

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Eagles down Pirates 21-12

Despite an honorable performance, and a 12-7 halftime lead on Friday night the Northeastern Eagles proved too much for the Pirates of Perquimans High School. The Pirates fell to the Eagles 21-12 in their season opener. Lack of concentration, a deep Northeastern bench, two fumbles, and three interceptions by the Pirates all contributed to an Eagle comeback in the third quarter. Following the game Perquimans first-year coach Spencer White stated that several things contributed to Friday night's loss. "The biggest problem we faced with Northeastern was the depth of their team," said White. "They kept putting fresh kids in the game, while our same fellows had to continue playing the whole game," he added.

White also attributed Friday's loss to a lack of concentration on behalf of the team. "We didn't execute mentally, and had a lack of concentration," stated White.

Friday night had all the signs of the first football game of the season, and along the sidelines the intensity and tension was so thick you could have cut it with a knife.

In the first half of the ballgame Perquimans running back Tyvoice Coston, a junior, ran all over the Eagles rushing for 85 yards, inspiring the Pirates to a great first half of play, but the Eagles made several adjustments in the second half and held Coston to only 19 yards rushing shutting down the Pirates.

Despite 166 yards rushing in the first half, and a feeling that Perquimans might have a chance to win the ballgame, the Pirates ran out of steam in the second half rushing just under 34 yards.

Derrick Rogers, Perquimans quarterback passed the ball for just over 105 yards during Friday's game, but even that wasn't enough to stop the Eagles.

Northeastern rushed over 195 yards, and James White, a Northeastern junior, played havoc with the Pirates all night long.

The Pirates managed to keep a lid on the Eagles passing game, but even that wasn't enough to grab the win.

The first quarter of the game was scoreless, despite a drive by Perquimans which ended when a pass by Derrick Rogers was intercepted in the end zone by Northeastern's David Mullen.

In the second quarter, a fumbled punt return by Perquimans' Scottie Mitchell led to a 37 yard drive by the Eagles to score, taking the lead 7-0.

Perquimans came back quickly after Northeastern's score, mounting a 65 yard drive, which ended in a score when Tyvoice Coston ran the ball into the end-zone from the one yard line. A Perquimans two point conversion failed, and the score was 7-6 Northeastern.

The second half ended in a series of unbelievable plays which in-

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## Drivers urged to drive carefully over holidays

The N.C. State Motor Club is projecting a holiday death toll of 22 persons during the 78-hr. Labor Day weekend which begins Friday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. and ends Monday, September 5 at midnight.

Last year the holiday claimed 36 lives and injured 1,675 persons. This was the worst traffic toll for Labor Day since 1971. We are optimistic that such will not be the case this year. The safest Labor Days were in 1982 and 1983 when 14 persons each weekend were killed.

The leading driver violations contributing to fatal accidents last year were speeding and DUI-Alcohol. The N.C. State Highway Patrol issued 932 speeding violations and 229 DUI-Alcohol violations over the weekend.

"We still need the willingness of motorists to abide by the posted speed limits and refrain from driving and drinking to prevent the increase of death and destruction on the highway," Dr. John G. Frazier, III, president of the statewide motor club said.

"No one can control all of the factors involved in a traffic collision, however, it is within every driver's power to control his speed, and to eliminate driving after drinking alcoholic beverages.

There is another very simple but

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## Students returned to school Monday!

On Monday students in Perquimans County returned to school, and according to school officials things went well, and enrollment at the four schools topped 1790. At Hertford Grammar School Mr. Tice, school principal, and Brenda Hollowell, art teacher helped direct lost students to their classrooms.

## Pork producers to vote on national pork referendum in September

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 7th and 8th, pork producers in Perquimans County and from across the state, have an important decision to make. It is probably the single most important business decision they will make this year.

During these two days, pork producers will go to their local county extension offices and cast their vote "for" or "against" continuation of the present national check-

off. The unique Pork - The Other White Meat (R) national promotion campaign is considered by experts in the advertising business as one of the most successful of all time.

When you consider that the average pork producer saw a \$6 or more per head increase in return on 31 cent per head checkoff investment last year, there really isn't

much doubt about the value of the checkoff to the individual producer.

All eligible pork producers, and their families are encouraged to take the time and vote. The poles will be open at the Perquimans County Extension Office during regular business hours on the 7th and 8th of Sept. For more information on the referendum contact the extension office at 426-5428.



## Colonial encampment held in Hertford!

A group of colonial militia, minutemen, and riflemen converged on the grounds of the Newbold-White House this weekend for an encampment. The group of 25 spent the weekend living as a garrison of the colonial times.

## Group re-enacts colonial war life

This past weekend the grounds of the Newbold-White House came alive with the sights and sounds of 18th military life.

Rifle shots, the smell of meat cooking over an open fire, and the men marching in drill formation came together to give residents of Perquimans County and other visitors a rare glimpse of 18th century military life.

Over the weekend a varied group of militia, riflemen, and minutemen, pitched their tents, and set up an authentic company camp on the historic site's grounds.

Included in the camp were authentic reproductions of uniforms and clothing from the period, authentic wrought-iron cooking utensils, guns, ammunition, and militia equipment, and even a sutler or company store for purchasing items from the past or needed supplies.

The re-enactment group which included approximately 25 members from North Carolina and the tidewater region of Virginia spent this weekend drilling, educating the public, and education themselves on 18th century military life.

The camp which was set up on

the grounds was completely authentic, and designed to house 70 men. It featured an authentic company street with tents down each side and a command tent at the head. The sutler or base exchange was located opposite of the command tent.

The men of the group spent the weekend drilling, working on equipment, and doing just what soldiers in an 18th century garrison would have done. The women on the other hand led the typical life of camp followers, they gathered wood and cooked in the traditional ways throughout the weekend.

The encampment, organized by Bob Schoen of Perquimans County, was held in conjunction with the Perquimans County Restoration Association. "It was our intent to increase visitation to the Newbold-White House," said Schoen, adding that the group also hoped to educate the public and give them a true picture of the 18th century. Schoen estimated on Sunday that visitation was up four times over normal traffic, and he stated the group had had visitors from Virginia, North Carolina, and even

some from South Carolina.

In talking with Schoen, a Capt. in Ross' Pennsylvania Riflemen, Steven Sykes, a member of the Culpepper Minutemen, and other group members several facts about the period were uncovered: -22,000 men from North Carolina fought in the American Revolution on the side of the colonies.

-Often disease killed more soldiers than the war. Camps often featured unsanitary conditions.

-Shoes were a premium. Often soldiers marched in their bare feet, or had their feet tied up in cloth or rags. Shoes were saved for very special occasions.

-Wives and children often accompanied men to battle, and it is historically correct to allow women to dress and fight. This is because in English camps if a man was killed in battle a spouse had only three days to marry someone else. According to Sykes, rather than marry many of the women put on their husband's clothes, and went to fight with other company's.

-The revolutionary war was really the first world war, in addition to

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## Downing selected NCSO coach of the year

Over the past eight years Andy Downing has gone above and beyond the call of duty when assisting Perquimans County with its Special Olympics program as a coach. On Saturday he was honored for his years of service.

Andy Downing was selected and honored as the 1988 North Carolina Special Olympics Coach of the Year. This award along with a letter from Governor Jim Martin was presented to Andy during the annual N.C. Special Olympics Awards Banquet held at the Sheraton Imperial Towers Hotel, Research Triangle Park, as part of the annual Special Olympics statewide co-ordinator's conference.

Mr. Downing was chosen from nominations from across the state by county special olympic co-ordinators. Downing who was nominated by Perquimans County Co-ordinator Kathleen Ansink last year following the state summer games in Chapel Hill, and selected by a committee of special olympic coaches, teachers, and parents.

During the presentation of Andy's award on Saturday, Jim Cole, president of the North Carolina Special Olympics board of directors, stated that Andy Downing has gone above and beyond the call of duty for special olympics, and been a tremendous attribute to Perquimans County. "Perquimans County is very lucky to have someone such as Andy," said Cole. "He

has gone above and beyond the call of duty," he added.

Andy has been responsible for coaching many sports over the years of his involvement with special olympics. Most recently he has been serving as head coach of the state champion soccer team, but has continued to work with all the special olympians in Perquimans County giving unselfishly of his time and talents.

Downing stated on Saturday that he was surprised and extremely pleased to have been selected as coach of the year. "I am very surprised and pleased," said Downing. "It is a great honor," he added.

Downing is the Recreation Department Director in Perquimans County. He and his wife, Jonathan, have three sons Anthony, Jr., Kevin, and Maurice. The Downings make their home in Hertford.

Several other organizations from the Albemarle Area were also honored on Saturday. The Coast Guard received a special award for their involvement at the district level of special olympics. Mr. Fred Tanner of Elizabeth City was chosen as volunteer of the year, and The Elizabeth City Junior Women's Club was honored as outstanding organization in the state. Sandi Davis the special olympics co-ordinator in Pasquotank County was also honored for his service on the state board of directors.

## Money allocated for conservation practices

Almost \$7 million dollars has been allocated for fiscal year 1988-89 for water quality protection and technical assistance by the state's Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

The funds have been allocated to support the state's Agriculture Cost-Share Program for Nonpoint Source Pollution.

The program in 1987 spent \$6.54 million to reduce sediments, nutrients, animal wastes and pesticides from entering the state's streams, lakes, and rivers.

"North Carolina is looked upon as a leader in the conservation effort," said Gov. Jim Martin, "because of its Agriculture Cost-Share Program."

The commission allocates money and approves Best Management Practices (BMP's), those conservation measures designed to protect water quality.

Presently, 56 of the state's 100 counties, including Perquimans County participate in the total program, which pays 75 percent of the average cost for each of the approved BMP's, such as conservation tillage, stripcropping, animal waste management, and conversion of cropland. The program has been in place in Perquimans County for over three years.

Since the program began in 1984, the number of counties participating has increased from 16 to 56. They have spent all of the allocated funds on practices that protect water quality. This year's allocation for Perquimans County was over \$100,000, the allocations range from \$12,000 to \$156,000 per county.

Since 1984, agreements with landowners totaled 4,700 contracts to install BMP's on 365,000 acres. Erosion control measures on 140,000 acres of severely eroding agricultural lands will save 1 million tons of soil per year over the next 10 years and keep sediments, nutrients, pesticides and animal wastes out of our streams.

Cost-share allocations are based on which counties contribute the greatest share of nonpoint source water pollution and on the availability of technical assistance from the district office.

The local soil and water conservation districts review and approve all applications, conservation plans and requests for payments.

For more information on this program and other conservation projects contact the Perquimans County office of soil and water conservation at 426-5545.

## Union School reunion scheduled for Saturday

On Saturday, September 3, 1988, the gym of Perquimans County Middle School will come alive with the sounds of the second Perquimans Union School reunion.

The reunion will begin at 1:00 p.m. and run until 12:00 a.m. (midnight), and will feature festivities of all kinds and lots of good food. Music will be provided by The Bill Wills Combo, and T-Connection.

The reunion is open to everyone who attend Perquimans Union School from 1938 until 1988 spanning 50 years. People will be coming for the reunion from points across the United State and overseas. Former teachers, and princi-

pals will also be in attendance.

Guest speaker for Saturday's reunion will be retired Navy Captain Shirley Yates of Winfall. Emcee for the reunion will be Mr. John Thatch of Raleigh, North Carolina.

To make reservations or for further information concerning the reunion, contact Ms. Annette Modlin, 426-5925, Ms. Shirley Yates, 426-2425, or Ms. Lois Smith at 426-7295.

Make plans to come out and visit old friends, and join in all the fun of the Perquimans Union School reunion this Saturday from 1:00 p.m. until midnight at Perquimans Middle School in Winfall.

A good time is promised for all in attendance.

## WEATHER

Weather forecasters are calling for continued warm weather this weekend. Thundershowers are expected late in the afternoons throughout Friday.

Temperatures will be hot and humid featuring lows in the 70s and highs in the 90s.