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Navy releases restricted waters

According to an announcement made last Thursday by Albemarle Commission officials, the Navy has agreed to delete a restricted area of water south of Perquimans County in the Albemarle Sound, and an airspace flying route which runs over Washington, Tyrrell, and Dare counties.

Don Flowers, Albemarle Commission Executive Director, received a round of applause following the announcement at last week's commission meeting.

Flowers told members of the commission gathered at the meeting Thursday evening, that for the last year the commission's Military Activities Committee has been working on getting the areas of airspace deleted by the Navy.

The Navy has agreed to release six square miles of restricted water near the Harvey Point Defense Testing Installation. "That area has been restricted to boaters for the past 30 years or more," stated Flowers, adding that he hopes the area will open for boaters in the immediate future.

Lifting restrictions on the area will provide numerous benefits for the area according to Flowers. Boaters will now be able to travel from Hertford to Edenton without having to go out into the Albemarle Sound, and regattas will now be possible.

"The Navy thought the restricted waters belonged to Harvey Point, and Harvey Point officials said it was not theirs," said Flowers, explaining the reason why the area was not currently being used and was not deleted in the past.

Other benefits from the deletion will include reducing the number of low flying aircraft over Columbia, Roper and Creswell, as well as other parts of Washington, Tyrrell, and Dare counties.

Flowers stated on Thursday that the commission is also working to have the Navy delete two prohibited water areas in the Currituck Sound, which are also not currently in use by the military.

Festival of Skills date scheduled

The Seventh Annual Festival of Skills sponsored by Perquimans County Extension Homemakers is planned for October 7 and 8, at the Old FCX Building in Hertford, N.C.

The doors will open at noon until 6:00 P.M. on Friday, October 7, with craftsmen from Virginia and the area. Saturday, October 8, hours are from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

Our own Emily Harrell will participate with her lovely Armenian Needle Lace. Others from the Burgess Extension Homemakers will feature a variety of handmade articles including pillows, dolls, paintings baskets and other unusual and familiar items. The Belvidere Extension Homemakers will have creative handmade gifts and collectibles. Or you can treat yourself to baked goods including old fashion apple and peach jacks. Also, customers will be tempted to carry home a potted plant or two.

Gloria Jackson from Elizabeth City promises to have Christmas Ornaments, doll quilts and other handmade items. Mrs. Paul Colson, Jr.'s handmade items will include stuffed animals, wreaths, pillows and decorated baskets.

Joe Barbato from Edenton will offer a big selection. Barbato's wood items will include stools, cradles, whirly-gigs, and Christmas items.

There are still a few booths available. Call 426-7697 for information. In addition to the crafts, a concession will serve homemade beef vegetable soup, sandwiches, hot dogs and chili. So enjoy good food while at the Festival.

Admission is \$1.00 for adults, \$.50 for students.

Don't miss the 1988 Festival of Skills. Mark your calendar today.

WEATHER FORECAST

Weather forecasters are calling for continued warm temperatures featuring highs in the 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

Weekend skies will be partly cloudy with a chance of showers.



Auction to benefit library building project!

On Saturday, friends of the Perquimans County Library will hold a fish fry and auction to benefit the library building project. Many items have been donated by local businesses and individuals, and on Saturday following the fish fry the items will be auctioned off to the highest bidder. All the money raised from the auction will be used in building the library's new addition.

Fish fry and auction sale on Saturday to benefit county library building project

Get your tickets now for the Fish Fry & Auction to benefit the Perquimans County Library Building Fund. Your library needs to raise money to build the new addition and you can help. Buy a ticket for \$4.00 and come enjoy fried fish, cole slaw, hushpuppies, stewed potatoes and ice tea (sponsored by the

Jaycees). Following the fish fry there will be an auction. If you have any items to donate for the auction, please call the library at 426-5319. A few of the items to be auctioned include: an antique chair, bicycles (2nd hand), free duck mounting, fertilizer, county ham, hand-made baby doll cradle,

hand-made pillows, and sterling salt and pepper shakers.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 27 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Buy your ticket from the library or area merchants and come on down to the Hertford Town Park (across the street from Missing Mill Park).

Truck causes power outage in Hertford

Hertford officials were kept busy last Thursday when a truck snagged a telephone line, causing a chain reaction which left electric, cable television, and phone lines strewn across the street.

In some sections of Hertford, residents were without power for five hours while repairs were being completed, and traffic was rerouted to avoid the area.

Chief Marshall Merritt of the Hertford Police Department said the truck was driving on South Church making a delivery to Eagles Department Store at 2:30 p.m. The truck caught a sagging phone line on its trailer as it passed. The phone line was sag-

ging due to the extreme heat last week.

"It snatched everything down," Chief Merritt stated, adding that one of the telephone poles was broken in half. He said the truck had driven the same route through town every week, but extreme heat on Thursday caused the line to sag.

Damage to the trailer was estimated at \$1,000. Mayor Bill Cox estimates that damage to the electrical lines including labor and materials is \$655. Damage estimates have not yet been made for the downed telephone lines and cable lines.

According to Mayor Bill Cox electricity was cut off immediately

to the area because of the downed power lines. Residents in area from Dobbs Street to Highway 17, including Belo Shopping Center, didn't receive power until 7:30 p.m.

The street was closed off by police, and traffic diverted, and according to Chief Merritt the extreme heat Thursday made for a very long, hot day. Merritt stated that several citizens brought police and workers refreshments, of which he was very appreciative. "It was a hot day to be in the sun," said Merritt.

Cable television workers, phone company workers, and town employees worked jointly to repair the downed lines.

Concerns aired over boat ramp usage

HERTFORD: It was supposed to be a public hearing to discuss parking concerns and the use of the boat ramp behind the municipal building, but much of the discussion concerned alleged overfishing of the Perquimans River by bass fishermen.

More than 35 people attended the hearing held last Wednesday evening at the Perquimans County courthouse.

"Several months ago, we were approached by a group of residents concerned that the boat ramp and parking lot are being overused and there was some concern that the river is being overfished," Mayor Bill Cox told the crowd. "What we would like to do is find a way so everyone can use the boat ramp and parking lot, but not abuse it."

A proposed ordinance presented to the council by town attorney, Walter Edwards, would limit the number of tournaments utilizing the ramp to eight each year, and no more than two tournaments could be held during a calendar month. A permit would be required along with a tournament fee of \$100.00.

"We have looked at some rules and regulations, but we haven't officially put any in place," Cox said, adding that the council may have to compromise with the regulations in the proposed ordinance.

Jerry Felty, a Perquimans County resident and member of the N.C. Bass Federation, said many local residents have the wrong perception of bass tournament fisher-

men. "We want you to look at us differently," he said. "Not like a motorcycle gang has come to town."

Felty said tournament fishermen release fish after the tournament. "As a group we catch all the fish we can catch, eat all the fish we can eat, and we put the rest back," he said, adding that 99 percent of the fish caught are released. Any that die in the live wells are eaten, he said.

"The fish taken out of this river couldn't feed this group in this room," said Chris Martin, a member of the Pembroke Bass Club in Edenton. "Limiting the number of tournaments is not the answer. Maybe part of the solution is to have all the weigh-ins at Missing Mill Park," he said, adding that bass fishing is one of the fastest growing sports in the country and the number of fishermen in the area will only increase in the future.

Ervin Mansfield, one of the group that first requested action by the council, said the purpose of the local residents was not to keep people out of Hertford. "Our purpose is conservation," he said. "Our river is one of the cleanest and most scenic in North Carolina, and we want to keep it that way," he said, adding that the river is being overfished.

Eldon Winslow, a former game warden in Perquimans, called for the establishment of spawning areas in which fishermen would

Commissioners vote to expand tri-county jail

Construction of an addition to the tri-county Albemarle District Jail got the nod Monday night at a joint meeting of county commissioners from Pasquotank, Perquimans, and Camden counties.

For over a year members of the jail commission, a group composed of commissioners from all three counties, have been discussing the construction of additional jail facilities due to overcrowded conditions, and increase inmate population. During that time the projected costs of the project have risen from \$500,000 to \$3.2 million.

Cost of the new jail facilities will be split between the counties based on their population. Pasquotank, with the highest population, will pay 65 percent of the project, or \$861,650; Perquimans, will pay 22 percent, or \$291,600, and Camden will pay 13.31 percent, or \$172,300.

"We don't have any choice, but to build," said Perquimans County Commissioner Lester Simpson during the meeting.

Other commissioners from all three counties issued his sentiments, and many stated that they felt costs for the project would only continue to rise if expansion of the jail is delayed.

All three of the counties have money set aside for the jail project. The monies set aside by the counties were based on earlier pro-

jected costs, but all three counties will have to budget money again next year to meet their share of the project funding.

Commissioners from all three counties also stated on Monday that the jail expansion project could not have come at a worse time, all three counties have more needs than funds, and many of the needs are felt more important by citizens than the jail.

The jail expansion project will increase inmate housing by 24 maximum security cells. According to jail officials the jail is often filled now to capacity, and the new cells are needed.

Aubrey Ownley, Sr., superintendent of the jail, stated on Monday that at the present time he had three men sleeping on the floor, making for very unsatisfactory conditions. Ownley also stated that despite overcrowding if he receives an order he must take a prisoner no matter what the conditions.

Several commissioners present at the meeting stated that our jail is not unique with its overcrowding problem. "It's happening all over the state," said Bill Owens of Pasquotank County.

Following Monday's meeting, Noel Coltrain, architect for the project, was to award contracts.

Work is set to begin on the site within three weeks.

Indian Summer Festival set to begin Sept. 16th

Summer is coming to a close, fall is just around the corner, and final plans are being made for the annual Indian Summer Festival in Perquimans County.

The festival will kick-off on Friday, September 16th in downtown Hertford, and promises fun and good times for all ages throughout the two day event, which concludes on Saturday with a Street Dance at Missing Mill Park from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Music will be provided by the "Fun Seekers".

Friday will include a variety of activities and entertainment, including performances by the Perquimans County High School "Marching Pirates" Band, the Edenton Preservation Band, and a performance by the Atlantic Fleet Navy Band, all taking place on the courthouse green in Hertford.

The sidewalks of Hertford will be filled with old fashioned bargains as area merchants spread their wares and participate in the annual Indian Summer Festival sidewalk sales beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be on sale at a sidewalk cafe beginning at 12:00 p.m., and beginning at 5:00 p.m. Chicken plates will go on sale for the evening meal. Plates will be \$3.50 and will feature fried chicken with all the trimmings.

After a delicious chicken dinner, festival goes will be treated to a new event at this year's festival, an old fashioned "mellerdrummer". Beginning promptly at 7:00 p.m. "Curse You Jack Dalton" will be presented in the courthouse. The play will feature local performers of Perquimans County, and will be directed by Ed Allen.

On Saturday, the festival activities will move to Missing Mill Park in Hertford.

Booths featuring all types of arts and crafts and food items will be spread along the beautiful banks of the Perquimans River beginning at 10:00 a.m.

36 craftsmen featuring everything from toll painting to face painting have signed up for the festival. Many of the craftsmen will be visiting the Indian Summer Festival for the first time, and from the looks of their offerings it will be a Christmas shoppers paradise. 12 food booths are currently



signed up to participate, featuring such delicious treats as german sausages, baked goods, popcorn, cotten candy, hot dogs, barbecue, and more.

In addition to the craft and food booths various displays, and children's activities are also planned on Saturday.

Entertainment on Saturday will feature the Flatland Cloggers, Katie Kudworth, "Tradock Rock", a division of U.S. Continental Band, and more.

The ever popular children's train will be on

courtesy of the Edenton Optimist Club, and the clang of horseshoes hitting the poles will ring through the air, as adults gather to play for the championship.

Saturday will also feature the annual pig pickin' beginning at 5:00 p.m.

This year's Indian Summer Festival promises to be fun for young and old alike. Make plans now to come out and join in all the fun of this year's festival sponsored by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

Grab your Indian Summer Festival buttons, don your Indian Summer Festival t-shirts and let all your friends and neighbors know about the county's upcoming gala event, September 16th and 17th in Hertford.

See you there!

Come out and support the "Pirates" of Perquimans High School as they face the Northeastern High School "Eagles" in their first regular season football game. The game will begin at 8:00 P.M., PCHS Athletic field.

Half-time activities will be provided by the "Marching Pirates".

Come out & support the team!