

School news



Pictured above and right are students of the TMH class at the high school as they search for easter eggs during their recent easter egg hunt. The easter egg hunt was provided for the class by the Art III students of Ms. Deborah Coates.

All year long students from the Art III program have been working with the TMH students.



Duck stamp selected for honors

A painting of a pair of pintails in a coastal marsh by well-known wildlife artist Larry Barton will be featured on the 1987 North Carolina Waterfowl Conservation Stamp and art print.

"Larry Barton is no stranger to those who are interested in wildlife art and waterfowl in North Caro-

lina," said Sid Baynes, contract administrator for stamp and print programs for the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.

Barton was selected as the artist for the first-of-its-kind New York Duck Stamp Program. His work had been featured in the popular North Caro-

lina wildlife calendars and in many other publications as well as in numerous shows across the country.

"This painting should produce an unusually attractive stamp and art print," Baynes said.

Barton lives in Pfafftown near Winston-Salem. Before devoting himself to wildlife art full-time,

State health departments receive funds

RALEIGH—State health Director Dr. Donald H. Levine recently announced that \$69,000 in state funds will be awarded to 23 local health departments to help determine the reasons why a higher rate of non-white women are dying of cervical cancer.

"There were 779 women in this state who died from cervical cancer from 1981 to 1985. About 43 percent of them were non-white," said Levine. "That's high when you consider that only 25 percent of this state's female population is non-white."

Dr. Georjean Stoodt, chief of the Adult Health Services Section for the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Health Services, said that the funds would be used by the 23 local health departments to help determine the reasons for, and to plan solutions to this disproportionately higher rate among non-white women.

"If we can better understand the causes—possible lack of regular

checkups, failure to get diagnosis or treatment, transportation problems or some other reasons—then we can more effectively help reduce North Carolina's rate," explained Stoodt. "Deaths from cervical cancer are nearly 100 percent preventable."

She noted that the counties receiving the funds were selected based on the rate of non-white women who died from cervical cancer and the number and percentage of non-white females currently residing in the counties. Each county will receive \$3,000.

Counties receiving the funds are: Anson, Bertie, Durham, Edgecombe, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Hertford, Hyde, Jones, Lenior, Martin, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Richmond, Sampson, Scotland and Washington.

Stoodt pointed out that there are factors that put some women at a higher risk for cervical cancer such

as family history; multiple sex partners; some types of genital infections; cigarette smoking and others.

"Cervical cancer is fairly easy to detect," Stoodt said. "In fact, abnormal changes on the pap smear can be found before cancer develops, and proper treatment can prevent these changes from progressing to cancer."

She noted that physicians and health officials generally recommend that women should get pap smears annually once they are sexually active or as advised by their physician.

Pap smears are available through personal physicians and most local health departments.

Stoodt said that in addition to the cervical cancer project, the agency's Cancer Control Program would be examining activities that can help lower the rates of other forms of cancer.

Partners with youth receive funds

The Executive Committee of Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow has approved an emergency funding grant of \$1,000 for the Perquimans-Chowan Partners With Youth Program. The program requires at least \$6,000 in local funds for operational expenses. Mr. Philip McMullan, Executive Director, states that the grant is an investment in the children of today who need community help in moving towards a better tomorrow.

The program, operating in Perqui-

mans and Chowan counties, matches court-referred children with adult volunteers for one year. Operational for the past eighteen months, it is a part of the Governor's One-on-One Volunteer Program. Its ultimate goal is that the child will develop more self-esteem coupled with a desire to become an effective contributing adult. Its immediate goals are the elimination of further court contact, an improvement in school attitudes, and strengthening of home relationships. The friendship and

good example of the adult volunteer in working with the youth are means used for moving the youth towards these goals. Volunteers commit themselves to spending an average of four hours one-on-one weekly for one year. Currently there are eight active matches in the program with two new matches being made per month. Dr. Louis V. Nadeau, Executive Director since last November, was for years Assistant Vice Chancellor for academic Affairs, Special Programs at ECSU.



Pictured above are students who participated in the math contest. Chad Bundy placed 4th in Algebra I, and Calvin Hobbs placed 5th in Algebra II division. Bundy is pictured front right, and Hobbs is front left.

Students place in math contest

Perquimans County High School took 1st place honors in 1-A Division of schools in the Eastern District Math Contest at East Carolina University last Thursday, April 16.

Chad Bundy placed 4th in Algebra I and will compete in the Algebra I run-off at Beaufort County Community College today, (Thursday), April 30. Calvin Hobbs placed 5th in the Al-

gebra II Division.

The following students representatives of Perquimans County High School for the district mathematics contest:

Algebra I: Chad Bundy, Damion Burke, Chip Chappell, and Richard Arnesen. Algebra II: Alex Cohoon, Calvin Hobbs, Alan Kirby, Amanda Kornegay, and Brian Seay.

Geometry: Tracie Brown, Dany Hollowell, Ryan Overton, Derrick Rogers, and Crystal Waters. Comprehensive: Linda Barclift, Bob Luke, David Phelps, Marshall Tillett, and Kathy Wood.

Congratulations to all 19 students who participated!

Vision tips for older adults

The chart is part of a brochure on AMD which you can obtain without charge from NSPB's North Carolina Affiliate simply by sending a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope. Although people who develop AMD may eventually find it difficult to read, sew, or drive a car, most can keep their lives rich and full with the help of optical devices and other low-vision aids and large-print reading materials.

Since 55 percent of new cases of blindness occur in persons 55 and over, the effective treatment of age-related eye disorders such as cataract is a major challenge. As medical advances lengthen the human lifespan, most of us may develop cataracts in one or both eyes. But for the average person over 65, who is alert and in good mental and physical health, cataract surgery today rarely presents a problem. In more than 95 out of 100 cases, it results in successful recovery of vision.

With the latest development in microsurgical techniques and instrumentation, most cataract patients now go home the same day or after an overnight stay in the hospital. For older people the choice is increasingly an intraocular lens implant (IOL) in which a clear, inert, tiny

plastic lens is placed permanently inside the eye to replace the clouded cataract lens. For some people, extended wear, soft, gas permeable lenses that need to be removed for cleaning every three months are an option.

For a free copy of the Society's brochure, "AMD (Age-related Macular Degeneration)," send a stamped, self-addressed business-sized envelope to NSPB—North Carolina Affiliate, 1033 Wade Avenue, Suite 426, Raleigh, North Carolina 27605.

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If you wear glasses or contact lenses, there is the added concern to have your vision checked to see if further correction is needed so you can see as clearly as possible. In some people, the need for vision correction may occur less often. As you get older, however, the need increases because your eyes' focusing power is not as strong as it used to be. One test is your ability to read without straining your eyes.

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