

CENTER COURT AT TWIN RIVERS— The Center Court of Twin Rivers Mall is shown here. The mall is having its Grand Opening this week in New Bern.

Twin Rivers Mall Opens

After much work on the part of employees and construction crews and much waiting on the part of shoppers, Twin River Mall finally opened yesterday. Charles Costner, general manager of the mall, reported that about 45 of the 60 stores were ready for the Grand Opening. Commenting to several media sources, Costner predicted \$20

million in gross sales for the first year.

The ultra-modern mall is accented by mirror panels in the ceiling and features a Lexagon shaped fountain at Center Court. Costner revealed that for future fashion shows, for example, the water in the fountain can be lowered so that the show can be held on a raised walk way through the fountain.

Following opening ceremonies at 9:30 a.m. the New Bern High School Band performed at Center Court. Other activities during the day included "Buttons the Clown" Shows at 11:00, 2:00, and 5 p.m. and a "Shelton and Huttlinger" Concert at 7 p.m. Different activities are planned for today, Friday, and Saturday, climaxing on Saturday night with a big Grand Opening Fireworks display at 9:15 p.m.



A TRUCKLOAD OF ENERGY SAVINGS — The North Carolina Department of Transportation recently received a delivery of subcompact pick-up trucks which will replace more than 500 of the departments' full size pick-ups. An estimated 320,000 gallons of motor fuel per year will be conserved as a result.

Pull Over, Please!

Licensed drivers must learn to contend with many inconsiderate and impolite people who abuse the privilege of operating a motor vehicle. Primarily, it is just a matter of driving defensively and putting up with road hogs and the like. However, the line must be drawn. There is a point beyond which these people cannot be tolerated. I refer to those people who out of ignorance, neglect, or impoliteness fail to pull off the road for an emergency vehicle. Rescue workers report that this is a constant problem, while either racing to the scene of an accident or transporting a victim to the hospital.

Getting out of the way of ambulances, fire trucks, or other emergency vehicles is not just a matter of common courtesy, it is the law. You must pull completely off the road and come to a full stop. You should not wait until the emergency vehicle is right behind you, because this means that the driver has probably had to brake, thereby losing a few precious seconds. And in the case of a fire or rescue, those few seconds could very easily be a matter of life or death. If, for example, a car causes a 10 second delay, while an emergency vehicle tries to get around it, and this 10 seconds in multiplied by six cars, the rescue squad or fire truck has lost a minute unnecessarily. What's a minute, you say. Well, it is time enough for an accident victim to bleed to death, time enough for a

patient's heart to stop, and time enough for a small child to be overcome by smoke in his burning home.

Firemen and rescue workers have volunteered many hours to learn the skills needed to help in each of these cases, but they cannot help, if you do not let them get there. Imagine the frustration of an ambulance or fire truck driver when they see a car fail to yield the road. These men and women take time out of their lives to try and save other lives. They are there entirely on a volunteer basis. No one pays them for the hours of training, or getting out of bed in the middle of the night, or dropping whatever they are doing during the day and rushing to try and help someone in need. All they ask is that you Pull Over, Please!



Connie Bryan

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funds from the town's Revenue Sharing Funds and from the General Funds. The town has earmarked \$10,500 of its Revenue Sharing Funds for the project with the rest coming from the general funds.

Town Clerk Rebecca Laughinghouse announced that the filing period for the Town Election begins at 12:00 noon Friday September 14 and ends at 12:00 noon on Friday, October 5. All candidates for the November 9 Town Election may file during this period in the Vanceboro Town Hall. Filing fees are five dollars for alderman and ten dollars for mayor. Anyone wishing to vote in the November 9 election who has not registered may do so at the home of Mrs. Doris Bryan until October 8.

In other business, the board approved a recommendation from the Planning Board to re-zone property on Buck Lane belonging to Leon Fornes from R-8 to R-10.

Would You Believe...

Between dawn and dusk an acre of peas can increase in weight by 50 percent, because of the vegetable's high rate of absorption.

In 1650, the first shipment of tea arrived in New Amsterdam and cost from \$30 to \$50 a pound.

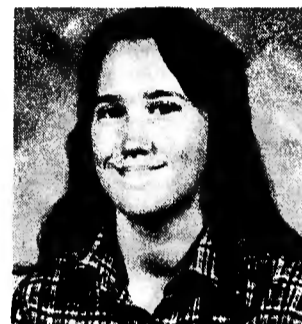
The possum has been in existence for 70 million years, which makes it America's oldest wild animal.

It is estimated that one out of every two National Football League players will be injured this season.



WETHERINGTON REUNION — The Wetherington family gathered for the 26th reunion last Sunday at the home of Bessie Daugherty. Over 150 people came from as far away as Richmond, Va. Pictured are: (left to right) Jason Wetherington, Bessie Daugherty, Colon Wetherington, John Wetherington, Tommy Wetherington, Mae Herring, Elsie Woodall, and Be Hubbard.

In Tribute...



Donna Avery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Avery of Cove City, would have been 16 years old today; however, last Friday she was killed in a tragic automobile accident near the Country Store on the Street's Ferry Road. At press time her mother, Mrs. Kay Avery, was listed in critical condition at Craven County Hospital.

Donna, who was a junior at West Craven High School, was very active in school activities. She was a gifted musician and an officer in the West Craven Band. This past year she was selected to audition for

the All-State Concert Band and was nominated to attend Governor's School. At half-time of West Craven's football game Friday night, in a most appropriate tribute to their classmate and friend, the West Craven Band, wearing black arm bands, observed a moment of silence, while Angela Wilcox, on the trumpet, blew "Taps."

Donna's other activities included the Student Government Association, the National Honor Society, the Bi-Chem-Phi science society, the Vocational and Industrial Clubs of America, and the Spanish Club. In addition, Donna, who was a member of the Core Creek FWB Church, sang in the choir and participated in the youth group.

Funeral services were held at Core Creek on Sunday, September 9, with burial in the Cove City Cemetery.

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