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HDMA presents "Our Town"

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The beauty and history of Hertford's downtown area will be highlighted on Saturday, Oct. 21 when the Hertford Downtown Merchants Association presents "Our Town."

Our Town will feature a tour of three homes on Front Street. The residences of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Stokes Jr., Andrew Toxey and Mrs. R. Timothy Brinn will be open for viewing. All three overlook the Perquimans River. Also on the tour will be the historic Perquimans County courthouse and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and cemetery. Tickets will be \$10 and will be available at a booth downtown on Oct. 21.

Visitors may also step back in time at Aunt Arlene's Attic and Merchant Museum at Darden Department Store and the old State Theater at Hertford Hardware.

Caning and furniture building demonstrations are planned. Ben Hobbs, the Perquimans County artisan whose reproduction furniture is scattered throughout the United States, will demonstrate his craft. Mary Danchise will demonstrate caning, an art she has used to restore many fine pieces of furniture.

The Perquimans Arts League will hold an art show and sale featuring a variety of arts including quilting, paintings, silver jewelry, furniture, bears, spin art, dulcimers and poetry. Bert Berry will play the dulcimer and other stringed instruments. Sean and Lisa Jackson will present poetry readings.

Other entertainment will include a martial arts demonstration at 10 a.m., violinists Frank Harrington and Jackie Hobbs at 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., violinist Barney Pilgrim at noon, and classical guitarist Steve Raiser at 3:30 p.m.

Antique cars will be displayed on Church Street between Grubb and Market streets. The block will be closed to traffic. The show will feature a 1940 Ford firetruck.

Antiques will be displayed and sold. Local quilters and home canners will also have booths.

Barbecue chicken plates will be available for \$5 per plate. Tickets can be bought ahead of time from downtown merchants or can be purchased Saturday as long as the supply lasts.

Our Town will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. with home tours beginning at 11 o'clock.

NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Deputy Commissioner Max A. Powell with the Eastern Regional Office of the N.C. Department of Insurance presents a check to Intercounty Fire Department officers Eugene Rountree and Danny Gregory. The department will use the matching grant to pay for the equipment on its new fire truck.

Fire departments receive grants

Two Perquimans County volunteer fire departments were on the receiving end of checks from the North Carolina Department of Insurance Monday.

Intercounty was presented an \$18,368.50 check and Belvidere-Chappell Hill, a \$1,371.70 check, by Deputy Commissioner Max A. Powell of the Eastern Regional Office of the insurance department.

The money is from the Volunteer Fire Department Fund set up by Insurance Commissioner Jim Long to assist fire departments all over the state.

"One of the reasons that we feel so strongly that this fund is needed is that it frees up the time of these fire fighters for further training," Long wrote in a prepared statement. "Without this grant, fire fighters would be forced into spending too much of their time fund raising, just to keep departments afloat."

Before presenting the checks, Powell inspected equipment purchased by the departments. Intercounty used its funds to purchase all the removable equipment needed to outfit its new fire truck. Belvidere-Chappell Hill purchased

an air pack, air bottles and a butterfly valve.

Last month, the Winfall Fire Department received a grant check used to purchase turnout gear, lights and other equipment.

The Volunteer Fire Department Fund was established in 1988 and has granted nearly \$7 million through 1993. To qualify for a grant, the fire department must be a volunteer organization, must be able to match the grant for up to \$20,000, and must show need based on a set of objective criteria.

All six of the county's fire department are volunteer.

Violence is major health concern

Violence is no longer just the concern of law enforcement officials. The rising occurrence of violence aimed at children is also a major health concern in this country.

In an effort to counter the epidemic of violence aimed at youth, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the PPCC District Health Department have chosen violence prevention as the theme for Child Health Month 1995.

"Every 75 minutes, a child in our country is starved, beaten, shot or killed in some violent way," said Howard Campbell, Health Director at PPCC. H

Campbell noted that violence is a growing public health epidemic affecting millions of children every day.

This year, Child Health Month will concentrate on prevention strategies aimed at protecting children from violence in the home and the media.

Tips on rearing children in a safe and loving home include

- Communicate with your children. It's not always easy to show love, but do your best to avoid hostile words and actions.

- Try "time-outs" for discipline. Place your child in a quiet place if he or she misbehaves. Keep in mind that it's normal for children to test the limits that parents set.

- Take charge of television. By age 18, young people will have viewed an estimated 200,000 acts of violence on television alone. Limit television viewing to 1-2 hours per day.

"Our children deserve a lot less violence in the world around them," said Wanda Stallings, Health Educator at PPCC. "By working together, we can silence the violence."

Child Health Month was established four years ago as a public awareness effort to focus national attention on the importance of preventive health care for all children.

Jollification celebrates historic harvest

PCRA reflects on annual work during Friday's fund-raiser

By GINGER LIVINGSTON
The Daily Advance

This year may have brought a bittersweet harvest to the Perquimans County Restoration Association and supporters of the Newbold-White House, but they could still find reasons to celebrate during the 10th annual Jollification held at the Newbold-White House Visitor Center Friday evening.

"It's celebrating the good things of everything," PCRA President Evangeline "Van" Shank said. "The cotton's picked, the peanuts are picked and this is still the only place I know where

you can buy scuppernong grape jelly which has just come in."

Association members worked diligently to strengthen Perquimans County's place in the heritage tourism arena. Member actions placed historic markers erected at Belvidere Academy and in front of the approximately 20 homes located on the tour of historic Perquimans homes. However, Steve Allen, Newbold-White House site manager, left for a position with Historic Bath.

Shank said now is the time PCRA members must encourage more community support and recruit new members.

"Jerry Cashion, research supervisor from (N.C.) Archives and History brought a team to our site in September," Shank said. "He commented the work and love expended on Newbold-White House shows. It is impres-

sive."

Jollifications began in New England states with fife and drum groups. After practice, group members would hold parties to celebrate their work, which is what Newbold-White House supporters did.

"It's one of the finest things we have in this county and I'm interested in the work that's done here," Bettie Stokes said. "I hope more people realize the importance of these treasures in our county."

Charlotte resident Russell Anderson attended the Jollification with his father, former Hertford resident Jack Anderson.

"It's nice to see some of our history is being kept alive and people are concerned with the community," he said.

Christmas parade progressing smoothly

A Tidewater, Virginia television personality will make his second appearance as grand marshal in the Dec. 2 Christmas parade.

Don Slater, weather forecaster on WAVY TV-10, agreed this week to a return visit to Hertford for the annual holiday kick-off.

Northeastern High School Band Director Wayne James has also committed to participate in the parade.

In addition, both the award-winning Perquimans County High School Marching Pirates and the Perquimans Middle School band will appear.

The children in Perquimans County will be happy to note that Santa Claus has accepted his holiday invitation.

Only Hertford United Methodist Church has responded with a float entry.

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring this year's

Christmas parade, themed Share the Joy of Christmas. Invitations have been sent to business, school, civic and church groups throughout the county. Because the Chamber is working with only a partial list of former participants, those who did not receive invitations are asked to call Diane Stallings at NationsBank, Sandra Smith and the Chamber of Commerce or Susan Harris at The Perquimans Weekly to have information mailed. Entry forms and parade information are also available at each of the three offices.

The Hertford BPW will sponsor its annual tree lighting on the courthouse lawn at 6 p.m. on parade day. Bulbs may be purchased in memory or in honor of a loved one for \$1 from Nov. 1-Dec. 1. For information, contact Dr. M.B. Taylor at 426-5445.

Hospital blood bank reaccredited

Chowan Hospital has been granted renewal of accreditation by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB), according to Barbara Cale, hospital administrator.

Accreditation follows an intensive on-site inspection by specially trained representatives of the Association and establishes that the level of medical, technical and administrative performance within the facility meets or exceeds the standards set by the AABB. By successfully meeting those requirements, Chowan Hospital joins more than 2,000 similar facilities across the United States and abroad that have earned

AABB accreditation.

"The AABBs inspection and accreditation procedures are voluntary," Cale explained. "Chowan Hospital has sought AABB accreditation because this program assists facilities around the country in achieving excellence by promoting a level of professional and medical expertise that contributes to quality performance."

Since 1958, the AABB has been engaged in the voluntary inspection and accreditation of blood banks and transfusion services. The Inspection and Accreditation Program assists blood banks and transfusion services in determining whether methods, procedures,

personnel knowledge, equipment and the physical plant meet established requirements.

The minimum requirements for accreditation of blood banks and transfusion services are based primarily on the AABBs Standards for Blood Banks and Transfusion Services. The AABBs Committee on Inspection and Accreditation assures compliance with these criteria before granting accreditation.

These standards not only set the level of professional proficiency for blood banks and transfusion services in the United States, but laround the world.

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