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Volleyball team holds car wash, 9

## Church outreach effort planned

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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A Perquimans County Wesleyan church, Elizabeth City-based River City Development and a Baptist group are teaming up this year for the annual "Love PQ Week."

From July 27 through July 31, volunteers will be working in Perquimans County to make small household repairs, clean up debris and to "love on the community."

Bagley Swamp Wesleyan started the effort in 2013. Pastor James Spaugh said the group has been tweaking the effort with each passing year. Partnering with River City Development this year brings financial expertise with dealing with government dollars. The group is also working with the N.C. Baptist Men, a group that has more experience in more complicated construction projects.

"We're a church and we're not used to handling outside donations from government, and we wanted to make sure the dollars were spent in the right way," Spaugh said about the cooperation with River City.

Spaugh said church members had planned to work with River City on projects in the Pasquotank County this year, but the event happened while students at the church were attending camp.

Past Love PQ events have involved more cosmetic improvements, like raking leaves and painting. River City and the Baptist Men's

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## CELEBRATING INDEPENDENCE DAY

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PHOTO BY CHUCK PAGELS

Rain Friday postponed fireworks in Perquimans County but they went off a few days later in Hertford and Winfall on Sunday. See more photos on page 8.

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The Lil' Divas march down Church Street Friday during an Independence Day parade in Hertford.



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Members of the Pink Pearls clap to a song while riding in a pickup truck Friday during the Hertford parade.



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A man and a child enjoy ice cream Friday while watching a Fourth of July parade outside of Woodard's Pharmacy.

## School reaches out to children

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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The end of school didn't end Perquimans Central School's community outreach effort.

This year the school is reaching out with a summer read-and-feed program using a school bus to bring nutrition and reading material to where kids live.

Melissa Fields, the principal at Central, said the read-and-feed effort was the result of discussions on how to stem the so-called "summer slide" — the term for the loss of learning during summer months when kids aren't in school.

"We were just

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## School budget on hold

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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Local school officials can only wait until the General Assembly returns to Raleigh to find out what they'll be able to afford to do next year.

Lawmakers broke for a holiday on Thursday and aren't set to resume budget debates until July 13.

That leaves Perquimans Superintendent Dwayne

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## Yankee ties featured in Sports Illustrated story

From Staff Reports

The relationship between Helen Hunter and other wives of former New York Yankee players and coaches was featured in a recent article in Sports Illustrated.

Hunter's late husband Jimmy played for the New York team from 1974 to 1979. He died in 1999 at his Perquimans County home.

Thurman Munson, Hunter's catcher, died in a plane crash in 1979 leaving his wife Diana a widow.

Munson and Hunter were key contributors to the New York teams that won three

straight American League pennants from 1976 to 1978 and back-to-back World Series championships in the latter two seasons.

The SI feature written by Kayla Lombardo looked primarily at the relationship between Helen Hunter and Diana Munson.

"Helen and I are pretty tight," Munson said in the article. "We're the same kind of women. We share a similar life and memories, and it's just fun to get together and talk about the old times."

Back in the 1970s they carpooled to and from the

ballpark from their homes in New Jersey.

"We all lived close to each other," Munson says. "When the guys were gone, the women would be together here and there, and even use the same pediatricians. We all shared a similar experience."

"Normal is the word to describe it," said Munson, now a grandmother of seven. "There was nothing showy about it. It was just our home, and it was good for us."

Hunter, Munson and four

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NEW YORK YANKEES PHOTO

Soot Zimmer, Kay Murcer, Diana Munson, Jill Martin and Helen Hunter attend the 69th annual Old-Timers' Day celebration at Yankee Stadium on June 20.



## Sailors flock to Albemarle Plantation for regatta

From Staff Reports

Nearly 100 sailors from four regional yacht clubs competed in the 19th annual Osprey Challenge at Albemarle Plantation on June 27.

It is one of four sailing

regattas held each year on the Albemarle Sound and included members from the Osprey Yacht Club, the Edenton Yacht Club, the Colington Yacht Club and the Pasquotank River Yacht Club.

The festivities began with a welcoming reception hosted by Osprey Yacht Club on that Friday evening. After a day of sailing the participants ate dinner prepared by Chef Lenard Crooks of the Clubhouse at Albemarle

Plantation. Twenty boats were handicapped and sorted into four different classes, depending on size and sail-plan.

In the spinnaker class, Cinder from Edenton Yacht Club took first place. Minor Threat and Sea Oats from Colington finished second and third respectively.

In the non-spinnaker Class A division, Big Juan from Colington took first,

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Boats compete in the Osprey Challenge held recently by the Osprey Yacht Club at Albemarle Plantation.



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### UPCOMING HOME GAMES

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JULY 10TH @ 7pm vs Peninsula Pilots GATES COUNTY NIGHT

JULY 15TH @ 7pm vs Asheboro Copperheads PEPPI NIGHT

JULY 18TH @ 7pm vs Fayetteville SwampDogs VICTORYS NIGHT

JULY 20TH @ 7pm vs Petersburg Generals CENTURYLINK NIGHT

JULY 21ST @ 7 PM vs Wilson Tobs PASQUOTANK COUNTY NIGHT

JULY 27TH @ 7 PM vs Petersburg Generals BERTHE COUNTY NIGHT