

Back To The Basics

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John Graham Middle School students are "back to the basics," in school. On Tuesday, Sept. 4, the opening day, students and teachers were full of smiles. Everyone seemed glad to have the opportunity to renew old acquaintances. Eighth-graders couldn't resist smiling at how nervous some of the seventh-graders appeared. It brought back memories of the way they were the year before.

Seventh and eighth grade teachers for this year are: Mr. Stephens—language arts, Mr. Crews—math and science, Mrs. Reid—language arts, and Mr. Reynolds—math and science, seventh grade; Mrs. White—language arts, Mr. Goolsby—math and science, Mrs. Boone—math and science, and Mrs. Corbett—language arts, eighth grade. Ms. Levister, Mr. Marable, and Mr. Townes teach reading. Ms. White is our librarian. Ms. Brown, Ms. Powell, and Mr. Kearney teach vocational education. Mr. Coleman teaches physical education. Ms. Roope and Ms. Atkinson teach special education at John Graham.

Ms. Alston, seventh grade math and science teacher, did not return; and Mrs. Stevenson transferred to Warren County High School. We will miss both of them.

To boost morale and to add more unity to the physical education classes, John Graham has its very own standard physical education uniform. The uniform consists of a golf shirt with blue lettering on the front and a pair of navy blue shorts.

The new school year has started off with a bang. Football and cheerleading tryouts have already started. Students wishing to try out for football or cheerleading should see the teachers in charge.

At Norlina School

Price Given Honor

We would like to congratulate Walter Price who recently received a commendation from the N. C. Department of Public Instruction for giving a workshop on environmental occupations at the Annual Vocational Conference in Charlotte. It always makes us proud when one of our teachers is recognized at state level!

This year the Personal Excellence Program at Norlina Middle school will include sports, clubs and academic or cultural enrichment courses. Among those courses being offered for the first six weeks are computer literacy, logic, government, newspaper reporting, science experiments, fundamentals of math, and map reading.

Also being offered are furniture refinishing, knitting, calligraphy, and patchwork pillow-making. We hope and expect that the time spent in these courses each day from 2 to 2:45 p. m. will be both educational and interesting for all concerned.

Our football team has already begun practice. Their first game will be on Sept. 26. Cheerleading tryouts begin today (Wednesday).

We encourage all interested students to participate in these activities.

First Year Is Hardest For Most Gardeners

There's little more a gardener can do about the weather than complain.

If there's a drought, the plants dry out. If it rains too much, planting must be delayed or one must hope that those plants already in the ground won't rot.

Soil, though, is different. According to specialists with the N. C. Botanical Garden at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the gardener can make some changes that can matter.

North Carolina has a great variety of soils—sandy, clayey and rocky—so that nearly everyone has to add something to improve the soil's consistency. What the gardener is aiming for is a good sort of loam that drains but not at too rapid a rate. It should be of a consistency that holds some moisture, but does not remain water-logged. Also, the soil should contain the proper nutrients for the plants to grow.

Ordinarily, the first year in establishing a garden is the hardest; thereafter steps to improve soil consistency and nutrients are easier.

One of the easiest methods of adjusting and stabilizing the soil is the use of cover crops, long practiced in farming. This means planting a green crop in the fall that will stand all winter and is tilled into the soil in the spring.

This provides the soil with humus and nitrogen, which is why some refer to cover crops as "green manure."

The practice also holds the soil in an open area in place until a lawn, landscaping plants, vegetables or flowers can be planted in the spring. Cover crops in this area are especially practical in that the soil does not freeze hard for very long periods.

The procedure for cover crops is straightforward. If a soil test indicates a need for lime, it should be distributed, followed by a layer of manure, compost or both. These should be dug into the soil, after which the cover crop is sown.

Those with a large garden can choose from among rye, oats, millet, clover and peas. For the more usual small backyard garden, rye is a good choice, because it is easy to turn under in the spring with just a spading fork, if it is not allowed to get more than eight inches high.

A desirable growth pattern for rye planted in early fall will be for it to be several inches tall before winter slows it down. Growth will start up again in the early spring until time to till it under when spring planting time comes around.

It is always possible to buy lots of fertilizer and peat moss to improve the garden soil, but with a cover crop, the garden is green all winter long and it's working for you all the while.



Among local golfers receiving trophies for their finish in the 1984 Warrenton Golf Club tournament are shown above. Seated, from left to right, are Betty Lou Coleman, second flight winner; Sharon Renn, Junie Drake Memorial Award winner; and Sherri Carroll, second flight runner-up. Standing, from left, are Mike Theiler, second flight winner; Al

Williams, fourth flight winner; Benny Hilliard, championship flight runner-up; Elree Hilliard, championship flight winner; Jesse Currin, first flight winner; Mack Hilliard, fifth flight winner; and Arthur Williams, fifth flight runner-up. (Staff Photo)

Brothers Battle For Golf Title

For the first time ever, two brothers have battled head-to-head for the men's championship of the Warrenton Golf Club.

Elree Hilliard defeated his brother, Benny Hilliard, to take the title in this summer's championship. Trophies were presented to the winners last week at an awards banquet held at the clubhouse.

Veteran golfer Rhada Currin turned aside former Meredith College golf team member Jan Gardner Crenshaw to win the ladies' championship.

Other ladies receiving trophies were Marguerite Miles, first flight champion; and Emily Burrows, first flight runner-up.

Betty Lou Coleman took top honors in the second

flight by downing runner-up Sherri Carroll.

Sharon Renn was named winner of the Junie Drake Memorial Award.

Men's winners in addition to the Hilliard brothers were:

—Jesse Currin, first flight champion and Todd Wenyss, first flight runner-up.

—Mike Theiler, second flight champion and Duke Miles, second flight runner-up.

—Coleman Perkinson, third flight champion and Bobby Edmonds, third flight runner-up.

—Al Williams, fourth flight champion and Randy Renn, fourth flight runner-up.

—Mack Hilliard, fifth flight champion and Arthur Williams, fifth flight runner-up.

Warren County School Menus

Sept. 17-21

Subject to change without notice.

MONDAY — Cheeseburger w/mustard, catsup, lettuce & tomato, potato tots.

TUESDAY — (German Menu) pork chopette, buttered noodles, steamed cabbage, school baked roll, apple crisp.

WEDNESDAY — Beans and franks, cole slaw, fruit cup, hot roll, chocolate chip cookie.

THURSDAY — Spaghetti w/meat sauce, shredded lettuce w/dressing, buttered corn, Italian bread.

FRIDAY — Barbecued chicken, buttered potatoes, June peas, hot roll, pineapple/lime dessert.

All schools will be served the same lunch menu, with Norlina and John Graham Middle Schools and Warren County High School having a second choice.

Breakfast

Breakfast will be served grades K-6.

MONDAY — Glazed donut, sliced peaches, milk.

TUESDAY — Pecan swirl, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Sausage biscuit, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — Buttered toast, bacon/jelly, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal, fruit, milk.

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Athlete's Struggle Theme Of Movie

"Joni," the dramatic story of a young woman's struggle to find a useful life in the wake of a tragic accident which left her handicapped will be shown at Sulphur Springs Baptist Church on Sept. 23. The film will begin at 7 p. m. The church is located on Highway 401 south of Warrenton in Elberon.

According to her yearbook, Joni was voted by her graduation class at Woodlawn Senior High School in Maryland as the "Most Athletic" girl in the senior class. She was not only active but outstanding in a variety of sports, including ice hockey, baseball, basketball and diving. She also was an excellent horsewoman, a winner at both trick and show riding.

But, a month after her graduation, her whole life changed. Diving from a raft in the shallow waters of the Chesapeake Bay, her head struck something solid and in a fraction of a second she had suffered a broken neck.

The film follows Joni Eareckson's progress from the moment she became a quadriplegic. In the beginning, she rebelled, but finally drew upon faith in God and began the long, hard fight towards rehabilitation.

The Rev. Julian R. Mills, Sr. and the members of Sulphur Springs Baptist Church invite the public to see this outstanding film. For further information, call the church at 257-4725 or the pastor's home at 257-2210.

Tourney Held By Bass Club

Warren County Bass Club held its last regular season tournament Sept. 8 on the Chowan River.

Bob Marlin was the first place and "Big Fish" winner. Second place was won by Gene Richardson.

Allan Adcock finished first and Gene Richardson second in the final standings of the club.

Adcock will receive a trophy at the club's January winter meeting for having caught the most pounds of fish for the year.

The next scheduled event for the club will be its annual "fall classic" on Sept. 29 on Lake Gaston.

Mount Vesuvius Eruption

As Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79, Pliny the Elder, scientist and commander of the fleet at Misenum, sailed toward the volcano to rescue friends and investigate the phenomenon. He died at Stabiae in the attempt, according to National Geographic.

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And obviously, the bank that cares about what happens to the people in Oriental is bound to express that same concern for the people in the larger metropolitan areas throughout the state.

That's what it means to you...and thousands of others in North Carolina.

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