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The Indian Summer Festival was a huge success this past weekend. Festival goers had the opportunity to enjoy good food, see arts and crafts, enjoy entertainment and even meet a clown or two. The clowns could be seen downtown on Friday passing out balloons courtesy of Peoples Bank and NCNB.

## Indian Summer Festival is deemed successful

Unseasonably hot weather did little to dampen the spirit surrounding the sixth annual Indian Summer Festival, and festival organizers are harlelling its success.

The sixth annual festival brought record crowds on Saturday despite threatening reports of rain and temperatures reaching up in the 90s.

On Friday everything went according to plans, and festival goers enjoyed good entertainment, good food, and great bargains. County merchants displayed their wares during the day-long sidewalk sales, and the fish pond was a hit with all the kids. Highlighting Friday's events were



entertainment by Bruce Todd, the Perquimans County High School

Band, the Elizabethan Camarata, the Snug Harbor Combo, and later in the afternoon a few animated animals and Pearl Bailey made an appearance entertaining everyone downtown.

On Saturday, the day-long events got underway shortly after ten with the Indian Summer Festival 5K run. Throughout the day visitors had an opportunity to visit the display booths, browse at various arts and crafts, sample a variety of foods and enjoy the excellent schedule of entertainment.

Highlights of "Everybody's Day" included the Tug O' War at noon, en-

tertainment by "Out in the Cold" Band, "Moments Notice", the Flatland Cloggers, "Four Star Edition" (the Atlantic Fleet Band), the animated animals, "Five Star Edition", and a marvelous pig pickin' sponsored by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

Despite a little rain on Saturday evening, the street dance went on as planned, and everyone enjoyed the festivities late into the evening.

According to Mary Harrell, Executive Director of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, and festival organizer, a good time was had by all at the sixth annual Indian Summer Festival.

## Additional funds found for project

It appears as though the Hertford Town Council may have found a solution to funding problems for improvements, which are to be made to the Hertford Waste Treatment Plant.

Earlier this summer, bids for the project came into the town some \$275,000 dollars over what officials had estimated for costs of the project. Estimated construction costs for renovations to the plant totaled \$307,800, but the lowest bid received for construction of the project was \$582,000 made by T. A. Loving Company of Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Mayor Bill Cox reported to the Hertford Town Council on Monday that efforts to raise the additional \$275,000 have been apparently successful.

Cox stated Monday that it appears very likely that the town will receive \$97,000 dollars in the form of a grant from Farmers Home Administration to aid in funding the project, and that EPA has also made a commitment to the town for the remaining funds.

The remaining money for the project will be financed with monies from the \$200,000 bond referendum passed by the town in August.

The Mayor and the town council hope to get definite approval from Farmers Home Administration in the near future so that the renovations can begin.

The upcoming renovation project is designed to bring the facility up to current standards, and will greatly increase the capacity of the plant.

## Anniversary open house scheduled

This year Perquimans Central Grammar School will celebrate its 50th anniversary serving students in Perquimans County.

In honor of the school's anniversary an open house is being planned to take place on Sunday, September 27th from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m.

Highlights of the open house will include a historic display of old photos and other school memorabilia, visits

by former principals and employees, and a chance for old friendships to be renewed. Light refreshments will also be served during the afternoon in the school's cafeteria.

Make plans now to come and celebrate 50 years of excellence with Perquimans Central Grammar School on Sunday, September 27th at their 50th anniversary open house.

## Conference on drug abuse is scheduled

Raleigh—Recognizing that North Carolina's fight against drugs must be supported at the local level, Gov. Jim Martin is urging community leaders and elected officials from across the state to participate in "Challenge '87": North Carolina's Fight Against Alcohol and Substance Abuse" on Monday, September 28, 1987. The one-day conference is being held at the Jane S. McKimmon Center on the N.C. State University campus from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m..

"We have asked every community to establish a local task force or coalition on substance abuse," the Governor said.

Dr. Johnnie McLeod, chairman of the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Among Children and Youth, said the purpose of this program is "to spur local involvement in a problem that has become everyone's concern."

According to McLeod, the "Challenge '87" conference will provide initial discussion and exchange of information and ideas relevant to team building and community networking.

The September conference is an outgrowth of a May 28, 1987, forum at which Gov. Martin was joined by Lt. Gov. Robert Jordan, Attorney General Lacy Thornburg, Superintendent of Public Instruction Craig Phillips, Secretary of Human Resources David Flaherty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety Joseph Dean, Secretary of Administration James Lofton, Secretary of Correction Aaron Johnson and McLeod.

At that time, Gov. Martin stated, "Now, more than ever, we need to recognize that local involvement among schools, law enforcement, the private sector and civic groups represent the key to effectively meeting the challenge of alcohol and substance abuse."

According to Wallace Nelson, a resident of Hertford and member of the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Among Children and Youth, a team of local officials including N. Paul Gregory, County Manager, W. W. "Welly" White, Chairman of the County Commissioners, Sheriff Joe Lothian, and Nelson will be joining other county officials from across the state at the conference.

Nelson hopes that the conference will help bring together an active committee trained and ready to work on this important issue.

For more information on attending "Challenge '87" or the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Among Children and Youth contact Wallace Nelson at 482-2797 or 426-7118.

## Sheriff Lothian injured by man during skirmish

The Perquimans County Sheriff's department has reported several incidents on Monday, which have occurred over the last several weeks.

The first incidents involve two robberies, which occurred at Bethel Baptist Church and Burgess Baptist Church. Both of the churches were broken into either late Friday evening, Sept. 5th or in the early morning hours of Sept. 6th. Both of the churches were entered in the same forceable manner, and a variety of items were taken from the premises.

According to the Sheriff, an investigation is continuing into the matter, and he anticipates making an arrest.

Also on September 8th, while answering a call regarding a suspicious person in the Hurdletown area of the county, the sheriff was assaulted with a knife. Mr. Lory Johnson Norman of Okisko has been charged with felonious assault on a law enforcement official, and possession of mar-

juana. Mr. Johnson allegedly assaulted Sheriff Lothian during a fight between the two men. After arriving at the scene of the call, Lothian apparently talked with Johnson, and was going to take him home, but before getting in the car, Lothian padded Norman and uncovered a knife in his possession. Before Lothian could get the knife from Norman, he allegedly jumped the sheriff and the two men began fighting. During the skirmish, Lothian received several minor cuts and a broken finger. Norman also received some minor injuries. Norman was treated and released from the hospital following the incident.

Mr. Norman is currently out of jail on bond awaiting an appearance in court.

The sheriff would like to express his thanks to all the citizens of Hurdletown, who assisted him in this matter.

## Officer stabbed Friday

Police Chief Marshall Merritt reported on Monday, that while answering a domestic call last Friday evening, Senior Patrolman Timothy Spence was stabbed in the head.

During patrol at 12:05 a.m. on Friday evening Hertford Police Officers Spence and Bouchard drove past the home of Ms. Grace Garner, 416 Dobbs Street, Hertford, when they observed a male trying to gain entry into the house, and witnessed verbal altercation between the two people. The officers stopped and Senior Patrolman Spence entered the house. Upon entering the house he observed Ms. Garner in a dispute with Mr. KerWayne Felton. During the argu-

ment Mr. Felton allegedly struck Ms. Garner, and when Officer Spence intervened, he was accidentally stabbed in the back of the head by Ms. Garner, who was attempting to stab Felton.

Senior Patrolman Spence received only a minor injury from the incident, and as of Monday no charges had been filed in the incident.

The Hertford Police Department is investigating the incident, and arrest in the case are expected.

Officer Spence was treated for the stabbing injury at Chowan Hospital and released that night. He was scheduled to return to duty on Wednesday.

## 200th anniversary of U.S. constitution celebrated

President Ronald Reagan and Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, Ret., Commission chairman, will lead the ceremonies in Philadelphia on September 17.

From 9:00 a.m. to noon, there will be a parade re-enacting the Grand Federal Procession of 1788 which celebrated the ratifying of the historic document. At 11:45 a.m., President Reagan will deliver a national address from Independence Hall.

Local television stations will broadcast the parade from 9:00 a.m. to noon and all network stations are expected to show the President at 11:45 a.m. The Civic Center at 8:00 p.m. will be

shown by CBS-TV. Check local listings. Cable TV subscribers should watch C-SPAN and Cable News Network for information on their broadcasts. Other TV specials about the Constitution are planned for the fall. Check listings for time and date of the following:

A mini-series based on Miracle at Philadelphia is being produced for ABC-TV.

A one-hour special on ABC produced by Richard Dreyfuss, featuring well-known entertainers, titled "Funny, You Don't Look 200," is scheduled to air in October.



Members of the Perquimans Pirates are seen attempting to tackle Edenton's #34, McPherson during their 40-0 loss to Edenton on Friday evening. The Pirate are now 0-3 for the season.

## Pirates defeated by Aces 40-0

Once again the Pirates had a difficult time on Friday evening as they faced their rival, the Aces of Edenton in their first home game.

The Aces scored 40 points in Friday's game, and for the third straight week the Pirates remained scoreless.

Despite good defensive play by the Pirates, who took the running game away from Edenton, Perquimans had a difficult time putting together any type of offensive against the Aces' larger defensive line.

When the Aces found their running game cut-off they simply went to the air.

Aces' quarterback Erie Downing threw touchdown passes Friday, while the second string quarterback Rankins threw one for a total of 161 yards in the air and 138 on the ground.

The Aces scored their first touchdown with 1:48 left in the first quarter when Herb McPherson, a tailback for Edenton made a 32 yard touchdown run down the field. The Aces lead the Pirates 7-0 going into the second quarter.

The Pirates held on throughout most of the second quarter playing well defensively until Downing threw a 57-yard touchdown pass to Deronne Felton who scored the touchdown with 1:10 left in the first half.

The second touchdown by Edenton

proved to be a big play for the Aces. In the third quarter Edenton shut down the Pirate's running game, holding them to only one first down.

The Aces scored for the third time on Friday evening at the 4:02 mark of the third quarter. Downing threw a pass over the middle to David Drew who ran 38 yards for the touchdown making the score 21-0.

The Aces scored three times in the fourth quarter. Once on a 27-yard touchdown by Eric Hayes, once on a 25-yard interception by Melvin Nixon, and the Aces iced the game with a 26-yard touchdown pass from Downing to Little with 3:30 left in the game.

Despite the loss on Friday evening Perquimans' Coach Bill Flippen seems optimistic about upcoming conference play. "We'll be alright," said Flippen on Friday evening referring to the upcoming conference games. "We just need to win a football game," he said. "The week off will help us."

The Pirates are off this week, and will face Weldon at home on September 25th.

The Pirate's offense was lead Friday evening by Mike Thatch with nine carries resulting 43 yards, Rodney Welch 6-7, and Costen who was 4-6. Other Perquimans stats were as

follows: first downs: 5, yards rushing: 77, passes: 2-8-3, yards passed: 17, total yards 94: fumbles lost: 1. Stats for Edenton: first downs: 9, yards rushing: 138, passes: 6-13, yards passed: 161, total yards: 299

## WEATHER

### Weekend Forecast



Weather forecasters are predicting partly cloudy weather for Thursday through Saturday with a chance of showers over the weekend.

Temperatures will feature highs in upper 70s to low 80s. Lows will be in the middle to low 60s.