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Season Tickets

The Perquimans County High School Pirates are getting ready for another big season.

Season tickets for the Perquimans County Pirates football games are available for individuals desiring reserved seating for the 1984 season.

The tickets are available for all five home games, and as an additional benefit holders of the tickets will be given free admission to all six of the junior varsity's home games this year.

Tickets can be obtained by contacting Pirates Coach, Pat Morgan at 426-5778 (work) or 426-8210 (home.) Season tickets will also be on sale at the Pirates opening game against Williamston on August 31. (Photos by Ken Castelloe.)



School Board awards contract for well construction

By JANE WILLIAMS

The Perquimans County Board of Education accepted a bid Friday from Tillman Well Services of North Carolina for \$6,300 to install wells for a new water-to-air heating and cooling system for Perquimans County High School.

The bid was one of two received by the Board for wells for the system which will be approximately 100 to 120 feet deep.

Only one bid was received by the Board for mechanical work for the system, therefore the bids will have to be re-advertised, which will delay operations of the system.

School Superintendent Pat Harrell said that the delay would probably mean that the school would not have a cooling system in operation this fall.

The Board moved their regular meeting up from Monday to Friday in order to review bids for the cooling and heating system, in an effort to get the project underway as soon as possible. The Board is required to receive at least two bids before action is taken, therefore re-advertising is necessary before a bid can be accepted. Harrell said that the re-advertising will delay bid acceptance by at least a week to ten days.

In other action taken Friday the Board:

- Granted the release of Robert Tracy King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny King, to the Edenton-Chowan School system.

- Granted permission to Sheila Perry Bunch to transfer from the Edenton-Chowan School system into the Perquimans system.

- Approved a new temporary disability policy in accordance with the new state sick leave policy.

- Accepted the following new personnel for the school system: Karen Luszcz, Elementary; Catherine Tillett, Aide; Ellen O'Neal, Aide; and Margaret Ann Williams, Aide.

- Discussed classification of non-certified personnel (e.g. janitors, maids, etc.). No action was taken.

- Discussed curriculum and

instructional activities, including Project APEX, a new curriculum project funded by North Carolina State University.

The Perquimans County School system was one of ten systems selected to participate in the program which is designed to work with teachers in the area of exceptional children's programs.

The program deals with staff development activities to help create a better understanding of the needs of exceptional children in the schools.

- In the area of capital improvements the Board discussed problems that still exist with the roof at the high school. After several attempts to rectify the situation at the high school, there are still several leaks remaining in the roof at the school. The Board decided to turn the matter over to their attorney to work with the manufacturer of the roof system.

- The Board discussed the feasibility of fencing in an area by the bus garage to secure buses. In previous years there have been some problems with vandalism during the summer months when the buses are parked near the garage. No action was taken.

- Board members agreed to attend the District North Carolina School Board Association Convention in Williamston on September 6.

The Board has also released the following information regarding student holidays during the upcoming school year:

- August 27-First day of School.
- September 3-Labor Day Holiday.
- October 8-Parent Conference Day.
- November 12-Veteran's Day Holiday.
- November 22, 23-Thanksgiving Holidays.
- December 20-January 1-Christmas Holidays.
- January 18-Teacher Work Day.
- January 21-Parent Conference Day.
- March 4-Teacher Work Day.
- April 8-12-Easter Vacation.
- June 4-End of School term.

5-K run slated for Indian Festival

A 5-K run will highlight the events scheduled this year during the Perquimans County Indian Summer Festival.

The run, which is sponsored by the Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Department and the Chamber of Commerce, is

scheduled for Saturday, September 15, with registration set for 8:30 a.m. and the race will begin at 10:00 a.m. at Hertford Grammar School.

Age groups for the race are as follows: Mens' division-17 and under, 18-29, 30-39, and 40 and

over; Womens' division-17 and under, 18-29, and 30 and over.

Certificates will be given to each runner that finishes the race, with two awards in open men and open women and one

award in each age group.

The course for the race is all asphalt and dirt roads, mostly country, all flat.

The entry fee for the race is \$6.00 until September 10.

Armed robbery suspect evades area law

By JANE WILLIAMS

A man suspected of armed robbery of a convenience store in Newport News, Va. evaded local law enforcement personnel Sunday during a approximately six hour manhunt conducted by officers of the Winfall Police Department, Hertford Police Department, Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, Pasquotank County Sheriff's Department, North Carolina Department of Corrections, and North Carolina Highway Patrol personnel.

According to Joe Lothian, Chief of the Winfall Police Department, at approximately 3:00 p.m. on Sunday the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department received information that Michael Edward Gurganus, a white male, age 23, and a prime suspect for the armed robbery of a convenience store in Newport News; had been seen in a blue vehicle coming off of Harvey Point Road and heading north on U.S. 17.

A vehicle was dispatched from the Hertford Police Department, and began pursuit of the car. When the vehicle in which Gurganus was a passenger reached the base of the bridge on Highway 17 in Winfall, Gurganus jumped from the car, unobserved by law enforcement personnel whose view was obstructed by the hump in the bridge.

A passing motorist observed

the action taken by Gurganus and notified police officers.

Law enforcement officers then began a search on foot for the suspect, calling in trained police dogs from Goldsboro to aide in the capture of the suspect.

A search of the area did not

turn up the subject, but officers did find the general direction that was taken by the suspect.

Darkness and the heavy terrain of the swampy area forced law enforcement personnel to discontinue the

search at approximately 9:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Gurganus' mother, brother and girlfriend were arrested and charged with delaying and obstructing justice.

No further information was available at press time.

New deadline set

Advance Publications of Elizabeth City, owners of The Perquimans Weekly, has announced a change in scheduling for the printing of the Perquimans paper.

The paper, which is published on Thursdays, will go to press on Tuesday evenings beginning this week instead of Wednesday afternoon.

The new schedule will not affect the delivery dates of the

newspaper, which will continue to be mailed on Wednesday for home delivery in the county on Thursday.

Because of the earlier press time for the paper, deadlines for news items, classified advertising and legal advertising will be moved to Monday at 5:00 p.m. prior to that weeks' publication. Retail advertising deadlines will be 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday prior to publication.



Charlie Skinner, of Hertford, (right) was recently presented with a pin commemorating 25 years of service with the Employment Security Commission of

North Carolina in Edenton. Presenting Skinner with the pin is Gordon Allen, of Hertford, Manager of the Edenton Office. (Photo by Ken Castelloe.)



Area law enforcement personnel worked late into the evening last Sunday searching for a possible suspect in a Newport News,

Va. convenience store robbery. The suspect reportedly was in the area around the north end of the bridge connecting Winfall

and Hertford on U.S. 17 by-pass. A search of the area did not turn up the suspect. (Photo by Ken Castelloe.)