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Vanceboro Winner Of Excellence Award

Governor Jim Hunt announced that Vanceboro is a winner of the Governor's Community of Excellence Award.

Governor Hunt will present the award to an official of Vanceboro at a statewide economic development conference on September 19 in Raleigh.

The award goes to communities with under 15,000 people which have met requirements designed to make them more attractive to economic development.

The Communities of Excellence Award is administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Communities must qualify for the award each year.

Among the standards that must be met are:

- 1. An economic promotional organization must exist for the purpose of promoting the community for industrial plant location.
- 2. A development corporation must exist. The corporation must have the ability to finance the construction of industrial clients, and that can option, purchase and sell property.
 - 3. Industrial sites must be available.

Department of Commerce representatives visit each community to assure the standards have been met. Winning communities will receive highway signs designating them as winners. They are also given special promotional attention when working with industries looking for a plant site in North Carolina.



Day Camp group and director at Farm Life School gym.

Summer Day Camp

Summer Day Camp is being held daily in the Farm Life Elementary School gym. The program is under the direction of Cindy Johnson. She has two assistants, Laura Lancaster and Julia Jenkins.

The daily program consists of a free lunch, arts, crafts, games, and trips to places of interest.

The group has visited

Whichard's Beach, Rollerland, Glenburnie Park, and the final day August 3 the group will be visiting Fort Macon in the National Park at Atlantic Beach.

The program had over 100 to register and average attendance has been about 65 children. The age group for this Day Camp is 4-18 years of age.



Brenda and Linwood Morris

New Management

Since July 2, Linwood Morris and his wife Brenda have undertaken a new venture for themselves. They are the new managers of the well known restaurant "Vera's Diner" in Vanceboro. Brenda had several weeks of training under former manager, Sharon Bland. She realized right away this new job would be a challenge. Even her friends warned her of the long hours, the hard work, and the amount of planning it takes to operate a food service business. Brenda assures us, so far, she has enjoyed every minute of the operation.

The same friendly and courteous employees are still there with that smile that tells you "we are here to give you the best service and food possible." Brenda says it would be nice if everyone could call them by name, so we are listing them for our readers, all you have to do is put a person with the following names: Lucille Wilson, Hazel Ipock, Bessie Dawson, Clara Morris, Eulabell Fillingame, Frances Hudson, and Estella Bryant.

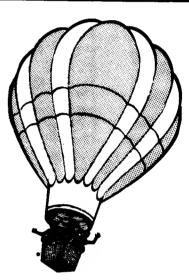
Linwood has found that the word manager means loading the drink boxes, scrubbing the floor, opening at 5:00 a.m. and just being available for the heavy work.

Linwood and Brenda will be expecting you to visit them. They open at 5 a.m. each morning and remain open until 9 p.m. on most days. They have added a wide variety of food to the menu so you can pick and choose to suit your appetite.

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Hot Air Balloon Rides Scheduled



A Hot Air Balloon measuring 65 feet wide is scheduled to be available for rides at the new Azalea Mobile Homes lot near Vanceboro Saturday, July 28. The balloon is owned and operated by Iverson Mackensie of Aloft in Greenville.

It will take about 45 minutes to blow the balloon to its full size and takes 10 men to assist in the inflation.

The demonstration at Azalea Mobile Homes lot will be a teathered flight which means the riders will be able to experience aloftness with the balloon attached to the ground.

The scheduled time to start inflating the balloon is set for 10 a.m. Rides will be available from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Free soft drinks and free balloons will be available to all visitors.

This big event takes place at the junction of Highway 17 South and Highway Business 17 South of Vanceboro.



lan Lopes (left) and Jamie Register (right) just enjoying summer....They said, "We are attending Summer Day Camp and fixing flat bike tires."