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Bed and Breakfast the specialty at Hertford's new Inn

By JANE WILLIAMS

Delightful aromas that will tempt the most steadfast of dieters await those who enter Hertford's newest business, The Gingerbread Inn.

The Bed and Breakfast Inn is owned and operated by Hans and Jenny Harnish, and is located at 103 Church Street in Hertford.

The Harnish's recently moved to Hertford from Massachusetts, and undertook the renovations of the home formerly owned by the Ayscue Family.

Mrs. Harnish, a native of Germany, and a former baker, will treat guests at the inn with a full breakfast, including many of her homemade goodies.

At an open house held last Thursday at the inn the dining room was filled with treats from her kitchen. About 25 guests were invited for the opening of the inn, with each guest receiving a gingerbread man (or woman, depending on gender.) Each

guest at the inn will receive one of the cookies.

Plans are being made to open a bakery in the old cafe building located beside the inn.

The inn itself is a treat, with several antique pieces, complimenting modern, comfortable furnishings.

There are three rooms, located upstairs in the inn, for guest accommodations.

The Colonial appearance of the inn blends well with the theme that dominates much of Hertford. The yellow home features a stained-glass window, wrap-around porch and paired columns.

Many of the residents in Hertford have commented about their excitement of having an inn in the town.

Lodging has been a problem area for the community, and the opening of the Gingerbread Inn will fill this void. Unlike a motel, guests at the inn will associate the atmosphere with that of home.



(TOP) Hans and Jenny Harnish are shown with the trademark of their inn, a lifesize gingerbread man. The Gingerbread Inn will provide travelers and passers-by with a pleasant environment while visiting Hertford.

(BOTTOM) Marking the opening of The Gingerbread Inn, Hertford Mayor Bill Cox does the honors at a ribbon-cutting while the Harnish's, Julie and Tony Perez, Chamber of Commerce President Shirley Perry, and many friends look on. (Photos by Ken Castelleo.)

Warnings cited for hurricane season

By JANE WILLIAMS

North Carolinians that live on or near the coast are used to warnings of possible hurricanes during this time of the year.

Through the years the coastal area of North Carolina has experienced the high winds, high tides, storm surge, floods and tornadoes that accompany hurricanes, especially from June through November, which has been designated as hurricane season.

It has been almost 30 years since Hurricane Hazel ripped through North Carolina in October, 1954 bringing pounding surf, driving rain, roaring winds, destruction and death to the coastal area.

Technological advances now enable hurricane detection at great distances from our shores, and enable tracing with accuracy of the hurricane path. However, hurricanes may develop close to the coastline thus decreasing the amount of warning time received by residents of the area.

Statistics show that there is one chance in ten that North Carolina will be hit by a hurricane this year. The statistics are based on climatic charts and past weather records.

Keith Haskett, Perquimans County Emergency Management Coordinator, has provided a list of things to consider before, during and after a hurricane.

Some of these safety rules will make things easier for you during a hurricane. All are important and could help save your life and the lives of others.

Stay or Leave

When a hurricane threatens your area, you will have to make the decision whether you should evacuate or remain at home. If local authorities recommend evacuation, you should leave. Their advice is based on knowledge of the strength of the storm and its potential for death and destruction.

In general:

- If you are on the coastline or offshore islands, plan to leave.
- If you live in a mobile home, plan to leave.
- If you live near a river or in a flood plain, plan to leave.
- If you live on high ground, away from coastal beaches, consider staying.

In any case, the ultimate decision to stay or leave will be yours. Study the following list and carefully consider the factors involved, especially the items pertaining to storm surge.

Now is the time to make plans for action.

Learn the storm surge history and elevation of your area. Learn safe routes inland.

Learn the location of official shelters.

In Perquimans County the principal shelter will be Hertford Grammar School on Dobbs St. In the event of an emergency, pending the need other shelters will be opened.

Determine where to move your boat in an emergency.

Trim back dead wood from trees.

Check for loose rain gutters and down spouts.

If shutters do not protect windows, use stock boards to cover glass.

When a hurricane watch is issued for your area:

- Check often for official bulletins on radio, TV, or NOAA Weather Radio.
- Fuel your car.
- Check mobile home tie-downs.
- Moor small craft or move to a safe shelter.
- Stock up on canned provisions.
- Check supplies of special medications and drugs.
- Check batteries for radio and flashlights.
- Secure lawn furniture and other loose material outdoors.
- Tape, board or shutter windows to prevent shattering.
- Wedge sliding glass doors to prevent their lifting from their tracks.

When a hurricane warning is issued for your area:

- Stay tuned to radio, TV, or NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins.
- Stay home if sturdy and on high ground.
- Board up garage and porch doors.
- Move valuables to upper floors.
- Bring in pets
- Fill containers (bathtub) with several days supply of drinking water.
- Turn up refrigerator to maximum cold and don't open unless necessary.
- Use phone only for emergencies.
- Stay indoors on the downwind side of your house away from windows.
- Beware of the eye of the hurricane.
- Leave Mobile Homes.
- Leave areas which might be affected by storm tide or stream flooding.
- Leave early--in daylight if possible.

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Renovations underway at Central School

By JANE WILLIAMS

Renovations are underway in the auditorium of Perquimans Central School in Winfall to create a library and media center.

Pat Harrell, Superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, presented a report on capital improvement activities in the school system to the Perquimans County Board of Education members Monday night, including projects that are taking place in the new library

facility.

At present the painting has been completed in the library-media center, and light fixtures have been installed. The Board is currently seeking bids for carpeting of the facility, and furniture has been ordered.

Other capital improvement activities include the wiring for ceiling fans at Hertford Grammar School, which has been completed. And Harrell told the Board that the new boilers for Perquimans County Union

School have been received.

In other action taken by the Board on Monday night:

- William Matthew Wilkins and David Evans were released from Perquimans County Schools.
- Release was denied for Bernadine Johnson.
- Acceptance to attend Perquimans County Schools was granted to Stephanie Hammer and Fenton Eure, Jr.
- The Board continued a discussion of policies pertaining to Student Release/Acceptance.

No action was taken.

- The Board voted not to charge tuition to students over 19 years of age that are still attending the county schools. Recent General Assembly Legislation gave the state school boards the authority to charge tuition to students over 19 years of age.

Newspaper office to relocate

THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY staff will be moving

into their new quarters this week-end at 119 West Grubb

Street in Hertford.

The newspaper office will occupy the building that formerly housed Riverside Insurance Agency. The Insurance office is now located on the corner of West Grubb Street and Punch Alley.

The newspaper office will close at 12:00 Noon on Friday, July 27, and will re-open on Monday, July 30 in the new location.

"We regret any inconvenience that our customers may incur during this transaction period," said Jane Williams, Managing Editor of the publication, "but we trust that by opening day things will be back to normal."

"Our new office will afford us additional space which we feel is essential for the continued growth of our paper," Williams said.

A ribbon cutting and open house will be held at the new office on Friday, August 3, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon. The staff of THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY cordially invites you to attend.

Football practice to get underway

Football practice will begin at Perquimans High School on Wednesday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m. All varsity and junior varsity candidates should report at that time.

North Carolina High School Athletic Association rules require that all candidates are to have a physical examination prior to beginning practice. Forms can be picked up at the school office.

The Association rules also require each candidate to have six days of practice without pads. During these

first six days helmets and cleats may be worn and physical condition must be stressed.

Another Association rule requires a player to have eleven days of practice before he can participate in a game or scrimmage. The Pirates will scrimmage Camden on August 22, at 7:00 p.m. in Camden.

The Pirates will open their season by hosting Williamston on August 31. The junior varsity will open its season at home against Plymouth on September 6.



The Perquimans County 14 and 15 year-old All Stars have advanced into the state tournament, winning the first game against Person County All-Stars on Monday night, 8-3.

The team is coached by Johnny Winslow and Wilbur

Ray Bass. Team members are Brad Hurdle, Rodney Lyons, Time White, Lee Cooper, Alex Cox, Ernie Rennie, Brian Williamson, Randy Lassiter, Staley Colson, Richard Umphlett, Wayne Bass, Paul Lane, Todd Hunter, Tony Meeds, and

Chad Winslow.

If the team emerges as the winner following state play-offs this week they will be eligible to compete in the Southeastern Regional Championship competition slated to begin August 2. (Photo by Ken Castelleo.)