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The Brian Center in Hertford will celebrate its first anniversary this week. The Brian Center is located off of Grubb Street and features many programs and activities for its residents, as well as landscaped gardens for them to look at.

Brian Center celebrates anniversary

On Tuesday, June 21st, the Brian Center Nursing Care facility in Hertford celebrated their first anniversary.

A year ago Tuesday, the center held its official ribbon cutting ceremonies, gave guided tours, and accepted their first patient, Mrs. Mill-cent King.

During last year's dedication ceremonies, Mayor Bill Cox of Hertford stated that the Brian Center had built a Cadillac in a full line of nursing care facilities, and a year later the statement holds true.

HISTORY

A year ago when the Brian Center opened its doors, it was a dream come true for many area residents, and residents in many of the surrounding counties who felt there was a great need in this area for a quality nursing care facility. Perquimans County was chosen by the state and the Brian Center's management corporation

after a long and detailed process. After several years of work on the part of many people, the Brian Center opened at its present location off of Grubb Street in Hertford.

The Brian Center's management offices are located in Hickory, North Carolina, and Brian Centers have been providing quality nursing care for their residents for over 15 years. 29 centers are currently in operation across North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. The Brian Center Management Corporation is chaired by Donald C. Beaver, and the Brian centers are named for Beaver's young son, named Brian, who Beaver and his wife lost several years ago.

Today the Brian Centers makes every attempt possible to provide their residents with the best quality nursing care available.

FACTS ABOUT THE LOCAL CENTER

Since February of 1988 the Brian Center-Hertford has been operating at approximately 98 percent occupancy. The center is designed to house 78 residents with 27,000 square feet of space in the facility. 39 residents are in skilled beds, and 39 in intermediate care. There are two private rooms in the facility, and the remaining rooms are either semi-private or wards. The facility has gardens, uncovered patios, and plenty of landscaped scenery for patients to enjoy. Locally 80 people are employed by the center on a full-time and part-time basis with a monthly payroll of \$55,000. Most of the employees are from the local area, and there has been very little patient and staff turn-over since the center opened a year ago.

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Perquimans County Board of Education; providing school leadership for county

One of the many services which Perquimans County residents often take for granted are our local schools, and leading the schools is the Perquimans County Board of Education.

The Perquimans County Board of Education is composed of five members elected at large, but representing each of the five townships. Current members of the board are Cliff Towe, Parkville Township; Emmett Long, Bethel Township; Preston Stevenson, Hertford Township; Mack Nixon, New Hope Township, and Clifford Winslow, of Belvidere.

The Board of Education has operated as it does today in Perquimans County since 1970. Prior to that time following local elections those people getting the highest votes in the elec-

tion were appointed by the N.C. General Assembly to serve on the Board of Education.

The current members of the Board of Education have over 68 years of experience serving as leaders for the local school system, and they have many responsibilities, and many duties.

In the state of North Carolina Boards of Education are incorporated. As a corporate body, the Board of Education has a legal existence separate and apart from its members. Even though the Board of Education is made up of individual members, it must act together. No board member can act alone. As a corporate body, the board may sue, be sued, purchase and condemn property, and receive monies and

goods in its corporate name. The board also has authority over all public school matters in its unit.

The local school board has the duty of providing adequate school facilities and programs within their unit, and they are charged with enforcing school laws in their unit.

Simply put, the school board has total responsibility for daily operation of the school system. They set educational policies, hire personnel, oversee financial affairs, guard financial assets, access general needs and present them to the local Board of Commissioners, which functions as the tax-levying board for the county, plus much more.

Board members do much for the

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Motorists urged to drive carefully over holiday

CHARLOTTE, NC.—Eighteen persons may lose their lives in fatal accidents during the 78-hour Fourth of July holiday weekend, the N.C. State Motor Club has projected. The mid-year holiday begins Friday, July 1, at 6 p.m. and ends Monday, July 4, at mid-night.

Last year the holiday claimed 17 lives in North Carolina and injured 1,315. In 1986 there were 28 fatalities and 1,075 injuries.

The Fourth of July holiday weekend tends to produce more fatalities on average than any other holiday, except Thanksgiving and Christmas, according to Dr. John G. Frazier, III, president of the statewide motor club.

"Summer months are the most dangerous months, and vacation driving is more dangerous than business or normal everyday driving," Dr.

Frazier stated. "Unfamiliar roads, fatigue, and the tendency to celebrate before reaching the vacation spot contribute," he added. All motorists are urged to stay on guard while driving and don't relax until destination is reached.

Speed continues to be the number one contributing factor in motor vehicle deaths and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs ranks second on the list.

The North Carolina Crime Control and Public Safety Department spokesman, Phil Bridges, advises that the State Highway Patrol will have every available trooper on duty this July Fourth weekend. They will be participating in Operation CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Efforts), designed to promote traffic safety and reduce accidents on interstate highways. All troopers will be

concentrating on excessive speed, and drinking drivers in an effort to reduce the number of traffic accidents and deaths.

The National Safety Council has projected 400 to 500 deaths nationwide over the holiday, and 19,000 to 24,000 may suffer disabling injuries.

As we celebrate our independence on this Fourth of July, let's not forget the freedoms we enjoy, among them the freedom to travel anywhere we like," Frazier said. "If you are traveling this weekend, drive safely and remember the words of Will Rogers—"We kill more people celebrating our Independence Day, than we lost fighting for it".

To date 623 fatalities have been reported on North Carolina highways according to the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles. This is 46 less than at this same time last year.

Fourth of July festivities planned

Make plans now, and head out Monday to Missing Mill Park for the annual Fourth of July celebration sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees.

This year activities will get underway at 2:00 p.m. with concession sales, entertainment of all kinds, games for kids and adults, the annual street dance, and, of course, the biggest and best fireworks display ever shot off in Perquimans County.

Hamburgers, barbecue, hot dogs, corn on the cob, french fries, popcorn, soft drinks plus other delicious treats will go on sale at 2:00 p.m., and be available throughout the afternoon and evening. Sara Winslow will be in charge of firing the grills, and promises to have something to tempt everyone's tastebuds.

The afternoon will be filled with a variety of entertainment for everyone's enjoyment. Entertainers scheduled to appear include the Harbor Lites, Lyn Winslow, pianist, gospel singers, and Magic, who will be

making their second annual appearance at the Fourth of July festivities.

A county-wide church service will begin at 7:30 p.m. under the Missing Mill Park shelter, and following the entertainment, at dusk, the fireworks display will begin.

Games for both children and adults are planned from 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.. JoAnn Jones has organized such games as volleyball, badminton, tug-o-war, horseshoes, and more for the adults. All entry fees from these games will be donated by the Jaycees to the N.C. Burn Center in Chapel Hill.

Water balloon toss, balloon shaving, a tricycle-bicycle decorating contest, and much more are planned for the little folks. Prizes will be awarded in the bike decorating contest. There will be three categories for judging, two to four years of age, five to eight years of age, and nine to 12 years of age. Parents are asked to bring all children competing in the contest to the park at 2:00 p.m. with

their bikes decorated.

Diane Copeland has taken charge of entertaining the teenagers this year, and they should have a wonderful afternoon. Diane has planned a scavenger hunt, a new event for the Fourth of July festivities, and there will even be a greased pole available for climbing, if they dare.

As dusk descends over the county, Wayne Layden and crew will begin their magic, sending up the largest and most spectacular fireworks display ever seen at the county's Fourth of July celebration. Several of the Jaycees traveled all the way to South Carolina for the fireworks and firework training, and they promise to be most enjoyable.

As you can see, a fun family day is planned to celebrate the 212th birthday of our nation.

The Jaycees invite everyone to come out and have a good time, and celebrate the Fourth of July with them on Monday at Missing Mill Park in Hertford, see ya there.

Operation fan heat relief begins

Human Resources Secretary David T. Flaherty announced that "Operation Fan-Heat Relief" will begin its third year of operation again this summer. "Operation Fan-Heat Relief" is a special emergency project designed to help elderly North Carolinians cope with the summer heat.

"Many elderly citizens do not have electric fans or air conditioners in their homes," Secretary Flaherty said. "This makes them highly susceptible to heat stroke and heat exhaustion. These life-threatening situations can be avoided when our older citizens are able to keep cool through the use of fans or air conditioners."

"North Carolinians are urged to join in Operation Fan-Heat Relief by donating electric fans and air conditioners or by making cash contributions to buy these items through one of the 18 Area Agencies of Aging or their Council on Aging or Senior Center," Flaherty said.

Each year older adults die from

heat-related illnesses. Health officials say most of these fatalities could have been prevented.

Already this year, North Carolina has experienced temperatures in the 90's. These high temperatures, coupled with high humidity, can inhibit the body's natural cooling process—perspiration.

Assistant Secretary for DHR's Division of Aging Elaine Stoops says elderly citizens have a greater need for a cool environment during the summer. "Older people often have chronic health problems requiring medication which affects the body's natural defenses for coping with heat," Stoops said. "For example, diuretics, often prescribed for high blood pressure, reduce the amount of fluids in a person's body and in turn affect the body's cooling system. Certain tranquilizers and drugs used to treat Parkinson's Disease also interfere with perspiration. A number of other chronic medical conditions,

such as diabetes, stroke, heart disease and obesity often upset normal bodily responses to heat," Stoops added.

The fans that will be collected and purchased through "Operation Fan-Heat Relief"—will be given to those elderly citizens who have the greatest need for relief from the heat. Other aspects of the program include having volunteers who deliver meals to the elderly, home health aides and chore workers check older citizens for heat stress during hot weather. The state's 112 Senior Centers will also be open to provide a cool place for older adults who lack air conditioning or fans in their homes.

Those wishing to donate cash contributions or electric fans to "Operation Fan-Heat Relief" or older adults seeking fans should call the Division of Aging at 919-733-3983, or CARE-LINE at 1-800-662-7030.

Winslow selected outstanding young agricultural extension worker in state

Stanley J. Winslow, Perquimans County extension director, has been selected as the outstanding young agricultural extension worker in the 13-county North East Extension District.

The selection was made by the North Carolina Association of County Agricultural Agents. He received a plaque and \$25 cash award.

Winslow was cited by the association for his contributions to the area integrated pest management cooperative, which he was in charge of for

three years. He helped to move the cooperative to its highest level of achievement—15,000 acres of soil sampling and 12,000 acres of crops that were scouted for pests on a regular basis. Included were corn, soybeans, wheat, Irish potatoes, wheat and cotton.

Winslow has a B.S. degree in agronomy from North Carolina State University. He joined the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service in 1978 as an agent in Lincoln County. He transferred to Perquimans in

1981, where he was promoted to county director in 1985.

Other 1988 winners of young agent achievement awards are Kenneth McCaskill, Jackson County; Robert Parriott, Watauga and Ashe counties; Curtis D. Fountain, Edgecombe County; Richard Melton, Hoke County; Philip J. Denlinger, Duplin County; and Thomas R. Martin, Mecklenburg County. The honor is reserved for agents who have less than 10 years of extension experience.



Fourth of July

Schedule of Events

Missing Mill Park, Hertford

2:00 p.m.	— Children & Adult games Teen games Boat Show Dunking booth Concession stand
<i>(Games will run until 4:30 p.m. featuring tri-cycle, bicycles decorating contest, scavenger hunt, balloon shaving, greased pole, volleyball, horseshoes and more.)</i>	
4:30 p.m.	— Harbor Lites
5:30 p.m.	— Piano Concert by Lyn Winslow
6:30 p.m.	— Gospel Sing
7:30 p.m.	— County-wide Church Service (Missing Mill Park Shelter)
8:00 p.m.	— Magic
Dusk	— Fireworks (Biggest & Best Ever)

**(All monies raised from adult games will be donated to N.C. Burn Center. Children participating in tricycle and bicycle contest should bring bikes decorated to the park.)*

Holiday deadlines announced for paper

The Perquimans Weekly will be closed on Monday for the July 4th holiday. Early deadlines will be observed. All ads and news copy need to be in office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday.