

LOCAL NEWS

Local briefs

Energysare partners announced

Vepco announces EnergyShare Partners: Astro, Inc.; Community Gas, Inc.; Crystal Enterprises, Inc.; Elizabeth and Suburban Gas Service; The Miller Company South; W. E. Ingram, Distributors, Inc.; Etna; Reed Oil Company; Albemarle Electric Membership Corp., City of Elizabeth City and Vepco Employees have agreed to become partners in EnergyShare, the fuel assistance program sponsored by Virginia Electric and Power Company and Virginia Natural Gas (VNG).

Energysare is designed to assist people in financial need by helping to pay their winter heating bills.

The Elizabeth City District employees contributed \$682.00 towards the EnergyShare Program.

Energysare, which is in its second year of operation through the Vepco/VNG service area, raised more than \$363,000 last winter. The program helped 7,104 people in need from 2,102 families, including 1,070 children under five years of age, 402 adults over 60 and 245 handicapped people.

The program is funded by contributions from Vepco and VNG employees, customers and from businesses in the companies service area.

Band fruit sales underway

The band students have been so busy preparing for band competitions it has been decided to extend the sale of fresh Florida fruit through the first week of December, in order to best serve our previous customers.

If you have not been contacted but would like to enjoy fresh holiday fruit, as well as support a growing pride of Perquimans Co., please contact any band member of the Perquimans County Marching Band to give them personal credit for the sale.

You may also contact Danny Privott at 426-7009, Pete Perry at 426-5158 or James Rennie at 426-

5665.

Payment for the fruit is due when the truck arrives from Florida, you will be notified by phone of this date and when to expect delivery.

The band members extend their thanks to you for your patronage. Profits from these sales aid many students in attending band camp during the summer where they work really hard for a week learning new routines to entertain us.

Thank you! Enjoy your fruit and come out and enjoy the band. Those kids are "Dog-gone good!"

Mrs. Short assumes manager position in community relations

Val Tucker Short has been named Community Relations Manager at Halifax Memorial Hospital, according to M. E. Gilstrap, Administrator.

As Community Relations Manager, Mrs. Short will organize and develop the hospital public relations program, serve

as the liaison between the hospital and the community, write hospital press releases, edit the employee newsletter and coordinate the hospital health fair and other events.

A native of Shawboro, Mrs. Short is the former public relations director at Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City. She is a 1975 graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Journalism.

She has worked as editor of The Perquimans Weekly and as a photography instructor with College of The Albemarle. She was also a 4-H extension agent with the Jones County Agricultural Extension Service.

"I am looking forward to an interesting and rewarding career at Halifax Memorial. I'm excited about working in such a fine facility with such an enthusiastic staff," said Mrs. Short.

Mrs. Short resides in Roanoke Rapids with her husband and two children.



VAL T. SHORT

Bunch named

Belvidere resident, Billy Bunch, has been named Driver Of The Month by Illinois-based Farm Service and Supplies, Inc.

The over-the-road trucking lines, employing over 100 drivers, awarded Bunch the monthly honor based on his overall congeniality, accuracy and promptness of deliveries and paperwork, equipment appearance, customer relations and safety record.

Prior to receiving this honor, Bunch received two safe driving awards from Farm Service & Supplies, Inc., in the two and one-half years Bunch has been an owner-operator for the firm, he has driven accident free, throughout the continental United States including Alaska.

Students sought for safety program

RALEIGH—Dee Barbour and Alan Byrd, seniors at South Johnston High School in Benson, have been honored as the first student volunteers in a new statewide program to promote highway safety among young people.

The Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP) has launched a Youth Speakers Bureau among the state's high schools, to enlist students who will talk about highway safety and especially the dangers of driving while impaired.

Miss Barbour and Mr. Byrd were presented the first certificates recognizing membership in the Youth Speakers Bureau. They were signed by Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. and Edwin C. Guy, former commander of the Highway Patrol and now director of the GHSP. The certificates were presented at the school by Col. Guy.

By coincidence, Barbour and Byrd are co-presidents of the SADD (Students Against Driving Drunk) chapter at South Johnston High. However, Col. Guy emphasized that volunteers for the Youth Speakers Bureau do not have to be members of SADD or any other group that is against driving while impaired.

Senior calendar

The following is a list of activities being planned for the Perquimans County Senior Center located on Grubb St. in Hertford.

November
 22—Closed
 23—Blood pressures checked free, 9-12 & 2-5:00
 26—Crochet class, 1-4:00
 27—Early Bird Breakfast Club at Hertford Cafe, 8:00 a.m.
 28—Bingo, 2-4:00
 29—Bible study, 1:30-3:30
 Last week's bingo winners

Chamber banquet set

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet will be held December 3 at Anglers Cove. Social hours

will be at 6:30, dinner at 7:30. Tickets are available at the Chamber office or by calling 426-5657.

Veterans Chapter to form

A Disabled American Veterans Chapter is currently being formed in the Rocky Hock community of Chowan County.

The chapter will be named in honor of Michael Ray Wagner, who was stationed in Beirut, Lebanon, and killed by a terrorist bombing of the American Embassy Building on September 20, 1984.

Wagner was the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Donald Wagner of Rocky Hock.

All current members and any new members are asked to meet on Friday, November 30 at 8:00 p.m. at the Rocky Hock Community Building behind the Rocky Hock Baptist Church in the old school house building.

All members and would-be members attending this forming will be Charter Members of Michael Ray Wagner Chapter 56.

Any correspondence may temporarily be addressed to Reynold L. Mosley, 1st District Commander, Rt. 3, Box 441, Edenton, N. C. 27932. Phone 221-4437.



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