

# Local News

## Caterpillars continued

in a fork of the limbs, a colony often being made up of all the caterpillars hatching from several egg masses. Here they construct their webs and move forth to attack the newly opening leaves. They spin a fine thread of silk wherever they crawl and, in the course of a few days, well-defined silken pathways lead from the nest to the favored feeding spots on the tree. As the caterpillars grow, their nest webs are enlarged. They become full-grown in 4 to 6 weeks. They are then about 2 inches long, thinly covered with long soft light-brown hairs. The general color is black. There is a white stripe down the back bordered with reddish-brown, and along each side there is a row of oval blue spots and brown and yellow lines. They now scatter to some distance from the nest and spin cocoons, usually on the tree trunk or some near-by object, in which they change to brown pupae and later emerge as light reddish-brown moths with two whitish strips running obliquely across each forewing. The females deposit their eggs on the twigs for the next sea-

son's caterpillars early in the summer. There is only one generation each year, about 9 months being spent in the egg stage.

Everyone who calls asks the same question: What can be done to control these pests? I have the following advice:

- 1) If you have small shade or fruit trees which are being attacked—sprays of sevin, malathion or diazinon will control the caterpillars.
- 2) It is not practical to treat large because of their size—large trees will recover from the defoliation caused by these caterpillars.
- 3) The first reports of the caterpillars came in three weeks ago; therefore, they should finish the caterpillar stage of their life cycle in two to three more weeks and be gone until next year.
- 4) I realize how much of a nuisance they are, but practically speaking, there is little we can do to stop this creature short of spraying the entire county. Have patience, and they will go away on their own.



Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Hess of Holiday Island along with Ned Holler, Pres. of the Holiday Island Civic League. Mr. and Mrs. Hess are shown here as they receive the Ruby Myers honorary scholarship on behalf of their daughter Susan.

## DOT field offices change daily work schedules

RALEIGH—The North Carolina Department of Transportation's Division of Highways field maintenance and equipment forces will begin a revised summer work schedule beginning May 2. This year's schedule will represent a change.

For the past 11 years, the division's maintenance and equipment personnel have worked a summer schedule of four ten-hour days for a 40 hour work week. The North Carolina Board of Transportation voted unanimously in April to ask Secretary James E. Harrington to set the nor-

mal work week as five eight-hour days Monday through Friday. Harrington complied with that request.

The division's field managers will have some flexibility in establishing schedules to bes fit their work demands. For example, managers will be allowed to request overtime work when necessary.

The revised work schedule will affect about 6,400 Department of Transportation employees involved in road maintenance, bridge maintenance and bridge inspection activities.

## Senior center news

Bingo winners for April 29 were Naomi Lomax and Kathleen Brenneman.

Free Cataract Screening on Tuesday, May 26, 1987 at 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Center. For appointment and additional information call 426-5404. This service is sponsored by

Albemarle Eye Care Center of Elizabeth City.

Seats are still available for the trip to Norfolk, Va. to the Wells Theatre to see the performance of "The Tempest" on May 20. Cost of the trip is \$10 per person which included bus transportation and theatre ticket.



Pictured above left Donna Winslow watches a goldsmith at work, at Artspace.

## Women needed for warts study at Duke

DURHAM, NC—Researchers at Duke University Medical Center are beginning a new study to verify the effectiveness of interferon therapy against genital warts.

Genital warts is one of the most common and most persistent types of sexually transmitted diseases. There are at least 1 million new cases each year, "although that's probably a gross underestimation," said Dr. Kenneth Trofatter, an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Duke and director of the interferon study.

The warts are transmitted by certain types of highly contagious papilloma viruses. The lesions can appear weeks or months after exposure. The infection occurs in both sexes, but women are more likely to develop severe cases of the warts, Trofatter said.

Genital warts, which are usually soft and may be raised or flat, can develop anywhere in the urogenital area. They often burn and itch and

may bleed. The extent of the infection varies considerably, from a single small wart to growths that cover the entire urogenital area.

"There's evidence that papilloma virus infections are associated with an increased incidence of cancers of the vulva, cervix and vagina in women," Trofatter said. "There also may be a relationship between the infection and lower genital tract malignancies in men."

About one-third of those who contract genital warts improve without medical treatment. But it can be a long and painful road patients who don't respond to the usual therapies, which can include surgery, cryotherapy, (freezing the warts with liquid nitrogen) and acid treatment.

"This kind of painful therapy, with no response, is frustrating for patient and doctor," Trofatter said. "We've found that if a particular treatment does not work after three or four attempts, it probably will never work for that individual."

After treating dozens of patients over several years, Trofatter has found that interferon therapy often proves successful when other methods fail. He's now recruiting female patients for another study using Wellferon, a mixture of alpha-interferons produced by the pharmaceutical

firm Burroughs Wellcome.

The patients must be at least 18 years old, premenopausal, have had genital warts for at least three months and have undergone at least two unsuccessful treatments for warts. For more information call Connie Edmisten-Hughes, study coordinator, at 919-684-5953.

Given by daily self-injection, the interferon is supplied free to the participants in the study. "Since we don't have to treat the site of the lesions, we find that people adapt well to the therapy," Trofatter said. "This is especially useful treating children with genital warts who may have been sexually abused."

Interferons are naturally occurring substances that help fight off viral infections in two ways: by inhibiting growth of viruses and by stimulating the body's own defense mechanisms. Papilloma viruses seem to be unusually susceptible to the effects of interferon, Trofatter noted.

Interferon therapy can produce flu-like symptoms, including fever and chills (which usually resolve within a few days). The feeling of malaise—"like you're just getting over a cold," Trofatter explained—may continue during treatment.



Pictured left Lisa Sawyer makes profound statements about the meaning of sculpture at Artsploure.

## Arts students visit Raleigh art museums

Art II, III, and IV students recently went to Raleigh to visit Artspace, Artsploure, and the N.C. Museum of Art. Artspace is a building that has been rennored so that Artist can work in a community type setting that is open to the public.

## Recreation dept. news

On Saturday, May 2, the Youth Soccer teams, the Comets, coached By Gorden Allen and the Rockets, coached by Paul and Yvonne Bryants ended in a tie.

The Senior team, coached by Billy Owens defeated Edenton.

The signing of for summer sports will begin May 7 and continue through the month of May.

T-Ball—\$5.00, ages 5-8; Babe Ruth—\$13.00, ages 13-15 and Girls Softball—\$7.00, ages 9-12.

**SUGGEST TO YOUR ROOFER THAT HE FIND THE LEAK BEFORE MAKING THE REPAIR. AMAZING HOW MUCH TIME AND MONEY THIS WILL SAVE!**

**GORDON SHEET METAL**  
ELIZABETH CITY 315 S. ROAD ST. 335-5404

## Academic honor roll

Beverly B. Trotman, Headmistress of Albemarle Academy has announced the honor students for the 5th Six Weeks of the 1986-87 school year.

Headmistress's List: 4th grade: Andy Dunham, Van-Dee Hetherington, Stephanie Winslow. 5th grade: Kimberly Byrum. 6th grade: Michael Worsham, Pam Winslow. 8th grade: Molly Mahafey. 9th grade: Kily Pike. 11th grade: Denise Cherry, Dean Forbes, Robin Griffin, Paulette Mansfield. 12th grade: Jason Harrell, Joni Riddick, Rhonda Raymond, Carol Griffin.

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hety, Hayley Huggins, Sarah Lane, Michael McManus. 6th grade: Jesse Joyce, Logan Perry, Lance Winslow, Amanda Cooper. 7th grade: Sheryl Deal, Anne Raymond. 8th grade: Darrin Cutrell, Lindsey Riddick, Cheryl Smithson, Tonya Stallings. 9th grade: Leah Harrell, Chris Matta, Jennifer Owens, Daniel Votava, Dana Williams, Bryant White, Curtis Byrum. 10th grade: Bonita Barclift, Brian Blanchard, Walter Deal, Steed Griffin, Kristy James, John Kight, Emma Rae Lane, Marcia Perry, Jennifer Scott, Steve Wentz. 11th grade: Merrill Lane, Dennis Robertson. 12th grade: Lee Hoffman, Redsy Hood.

**SIDEWALK SALE**

**May 8**

**Woodard's Pharmacy**

Downtown Hertford

Send A Gift Of Flowers

- Boutiques
- Gardens
- Corsages
- Roses

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**Doziers Florist**  
426-5721  
Hertford

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Perquimans County is currently seeking applicants for the position of Building Inspector. Experience in construction or electrical work desired. Must be able to obtain Standard Certificate in all four areas of inspection within 2 years from date of employment. Applications may be obtained at the County manager's office in the Perquimans County Courthouse. Closing date for receipt of applications, May 13, 1987. Equal Opportunity Employer.

*Dine Out*

**Mother's Day**

**Buffet - Joe's Place**

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| Roast Beef        | Fish        | BBQ Chicken        |
| Greens            | Limas       | Sm. Salad          |
| Macaroni & Cheese | HushPuppies | Baked Potato Rolls |
| Dessert Tea       |             |                    |

**\$6.95**

**May 10**

11:30-2:00 Sunday

(Served with Silverware & Dishes)