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Jaycees to sponsor child abuse program

The Perquimans County Jaycees will sponsor a Child Abuse Awareness Program on Tuesday, Oct. 9. Donna Davis of Albemarle Hope-line and county sheriff Joe Lothian will lead the program set for 7:30 p.m. at the Lion's Club building.

Child abuse is becoming more prevalent in society and the Jaycees encourage the public to become involved in the effort to stop its rampant spread.

Athletic Boosters host Parents' Night

The Perquimans County Athletic Boosters will host Parents' Night Friday, Oct. 5 during the Perquimans-Gates football game. The Boosters will entertain parents of PCHS football players and cheerleaders at halftime with a coffee and doughnut social. Parents of football players and cheerleaders will be admitted to the game free.

COA offers GED classes weekly

College of The Albemarle is offering GED classes at the Perquimans High School Vocational Building. The free classes meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. Call COA at 335-0821, ext. 250 for more information.

Central School sets Fall Festival

Perquimans Central School will hold its annual Fall Fun Festival on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Games, food, toys and crafts will be available on the school's front lawn during the gala. The public is invited to support this traditional event to raise funds for the school's PTA. 00-00 0055 The Economic Improvement Council, Inc. Full Year Head Start program has announced the sponsorship of the Child Care Food Program. Meals are available at no separate charge to children enrolled in the program.

Head Start contracts with county schools to provide nutritious meals to enrollees. For more information on the Head Start program or meal availability, contact EIC at 482-4495.

Nutrition site menus announced

The Nutrition Site menu for the week of Oct. 8-12 is as follows:

Monday-Chicken breast patties with gravy, green peas, sweet potato patties, cornbread, margarine, lemon pudding and milk.

Tuesday-BBQ beef, coleslaw with grated carrots, stewed potatoes, whole wheat bread, margarine, pineapple chunks, and milk.

Wednesday-Baked pork chop, steamed cabbage, corn, whole wheat bread, margarine, orange slices, and milk.

Thursday-Beef vegetable soup, 1/2 pimento cheese sandwich, carrot-raisin salad, 4 crackers, margarine, 3 sugar cookies and milk.

Friday-Baked turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, whole wheat bread, margarine, strawberries and milk.

Volunteers needed

If you have an hour a week you can spare, then please consider becoming a volunteer at the new 20-bed Mental Health Unit at Chowan Hospital.



Photo by Nancy-Royden Clark

Firefighters (l to r) Edward Leicester, Todd Tilley, Sid Eley and Robert Boyce work to free William Deans from the wreckage of his tractor-trailer. Deans was driving on U.S. Highway 17 Monday when a tractor-trailer operated by Jimmy Dale Britt crossed the center line and crashed into Deans' vehicle. Deans was listed in critical condition at Pitt Memorial Hospital.

Wreck victim taken to Pitt

By NANCY ROYDEN-CLARK
Daily Advance staff writer

A wreck involving two tractor-trailers on U.S. Highway 17 near the Perquimans-Chowan county line sent one man to the hospital with multiple injuries Monday afternoon.

The accident occurred at about 3:30 p.m. between Hillcrest Gardens and Perry Produce. Several school buses were delayed by the accident.

William Deans, 56 a driver for S.K. Wilson Trucking of Washington, N.C., was transported to Chowan Hospital by the Perquimans County EMS. He was treated for

multiple injuries.

Upon arrival at Chowan Hospital, Deans was immediately transported to Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville, said Chowan Hospital spokesman Pete Rogers. He was listed in critical condition Tuesday morning, said Pitt spokesman Sallie Whelan.

Damage to the vehicle Deans was operating is estimated at \$18,000.

The other driver, Jimmy Dale Britt, 37, of Kinston, escaped the incident unharmed. The truck was owned by Michael Krug of Pennsylvania. The truck's damage is estimated to be \$15,000. State Highway Patrolman Reginald Newbern stated in his report that Britt's vehicle crossed the center line. It then

collided with Deans' vehicle, crushing Deans' cab area.

Britt was charged with driving left of center.

Firefighters from the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department and Bethel Fire Department responded to the call and worked to release Deans from the crushed cab of the truck.

Police officers from Chowan and Perquimans counties worked for several hours to re-route traffic around the scene of the accident while wrecker crews cleaned the wreckage. Clean-up was expected to continue Tuesday morning.

Transportation costs worry school board

By SUSAN HARRIS
Editor

Bus routes and rising costs have school board members and administrators scrambling to find answers to the county's transportation problems.

Perquimans Schools superintendent Mary Jo Martin told school board members Monday night that transportation director Tom Monti has been working on restructuring the bus routes. Monti, Martin said, has devised about seven plans to re-route buses in an effort to find the best system for county students.

Now, Martin said, school principals will sit down together and try to work out more suitable routes. Some routes may also be ridden to determine changes. She added that



Martin principals have been told bussing is a priority project.

"I think this going to be a year-long process," Martin told board members.

"It's my opinion right now that the bussing system has failed. It's failed miserably," said board member Mack Nixon. Nixon added that the county should go back to multiple school pick-up because of sparse population in some rural areas and the 33 percent cost increase from last year's transportation expenses.

Martin told the board that the cheapest alternative would be to have all four grade levels riding on the same buses, but that the option was probably not the wisest. The measure would cut daily mileage in half.

Another problem with that option, said Jake Boyce, assistant superintendent, is that all 35 buses would have to stop at each school, which would be time-consuming. Boyce said that while the measure

would decrease bus mileage, it would not mean later pick-up times because each bus making four stops to unload.

Martin added that the schools may have to make some difficult, and unpopular, decisions if gas prices continue to rise. Such measures as increasing walking zones around schools; neighborhood rather than house-to-house pick-up and discontinuing pick-up on side roads when the bus must go long distances in order to find a suitable place to turn around.

Adding to the transportation dilemma is the shortage of bus drivers. At present, there is only one substitute driver, and faculty and staff members with bus licenses have been called upon to drive routes in the absence of the regular driver.

"We cannot find the drivers," said Martin. She added that if shorter routes can be worked out for the buses, the bus driver situation could worsen, as shorter routes mean less pay for drivers, and some may opt not to continue driving.

She told board members that as employees are hired, they are being encouraged to get their bus licenses.

Because of increased costs and the uncertainty of state funds, the State Department of Public Instruction has requested school systems to submit emergency plans to cut transportation costs to be implemented if gas prices continue to soar. The local plan includes going to one bussing system to serve all four grade levels, seving only state roads, establishing a wider walking zone and a four-day work week. These plans would only take effect if absolutely necessary.

Martin said that a new plan will be available for the board's review at its next meeting on Oct. 15.

Five bus drivers attended the board meeting to hear proposals on the county's transportation problem. The group declined comment to the board.

Fee set for tire disposal

County officials had hoped to be able to provide tire disposal at no cost to residents, but economics have made that impossible, officials announced recently.

Legislation passed by the State of North Carolina in the 1989 session now prohibits the placement of scrap automobile and equipment tires in landfills statewide. Due to this prohibition the Perquimans, Chowan, Gates County Regional landfill currently collects scrap tires from local residents and businesses and transports them to various disposal and or recycling facilities.

The new disposal program began in March 1989 as a service provided by the counties at no charge. The landfill served as the collection point for the tires, which were then transported to Virginia for sale. It was the hope of the county officials from each of the three counties that this service could be provided on a continual basis.

As the cost of scrap tire began to soar, a detailed study was performed. The study concluded that the disposal cost were many times greater than originally anticipated. In order to continue the proper and required methods of disposal, the costs must be shared by the users of the service.

As of Oct. 1, 1990, the Perquimans, Chowan, Gates Regional Landfill policy allowed charges for tire disposers, both commercial and individual. The costs of disposal are: automobile tires-50 cents each, truck tires-\$2 each, equipment tires-\$50 each. Equipment tires include all off-road tires and all floatation-type truck tires. The determination of any questionable tires will be made by the landfill operator.

Contest heats up

The Perquimans Weekly football contest competition gets tougher each week as more and more entries are received. J.W. Dillon took the \$15 first prize on the games listed in the Sept. 20 edition. Lynn Curles claimed the second-place \$10.

Last week Brian Baker missed only one game, taking first place. Lynn Curles once again took second, pulling out of a 3-way tie doing into the tie-breaker.



Photo by Gary Cosby Jr.

Unveiling

National Society of the Colonial Dames of the 17th Century President Mrs. Walter Spaeth (left) and Margaret Jordan-Ellis, president of the society's North Carolina chapter, unveil a granite monument honoring the society's efforts to preserve the Newbold-White house. The Dames met at the site Saturday during the annual Heritage Days celebration.

EIC announces weatherization grants

Economic Improvement Council, Inc. will receive a \$103,800 grant from the North Carolina Energy Division to weatherize home of low income elderly and handicapped citizens in Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Washington and Tyrell Counties state Economic and Community Development Secretary James Broyhill announced recently.

The funds, part of the federal Weatherization Assistance Program administered by the Energy Division of the North Carolina Department of Economic and Community Development, will be used to purchase and install items such as weather stripping, chalking, duct and hot water heater insulation, floor insulation, attic insula-

tion and storm windows on the homes of residents whose income does not exceed 150 percent of the poverty level (\$19,050 for a family of four). Homes eligible for the program are evaluated to determine the most cost-effective measures to be installed. On average, the grant is expected to fund \$1,400 in energy conserving improvements to each home weatherized. This average cost per home weatherized includes the cost of materials and labor.

"The purpose of the Weatherized Program," said Doug Culbreth, Director of the Energy Division, "is to increase the energy efficiency of the home, thereby lowering the monthly heating and cooling costs, while providing a more comfortable and healthful living environment for the occupants." Mr.

Culbreth added that savings of 12-20 percent are possible and that savings continued year after year due to the permanent nature of the materials installed on the home. "Benefits from this program will accrue to the public for years to come," Culbreth said.

Economic Improvement Council, Inc. is one of 45 community action and public, nonprofit agencies across the State of North Carolina which implements the Weatherization Program at the local level. The grant announced by Secretary Broyhill is expected to fund assistance to 70 homes over the next twelve months.

To find out how to apply for these grants, contact Lois Smith at 426-7868.

Roof work to begin at schools

By SUSAN HARRIS
Editor

Work should begin on the roof at Perquimans Middle School next week, maintenance superintendent Richard O'Neal told board of education members Monday night.

The board reviewed bids on roofing the middle school and Hertford Grammar School Monday, ranging from just over \$183,000 to \$225,000. The contract was awarded to Eastern Urethane for the middle school project only. Board members hope to be able to find funds to reroof Hertford Grammar in the late spring or early summer.

O'Neal reported that Eastern Urethane, the low bidder, was also the only company to carry a 20-year, rather than 10-year, warranty. He said that he had contacted other school systems and found that all who had contracted with the company had been pleased with the work.

O'Neal said that work should begin on the roof at Central Grammar School immediately.

The work at the middle school was also discussed by the county commissioners Monday morning. The school board requested that \$115,000 be transferred from their reserves to fund the project.

Board chairman Clifford Winslow gave an update on the search for a new superintendent to replace Dr. Mary Jo Martin, whose resignation is effective Oct. 31.

Winslow said that state superintendent Gene Causby met with the board in executive session recently to discuss the search. Causby's staff subsequently created an advertisement for the position. The advertisement went out Tuesday announcing that the board will accept inquiries and applications until Nov. 1. The board plans to screen and interview applicants in November, and hopes to make hire a new superintendent by December 1 to begin work on or after January 1.

Martin announced that Freda Nelson, a third grade teacher, was appointed to the BEP Commission, a legislative study committee, by Gov. Martin.

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