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Telepledge campaign set by Chapter

The Perquimans County North Carolina Chapter of the American Heart Association will hold its annual telepledge campaign on Monday night, Oct. 15. The community's support through pledges will be greatly appreciated.

Fire Department seeks applications for queen

Applications are now being accepted for the 1991 Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire Queen. Contestants must be between the ages of 12 and 21 and unmarried. Contestants do not have to live in the Belvidere community.

If interested, please call Vicky at 297-2796 or Jennifer at 297-2901.

Christmas parade is being planned now

The Perquimans County Jaycees are busy planning the annual kick-off of the holiday season, the Christmas parade. The parade is set for Saturday, Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. Several entries are already lined up to participate, including the jolly old man himself, Santa Claus. The Jaycees and Chamber of Commerce, co-sponsors of the parade, encourage all church, civic, school and business groups to join in the festivities. For information or entry forms, contact Phil Harris at 426-5307.

Chaney wins first prize in contest

Susan Chaney came out on top in the The Perquimans Weekly football contest last week. Chaney missed only four of the 14 games listed, even though there were several surprise endings to Sunday's NFL games.

Danny Privott, Brian Baker, Wayne Corpew and Elizabeth Cayton were tied for second place going into Monday night's tie breaker. Cleveland surprised all four with their 30-29 win over Denver. Danny Privott came closest to the correct score and earned the second place \$10.

Chapter 1 slates two October meetings

The Perquimans County Schools Chapter 1 Parent Advisory Council has scheduled two meetings for October. The first meeting for the 1990-91 school year is Oct. 16, at Hertford Grammer School. Ms. Nancy Alexander, elementary guidance counselor, will be the presenter of the program. The Chapter 1 teacher at Hertford Grammer is Ms. Gay Howell and the principal is Mr. Bill Tice.

On October 18, the Parent Advisory Council will meet at Perquimans Central School at 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Jeanie Umphlett, community-schools coordinator, will speak on the school's volunteer program. Mrs. Chris Barber, Chapter 1 director, will give an update on the Chapter 1 program. Mrs. Barbara Holley is the Chapter 1 teacher and Mr. Gary Stubbins is the principal.

If you are interested in attending either of these meetings and do not have transportation, please contact Mrs. Estelle Felton, Parent Advisory Council coordinator, at 426-5741.

Lunch week celebrated

"School Lunch: A Healthy Choice" is the theme for the 1990 National School Lunch Week Celebration. Perquimans County Schools will join thousands of school systems across the nation in celebrating this occasion.

The American School Food Service Association sponsors the celebration annually. This year's menus reinforce the idea that just as children learn in different ways, they also eat in different ways; school lunch has been adapted to those differences. In honor of the occasion, Perquimans County Schools will serve the following choice menu on Oct. 17: oven baked chicken, pizza, mashed potatoes, chilled pineapple, autumn spice bar, chef salad with ham and cheese, soft pretzel, seasoned mixed vegetables, fresh grapes and milk.

The school lunch menus also emphasize the Dietary Guidelines for Americans which include: eat a variety of foods; maintain desirable weight; avoid too much fat, saturated fat, and cholesterol; eat foods with adequate starch and fiber; and avoid too much sugar and sodium.

On Wednesday, Oct. 17, students, faculty and staff are asked to dress in Hawaiian garments. On Friday, Oct. 19, dress in physical fitness outfits.

Heating aid available

The Perquimans County Department of Social Services will on Oct. 15 begin accepting applications for the low income energy assistance program.

Locals join anti-abortion demonstration Sunday

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Over 300 area church members and pro-life advocates took a stand Sunday on the explosive issue of abortion. The anti-abortion crowd began to gather just before 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Southgate Mall in Elizabeth City. They carried signs which said "Jesus Heals and Forgives" and "Abortion Kills Children."

Literature passed out during the demonstration included pro-life flyers with images of small babies as young as eight weeks old, along with an eye-opening picture of babies in a trash sack labeled "human garbage."

Early in the demonstration, about 250 people were assembled on Ehringhaus Street in front of the mall. The crowd continued to grow and people began to line the other side of the street.

Some demonstrators received the thumbs up symbol from motorists driving down Ehringhaus Street. No pro-choice advocates were near the mall to counteract the anti-abortion display.

At least 50 people from the Believer's Victory Center from Edenton came to support the demonstration. Minister David White Jr. said it was time for Christians to take a stand against abortion.



Photo by Susan Harris

Drum major Jackie Dail and band director David Ziemba kneel with the trophies won by the band during the Peanut Festival Band Competition. Standing are captains Mary Stallings, Jeff Privott, Tanya Trueblood, Wes Waters, Jason Hurdle, Robert Ponton, Linda Layden and Matt Matthews. The band placed third overall in the 2-A class, first in drum line and also received the prestigious Marvin Shaw Trophy.

Marching Pirates earn honors

The Marching Pirates made Perquimans County proud Saturday, taking third place in the 2-A class at the 15th annual Peanut Festival Band Competition in Edenton. The band also brought home the coveted Marvin Shaw trophy.

The Pirates competed against six other class AA bands at the event. The group took first place drum

line and third place drum major, horn line, color guard and rifle team.

Farmville Central High School captured first place and Western Branch High School of Chesapeake, Va., won second.

The Marvin Shaw award is based on parade and competition performance, and is the highest overall

honor given at the Peanut Festival. All 13 bands who competed in both 1-A and 2-A classes were vying for the award.

According to the Peanut Festival program booklet, Perquimans has been the most consistent participant at the annual contest, competing yearly since 1978. The band took overall awards in 1983 and 1989, and received the Marvin Shaw Trophy in 1989 and 1990.



Photo by Gary Cosby Jr.

JoAnn, Jonathon and Ken Stevenson of Hertford participated along with about 300 others in the anti-abortion rally at Southgate Mall on Sunday. The peaceful demonstrators carried signs that read "Jesus forgives and heals" and "Abortion kills children." Several Perquimans church congregations sent delegations to the rally.

New laws tough on criminals

Life is about to get tougher for drunk drivers and drug traffickers, thanks to some new laws which went into effect Oct. 1.

Each of these new laws was part of the 1990 Omnibus Drug Act which was introduced on behalf of Lieutenant Governor James C. Gardner during this summer's legislative session. As passed, the bill included six tough new laws.

Beginning last Monday, drunk drivers who have more than three prior impaired driving convictions within a seven-year period will now be charged as "habitual" drunk drivers.

Before this law, the worst penalty a drunk driver could get was a misdemeanor charge, no matter how many times they had driven drunk on our roads. Now, they will be charged as felons, and if convicted, they will get mandatory one-year prison sentence which cannot be suspended. They will also permanently lose their drivers license.

Another new law will help police who catch drug producers with chemicals which they plan to use to make illegal drugs. These chemicals, called "precursor" chemicals, are used to make such drugs as "crack," "ice" and others. Violators will be charged as Class H felons, and can be given up to 10 years in prison, and-or a fine.

The new law has also extended the life of investigative grand juries for two more years. This is an important tool when used against the drug offender. The grand jury process allows a suspect to be questioned under oath with penalties should the person refuse or lie.

Previously, the use of investigative grand juries was to expire on Oct. 1 of this year. This new law extends their use until October 1993.

Finally, school grounds will get extra protection. The legislature also passed a law making it a felony for drug traffickers to use children to sell drugs.

This new law makes it a felony to use a minor to commit a drug offense on or within 300 feet of school property. In addition, it increases the sentence for the illegal sale or delivery of drugs to a minor or pregnant woman.

Gardner said he is very pleased that these new laws are beginning to take effect now. But this is just one victory in a big war, the war against illegal drugs, he said.

"We still need to toughen penalties for drug traffickers, by making sure they do their time. We still need to cut off the demand for drugs by making it more difficult for so-called 'casual' users. We need to invoke the death penalty where drugs are involved in a death. There are many more battles to wage in this war, but while it's a tough war, it is one we can win, if we have the will to win. Let's do everything we can to make N.C. Drug Free," Gardner said.

Judges visit Hertford

N.C. Court of Appeals candidates Sarah Parker and Sid Eagles stopped in Hertford Monday on a campaign swing through the Albemarle. The incumbents face reelection in November.

Their most difficult obstacle in campaigning, they agreed, is that many people do not realize that judges are elected. Still others do not understand the judicial process.

The judges stressed that their jobs as appellate judges is to insure that North Carolina citizens get fair trials under the law.

After cases are decided in lower courts, a defendant found guilty has the right to file an appeal. When that option is chosen, both prosecutors and defense attorneys must file briefs with the appellate court explaining why they feel the trial was handled properly or improperly according to the laws of North Carolina. Appellate court judges, working in three-member panels, must read all material submitted for review, then in turn, write their opinion after studying the material and researching similar cases. Although the judges work

as a team, each must make a decision on the merits of the appeal. In some cases, there is one judge who does not agree with the other two.

Usually, the court of appeals will order a new trial if they find that a defendant's rights under the law have been abused. They do not, they contend, turn criminals back onto the streets for trivial technicalities. They stress that every citizen has the same right to a fair trial under the law.

Eagles said that the present court is made up of judges at different points in their careers, and all are committed to a career of serving on the bench. Although they admitted that the workload is demanding, both believe in the judicial system and also feel that each judge brings different strengths to the court which in turn strengthen the system.

In fact, Eagles said, North Carolina has one of the most efficient judicial systems in the country, and is looked upon as a model for many other states looking to reform their court system.

Appellate judges serve all districts across the state.

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426-5728
8 AM-5 PM, MON-FRI.



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N.C. Court of Appeals judges Sarah Parker (center) and Sid Eagles (right) spoke with area residents during their campaign stop in Perquimans Monday. Estelle Felton, District Court judge candidate Janice Cole, Sheriff Joe Lathan and Clerk of Court Gail Godwin welcomed the judges, who are seeking reelection, to the county.