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Hurricane awareness week is proclaimed

Raleigh—Governor Jim Martin has proclaimed the week of June 12-18 as "Hurricane Awareness Week" in North Carolina.

"Hurricane Awareness Week" is an annual cooperative effort of the Emergency Management Division of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the National Weather Service, and the Marine Affairs Division of the N. C. Department of Administration. In proclaiming the week, Governor Martin noted the recently completed Eastern North Carolina Hurricane Evacuation Study as the newest aid in preparing coastal counties to face a hurricane.

"Through the cooperative effort of the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, our coastal officials now have better decision-making information with which to make evacuation plans in the event of a hurricane," said Governor Martin.

The highlight of this year's campaign will be a three-day hurricane "table-top" exercise which will involve various state agencies and North Carolina's coastal counties. Officials will plot a mythical hurricane as it bears down on the coast. By using the hurricane evacuation study information, they will be able to practice what steps would have to be taken in the event of a real hurricane situation.

Hurricane season officially begins June 1 and continues through November 30. Most hurricanes occur during the months of August, September and October.

For more information on hurricane safety, "Hurricane Awareness Week" or the hurricane drill, contact your local emergency management agency.

D.A.R.E. graduation is held

On Friday, June 3rd, students at Perquimans Middle School completed the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program.

D.A.R.E. graduation exercises were held and parents, teachers, other students, had an opportunity to witness the graduating students as they presented skits on "Ways To Say No", and gave personal commitments to saying no to drugs. Following the presentation of certificates to the graduating students, Pat Harrell challenged them to reflect back on what they'd learned from the D.A.R.E. program, and to remember the importance of avoiding drug and alcohol abuse.

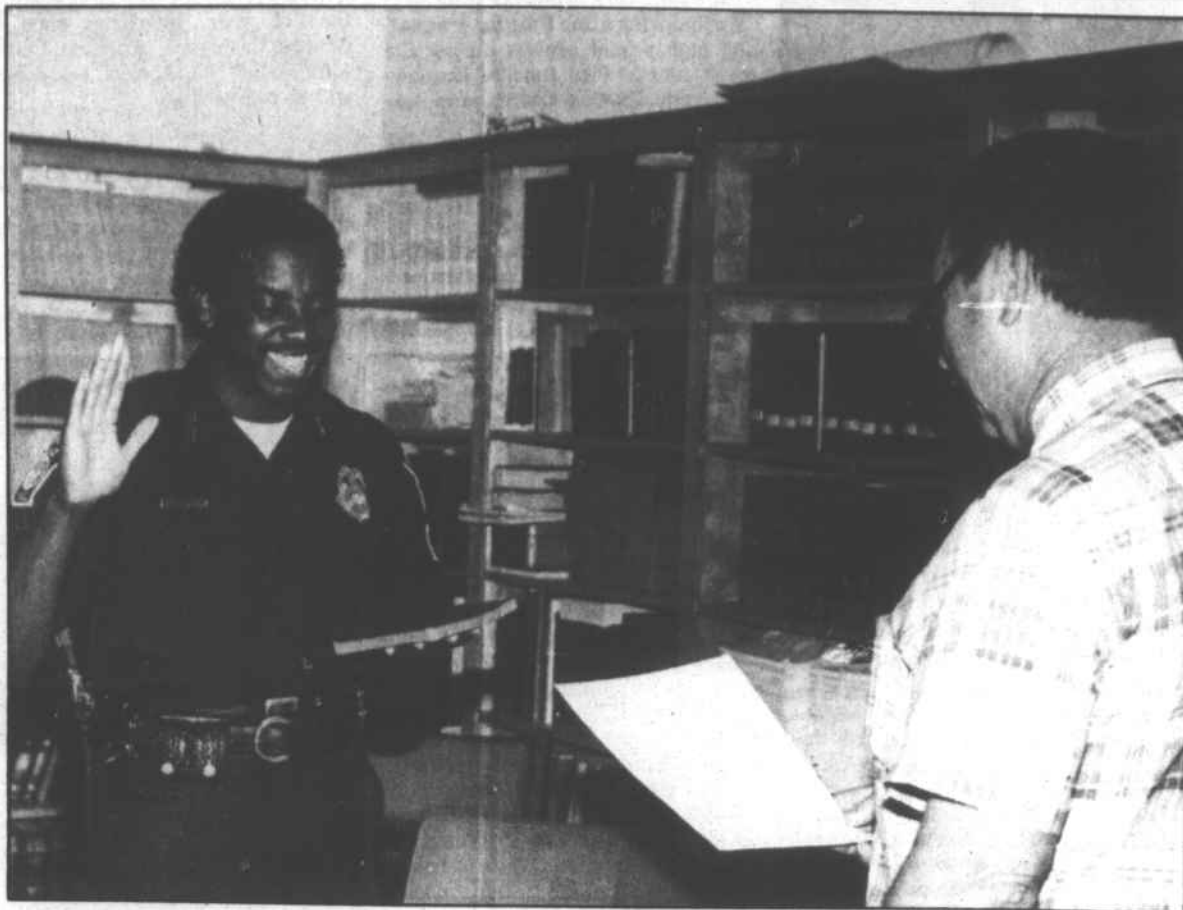
Closing remarks were provided by Sergeant T. K. Spence, and Deputy R. P. Robinson, D.A.R.E. officers.

Those students graduating included:

Ms. Needham's Class - Kellie Lynn Bloodworth, Richard Ray Byrum, Michelle Lee Callaway, Alexander Chobot, Michael John Clinkscales, Ann Marie Foreman, Lori Ann Godfrey, Jason Benjamin Hanson, Nicole Cherite Hunter, Dwendela Webster James, Renita Michelle Johnson, Jason Robert Landing, Amber Hope Lewis, Jamar Ricky Moore, Danielle Lee Peede, Elizabeth Dianne Perry, Billy Wade Pierce, Zita Linette Priovott, Bernadette Gail Shively, Heather Renee Stallings, Michael Lee Stallings, Michael Brad Stevenson, Amy Michele White, Kelly Tyrone White, Hissorwn Williams, Veronica Louise Wilson and Edward Phillip Wyenandt.

Ms. Pasternak's Class - Shawn Lavawn Ames, Joni Lynn Bundy, Christopher Wayne Carter, Gregory Benjamin Chambers, Shannon Marie Chick, Timothy Shawn Creamer, Natasha Lynnette Downing, Tanya Michelle Everett, Tammi Lynne Godfrey, Ronchelle McCoy Hinton, Daphne Diane Lamb, Georgia Faye Lamb, Takesshea Janet Mallory, William Ernest Manderville, Adam Lee McGoush, Patricia Ann Moore, Nancy Jean Nordstrom, Kené Dante Parker, Jennifer Lynn Phillips, Tim-

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Long joins Hertford Police force

George Washington Long, Jr. joined the Hertford Police Department last week. Long is a native of Hertford and a graduate of ECSU in Elizabeth City where he majored in criminal justice. Above Officer Long is sworn in by W. W. "Welly" White, clerk of superior court in Perquimans County.

4th of July celebration planned

The Perquimans County Jaycees have announced that their annual 4th of July festivities at Missing Mill Park will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, July 4, according to Chairman Susan Harris.

Planned for this year are concession sales, entertainment, games for all ages, and a street dance. Of course, the day will be topped off by the largest fireworks show ever in Perquimans County.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, popcorn and softdrinks will be available from the 2 o'clock starting time until the end of the street dance. Sara Winslow will be in charge of firing the grill.

Entertainers include the Harbor Lites, pianist Lyn Winslow, and gospel singers. Magic, the band that kept last year's crowd on their feet through the street dance, will be making their second annual 4th of July

appearance.

JoAnne Jones is organizing the games for adults to include volleyball, tug-o-war, horseshoes and more. Entry fees on these games will go to a charity supported by the Jaycees.

Children's games will be chaired by Nancy Perry. Water balloon toss, he big hit last year, a bicycle/tricycle decorating contest, and much more has been planned by Nancy to entertain the children.

For teenagers, Diane Copeland has a scavenger hunt planned. This is a first-time event for the 4th festivities, and promises fun for everyone. A greased pole climb is also scheduled.

When darkness falls over the Perquimans River, Wayne Layden and crew will send up the largest, most spectacular fireworks show ever seen in Perquimans County. Four jaycees ventured to Rock Hill, South

Carolina for special fireworks training, so this year's show will definitely be memorable.

As you can see, a fun family day is planned in the park to commemorate the birth of our nation. The jaycees invite any civic or non-profit organization wishing to sell home-made ice cream, baked goods, or other items to contact chairman Susan Harris at 426-5307. All items to be sold or displayed will be subject to approval by the jaycees. There will be no charge for setting up booths.

In order to fund the festival, the jaycees will sponsor a barbeque dinner on Saturday, June 25th from 4-7 p.m. at Perquimans Central Grammar School. The club will be canvassing the county during the next two weeks selling the \$4 per plate tickets. Your support is appreciated, and is necessary in order that the jaycees can continue to sponsor this event.

Perquimans County animal control officer; Keeping up with man's best friends!

Have you seen any stray animals, do you have a pet you would like to find a home for?

If so the Perquimans County animal control officer can help.

Ray Winslow serves the county in this position, enforcing the Perquimans County animal control ordinance and doing much more.

His job involves picking up all stray animals or animals which are running at large, answering complaints about animals, and finding homes for dogs and cats left at the Perquimans County pound.

In addition to picking up animals and answering complaints, Ray feeds all the animals in the pound, keeps the pound clean, tries to find good homes for animals left there, runs yearly immunization clinics, and puts animals to sleep.

He also keeps a log of people who are looking for pets, and he says if he comes across the breed of dog or cat someone is looking for he calls them.

As animal control officer, Ray is suppose to work 20 hours a week, but he claims that's difficult because there is so much to do, and it's hard to keep people pleased working so few hours. "Sometimes it gets very hectic," says Winslow.

Ray has served as the animal control officer for the past 14 months, and in that time he has received 809 calls, 276 dogs have been brought to the pound, and 342 cats have been dropped off, and Ray has traveled an average of 1000 to 2000 miles monthly riding in a truck.

The worst two areas in the county for strays are Snug Harbor and Holiday Island. Winslow claims you can drive in those areas all day picking up dogs and cats, but it doesn't seem



Ray Winslow, animal control officer, is pictured at the Perquimans County Pound.

to make a difference, there are always more.

In addition to patrolling and answering calls in the county, Winslow must also enforce the county's animal control ordinance in Hertford and Winfall. In town, Winslow just enforces the county ordinance, leash laws must be enforced by the local police.

Winslow would like to remind people that if their animals or any animals are picked up, after five days they become county property, and if a home cannot be found in a reasonable time, the animals must be put to sleep.

A small adoption fee is charged, if someone gets a pet from the Perqui-

mans County pound, which covers the cost of keeping the animals, and at most any time the pound is full of animals, which need a good home and would make nice pets.

The pound is located on Pump House Road, which runs in front of Joe's Place just off Grubb Street, and animals can be dropped off at any time.

Mr. Winslow can be contacted by calling the dispatch office at 426-5751. He checks in two times daily to get calls, and he will handle calls as quickly as possible. If someone has an emergency, such as a dog who has bitten someone, the dispatch office can page him immediately to handle the problem.

Board of education questions \$100,000 school budget cut

Members of the Perquimans County Board of Education met with members of the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners on Monday morning to express their dissatisfaction with a \$100,000 cut in the school system's budget.

Addressing county commissioners on Monday, Superintendent Pat Harrell told them that the commissioners response to the board of education's budget request was totally unacceptable, and issued the commissioners the board of education's position statement on the cuts.

The position statement states that the board of education recognizes their responsibility to provide leadership in obtaining financial resources necessary to ensure that the students of Perquimans County have educational opportunities available equal to other students in North Carolina. The position statement also states that our society is constantly changing, and becoming more and more technological, and that faced with these changes the single most important responsibility confronting all elected officials in government today is the education of public elementary and secondary students.

The board of education stated that they felt the budget presented to the commissioners was conservative, realistic, and represented the educational needs of the students in Perquimans County.

The board also stated that the cuts bring up several questions as to what positions they would cut, what programs to cut, how facility needs can be addressed, and were all the county department of agency budgets also cut by 10 percent, and as state funds are increased to support the mandated Basic Education Plan will local appropriation continue to decrease?

Members of the Board of Education stated that they never remembered another reduction in the county's budget in the area of education, and felt that this was certainly unfair.

Board of Education members stated that increases in the current budget for education are basically reflected in four areas: asbestos compliance, increased custodial personnel, increase in electric services, and a five percent salary increase for employees.

Following the board of education's presentation, members of the board of commissioners stated that they did not realize that the \$100,000 cut in the school system's budget would affect

local programs and services.

Durward Reed and other members of the commissioners stated that it was their understanding that they were cutting capital outlay expenditures planned by the board of education not monies for basic operating expenses.

After much discussion, members of the board of commissioners told members of the board of education that they would once again review the budget, and reconsider the cutting of funds.

This year the county is faced with several large capital outlay expenditures for such projects as the jail expansion, and the new landfill, and it was the commissioners hope that they could budget the necessary funds for these projects without raising taxes.

After meeting with the board of education on Monday, it seemed to be the feeling of several commissioners that taxes may have to be raised to meet the budget currently proposed at \$4,051,116.00 for the coming year.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held June 20th at 8:00 p.m.

Also during Monday's meeting Paul Gregory, chairman of the electoral study committee in Perquimans County, recommended to the board of commissioners that Charles T. Skinner, Jr. be hired to supervise the house count census, which will be conducted by the county.

Gregory stated that Skinner has census taking experience, and will work closely with the Regional Development Institute in Greenville before, during, and after the census. The census is being done to determine if a district exist in Perquimans County with a 60 percent black population, which would be used in developing a new voting system for the county.

Other business conducted by the board included: Charles Robinson came before the board to explain the JTPA (Job Training Partnership Act) program in Perquimans County, and to ask that the commissioners write a letter of support for the program so they can obtain funding next year, and Keith Haskett came before the board to discuss the procedure for billing the Holiday Island Property Owners Association for their water.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

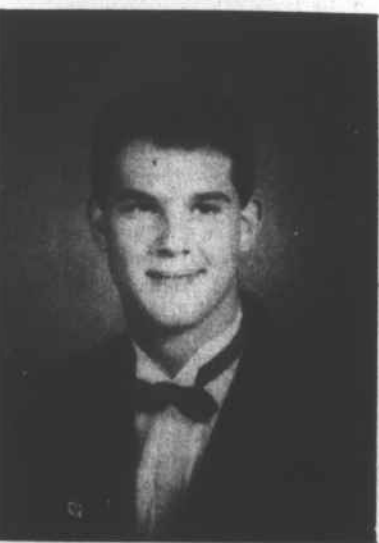
Graduation exercises set

On Friday evening, June 10th, the Perquimans County High School Seniors are scheduled to graduate from Perquimans County High School at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Calvin Hobbs will represent the graduating class as valedictorian. Calvin is the son of Ben and Jackie Hobbs of Bethel. He will attend Davidson College next year.

Miss Kathy Lynn Ayscue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ayscue of Hertford is the salutatorian. Miss Ayscue is planning to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill next year.

Graduation exercises are scheduled to be held at Memorial Field on the school grounds. In the event of inclement weather, graduation exercises will be held inside.



Hobbs

WEATHER

Weather forecasters are calling for warm weather for the remainder of the week. Temperatures will feature highs in the 80s and 90s, and low temperatures in the mid to upper 70s.



Ayscue

Bloodmobile

Monday, June 13

3-7 P.M.

Hertford Methodist Church