

CETA program brings jobs to county youth

By ELTON VAUGHAN

The CETA (Comprehensive Employment and Training Act) Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), administered by the Employment Security Commission, is a worthwhile community development project this summer for Perquimans County.

Thirty-five economically disadvantaged youth between the ages of 14-21 are being provided meaningful work experience that will instill positive work habits and attitudes, provide income to help them in returning to school in the fall, and establish good work records for them in the future.

Federal regulations have established that CETA Summer Youth participants must work with non-profit organizations, such as city, state or federal government agencies, schools, social agencies, or community organizations.

"I feel that CETA and our local employers are helping to develop our community's most valuable resource — its young people," states Betty Dail, CETA Specialist with the Employment Security Commission.

"These young people perform a valuable service to the community while they are learning and working," she adds.

As CETA Specialist for three years, Dail recognizes the improved quality of this year's program.

"Participants receive more in-depth counseling and possess more positive attitudes toward working, which is due to the intensive orientation session they attend prior to reporting to work, and worksites have better supervision," Dail states.

An added feature to this year's program is the Educational Component Workshop, in which approximately half of the participants are involved. They attend four workshop seminars on educational and vocational decision-making.

Participants gain intensive career counseling by hearing various employees within the county who act as role models by informing the participants about significant aspects in their working experiences.

Also, faculty members from the College of the Albemarle (COA) and board members from Perquimans

County Public Schools present valuable information to the participants.

In turn, the participants will be better able to set long-range goals for themselves and know the proper directions to take in accomplishing these goals.

"The Educational Component sessions have proven to be successful," states Betty Dail. "All the students involved recognize the effectiveness of the series of workshops."

"In fact, one high school drop-out has gained encouragement by attending these seminars, and now has definite plans of returning to school in the fall," she adds.

The participants work as office help, beautification workers, and library aides in various county offices and schools.

They work on such projects as getting the school buildings and grounds prepared for the coming school year, and assisting office staff in getting students' schedules made.

"Students in my office are very willing to work and eager to learn and perform in an efficient manner," states William Byrum, principal of Perquimans County High School.

"I find their assistance most helpful in getting students' schedules made for the coming school year," Byrum adds.

For many of the participants, working in the Summer Youth Program is an initiation process into the world of working.

They learn new skills and develop attitudes that will help them become responsible and productive citizens.

Worksite supervisors find the program advantageous to themselves and to the participants.

William Cox, mayor of Hertford, states, "Besides the job and the pay, the program teaches the participants how to deal with employers, and to meet the public."

It gives the employers an opportunity to perceive the fine qualities that our youth possess."

Perrell McClenney, custodian of Perquimans Central School, states, "The program provides me with assistance in doing my job by granting on-the-job training for the youth."

Participants also express con-

temptment toward certain temporary and permanent benefits that the program offers to them.

Tracie Moore, a participant assigned to the Board of Education, states, "Working with the staff at the Board of Education helps me understand people."

"If I get a job within a clerical work-related atmosphere in the future, I will have learned from this job: employer expectations, employee responsibilities, and good communications skills."

As Clerk General, Tracie performs basic clerical tasks that she will use during her future career as a secretary.

Another CETA participant, Shirley White, Library Aide at Perquimans County Library, stated, "My temporary position at the library provides financial support and job

experience, and prepares me for the working world."

Such factors as dependability, self-discipline, and effective communication skills that she gains from her Summer Youth working experience are favorable to the military career that she plans to pursue.

Jerry Nixon, carpenter helper with Parks and Recreation has indefinite career plans, but has gained basic knowledge from his first job experience that is pertinent in working on any type job.

He states, "I have learned that doing well on this job can help me later on in the future when I apply for a permanent job."

The summer Youth Program has reached the goal of helping the Perquimans County youth know what working is all about.



Jerry Nixon, one of several CETA workers in this county, cleans out cooking grills at Missing Mill Park.

Local briefs

MS campaign to begin

Mrs. Lee Tunnell, National Multiple Sclerosis Society Chairman for Hertford and surrounding area, announced that the annual M.S. appeal will run August 16-21.

Several volunteers will be knocking on doors to pick up donations to help fight M.S., the crippling of young adults.

"All of the volunteers will be wearing identification badges," said Tunnell, "and they will be asking for your support."

The volunteers helping are Ann Winslow, Hazel Eure, Helen Godfrey, Emma Burke, Dee Hurdle and Mrs. Floyd Matthews.

Workers are still needed for several communities. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact Tunnell at 426-5192.

"We are all going to do our part to help wipe out M.S.," Tunnell went on. "I hope everyone in Perquimans County will give generously to conquer this mysteriouscrippler."

Farm City Day plans made

Farm-City Day will open The Perquimans County Indian Summer Festival on Thursday, September 16. What better way to begin the three day event than with exhibits of new farm equipment displayed under a forty by sixty big top (tent) set up at the Missing Mill Park in Hertford?

Also, merchants and individuals will be on hand to share products and prizes for education and fun.

There'll be food and entertainment, all part of bringing the rural and town people together. Watch for a list of entertainers who will participate on Thursday.

Some of the commodity

associations in the state such as the Peanut Growers will be on hand with a booth and samples of peanuts.

Also, local associations will be represented with samples and literature.

Ben Berry, Chairman of Farm-City Day, invites everyone in Perquimans County and neighboring counties to participate by attending and bringing relatives and friends to the fun on Thursday.

Farm-City Day is just one part of the many highlights and events planned for "The Indian Summer Festival" September 16-18.

Teachers to report August 16

Teachers and all ten-month employees will report to work on Monday, August 16.

There will be a county-wide meeting at 8:30 a.m. at Perquimans County High School.

Weight management seminar set

"New Techniques for Weight Management" is the topic for a seminar to be held on Wednesday, August 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pastquotank Agricultural Extension Building.

The seminar is being sponsored by the Northeastern Regional Home Economics Association.

Presentation leader will be Ms. Marcia Mills, a noted registered dietitian in private practice. Ms. Mills is director and president of Profile Associates, Chapel Hill, N.C.

She earned her B.A. and M.A. degree in foods, nutrition, and

dietetics from California State University, Long Beach, California and has fifteen years experience in clinical dietetics working with individuals and groups.

Ms. Mills specializes in therapeutic as well as corporate nutrition programs.

A salad bar, fruit and cheese luncheon will be served with weighed portions indicating sodium and calorie content of various items.

For additional information, interested educators may call Fran Ward at 482-8431.

Jaycettes to sell doughnuts for MS

The local Jaycettes will be taking orders and selling Krispy Kreme doughnuts August 20th and 21st throughout the county.

Any citizen interested in supporting M.S. through this project may contact any Jaycette or call Sharon Tunnell at 426-5192 to place an order.



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Area obituaries

ALEXANDER

Jack Alexander, 31, of Creswell, died suddenly Sunday, August 1 in East Prairie, Mo. due to drowning.

A native of Tyrrell County, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Alexander, Sr. He was a farmer.

Besides his parents, he is survived by six sisters, Mrs. Daisy Armstrong of Roper, Mrs. Norma Davenport, Mrs. Becky Spear, Mrs. Teresa Davenport and Mrs. Linda Spear, all of Creswell and Mrs. Tina Jones of Enfield; five brothers, Warren Alexander, Jr. and Floyd Alexander, both of Edenton, Leroy Alexander of Hertford, Timmie Alexander and Billy Joe Alexander, both of Creswell.

Graveside services were held Thursday, August 5 in St. David's Cemetery, Creswell, by the Rev. Sam Taylor and the Rev. Allen Strickland.

Information was provided by Swindell Funeral Home.

ELLIOTT

ELIZABETH CITY — Annie Ball Brown Elliott, 69, of 1609 Brookridge Dr., Elizabeth City, died Saturday night at Albemarle Hospital following a long illness.

A native of Columbia, SC, she lived in Elizabeth City for the past nine years after moving from East Orange, NJ. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown.

She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in East Orange, where she was organizer of the nursing unit of the church. She was a member of Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, and its Pastor-Aide Club. A retired nurse at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown, N.J., she was the wife of Rev. Irving B. Elliott.

Survivors include a stepdaughter, Vonilla Miller of Brooklyn, NY.; a stepson, Donald I. Elliott of Stanton Island, NY.; a foster son, Budd Rose of Connecticut; three sisters, Frances Price and Bernie Davie, both of Morristown, and Mary Brown of Newark, NY.; one brother, Samuel Brown of Morristown; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral will be held today at 3 p.m. at Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church by the Rev. E.A. Bowling, and burial will be in Melton Grove Baptist Church Cemetery in Winfall. Stallings Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

HARRISON

William David Harrison, 45, died August 3 in Miami, Fla.

A funeral was conducted Saturday, August 6 in New Hope United Methodist Church by the Rev. Ray Wittman. Burial followed in the church cemetery, with Twiford's Memorial Chapel in charge.

Harrison was a native of Halifax County and resided at New Hope for 25 years. He was a painter and a member of New Hope United Methodist Church.

He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Buck Harrison.

Surviving is a brother, Thomas Harrison, of New Hope.

MORRIS

VIRGINIA BEACH — James Morris, 77, of 1616 Virginia Beach Blvd., Virginia Beach, died Friday in a hospital. A native of Hertford, he has lived in Virginia for 65 years.

He was the husband of Ruth Holder Morris.

He was superintendent of transportation for the Norfolk Post Office until his retirement in 1962.

Other survivors include two stepdaughters, Amelia F. Teel of Emporia, Va. and Jean F. McPhail of Red Springs; a step-son, William D. Finch of Mims, Fla.; a brother, William A. Morris of Virginia Beach;

11 step-grandchildren; and three step-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted on Sunday, August 8 in Maestas Funeral Home by the Rev. James C. Rittenhouse.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

SHANNONHOUSE

Mattie Hunter Shannonhouse, 94, a native of Hertford, died Friday in Elder Lodge, Edenton.

She was the widow of James Thach Shannonhouse and was a member of Hertford-United Methodist Church. She was a former sales clerk.

Survivors include a daughter, Lizzie Brown Thach of Hertford; a sister, Beulah H. Morgan of Sunbury; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

A funeral was held Saturday in the Swindell Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Irving Cook. Burial followed in Cedarwood Cemetery.

STALLINGS

James Elvin (Spunk) Stallings, Sr., 76, of Belvidere died Saturday in Guardian Care Nursing Home, Elizabeth City.

He was a native of Perquimans County, the husband of Cora Riddick Stallings and the son of the late

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