewn can help the home owner avoid the problem of introducing these contaminants. Where you buy seeds does make a difference. Ask questions of the salesman — Have you heard of the company before? Do they have a reputation for packaging quality seeds and standing behind them? Some seeds lose their capability to germinate rapidly while others may remain viable for several years. When buying seeds, look for the germination percentage printed on the package. This information must, by law, be there along with the date the seeds

were tested. The seeds must be tested within a year of time they are offered for sale. Loose seeds that are weighed or scooped at sale time must also display a tag showing the same information in or on the parent bag or bin. Variety recommendations are made on the basis of crop performance, quality, color resistance to pests, especially diseases, and the number of days the crop needs to reach maturity. Many packaged seeds offered for sale are not varieties recommended for your area. Call or visit your county extension office and ask for a list of varieties recommended for your area. Regardless of whether you garden for fun or whether you rely on your garden for food supplies, getting the plants off to a strong, healthy start is important. Be selective and know what you're buying. It's better to be safe than sorry.

# Quarantine Prohibits Import Of Honeybees Into The State

The Plant Industry Division of the N.C. Department of Agriculture recently established an additional emergency quarantine that prohibits the import of honeybees into the state. The action was taken to protect the state's honeybee industry from American foulbrood, one of the most deadly bee diseases, according to William G. Parham, Jr. deputy commissioner. The new quarantine will continue to provide protection against the honeybee tracheal mite and the varroa mite that have been recently found in the U.S. "Many bee colonies have died recently, apparently due to honeybee tracheal mite," commissioner Jim Graham said. "And the NCDA is concerned that colonies in a weakened state due to this disease will be even more susceptible to American foulbrood." "Honeybees are vital to agricultural production in the state and across the county," he said. "Without honeybees, vegetables, fruit and other row crops could not be pollinated and would be unable to bear fruit and vegetables for human consumption." According to plant industry officials, certificates that have allowed out-of-state purchases of bees will only be valid from a few establishments that have entered into a compliance agreement

directly with NCDA. "All beekeepers are encouraged to delay requeening until fall to take advantage of queens and packages from certified queen breeders within North Carolina," Howard Singletary, director of the plant industry division, said. The agency has set compliance agreements with out-of-state bee producers who can demonstrate that they have taken extraordinary precautions to avoid infestation by all bee diseases, he said. A list of queen and package bee producers who have qualified under this program will be available through the NCDA and county agricultural extension offices this month. Producers within the state will also need to follow these procedures for certification of queens and package bees. The out-of-state compliance

agreements are intended to reduce the risk of infestation but this action does not guarantee disease-free bees, Singletary said. "The safest option is to buy bees from North Carolina producers," Singletary said. According to the quarantine order, anyone transporting bees originating in other states through North Carolina is required at all times to securely cover their colonies, keep their vehicle motors running unless refueling or unless the bees are enclosed in a sealed, refrigerated containment unit, stay within one mile of an interstate highway and report to NCDA any release of bees. For a hive inspection or more information on American foulbrood, tracheal mite or varroa mite, contact the Plant Industry Division in Raleigh at 733-3610.

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