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Local students to represent N.C. in tournament

Perquimans County Special Olympics received the honor of being invited to represent the State of North Carolina at the Third Annual McKesson Invitational Soccer Tournament to be held this weekend in Memphis, Tennessee. Some of the athletes going will leave Thursday night on American Airlines and the rest will leave on Friday and fly on a Burlington Industries Corporate Jet.

The Perquimans County team has won the state championship in soccer for the past two years at the State Summer Games.

Students going from Perquimans County include: Tyrone Johnson, Clinton Brother, Maurice Brinkley, Tracy Cohen and Jackie Ward. The guys are in for the time of their lives...flying in an airplane, staying in a hotel, eating in restaurants and playing soccer, soccer and still more soccer (hopefully winning gold). After Saturday's Tournament, they will travel to "Mud Island" a giant historical park full of interesting museums, then back to the hotel for an Awards Banquet. After an exhausting 3 days "Team North Carolina" will fly home and because Monday is a Teacher's Workday, probably sleep all day!

Way to go guys, we're proud of you!

Good Luck!!!

Clean-up scheduled

The Hertford Grammar PTA will sponsor a clean-up day, October 8th beginning at 8 a.m. at the school. Parents and children are urged to come out for a day of fun and work. Bring rakes, hoes, shovels, pine straw, etc. Pack a bag lunch, drinks will be provided.

Pirates beaten by Knights

Once again the Pirates had a tough time on Friday evening as Charles Lee of Currituck scored a touchdown and kicked a field goal leading the Knights to 12-0 win over Perquimans.

Strong defensive play by the Knights limited the Pirates to 46 yards in total offense, all on the ground, including just three yards total offense in the second half.

Currituck scored early in the first half when Lee kicked a 33-yard field goal making the score 3-0. The score remained 3-0 throughout the first quarter and the first half.

Currituck went to the locker room with a 3-0 lead.

Despite a rousing half-time talk by Coach White, the Pirates just couldn't seem to come together Friday, and Currituck scored a touchdown early in the third quarter.

Once again, it was Lee who scored for the Knights, on a 51 yard drive into the end-zone, carrying the score to 9-0.

A good extra point kicked by Lee took the score to 10-0.

Currituck captured the game early in the fourth quarter when Tommy Schuster, defensive end for the Knights, sacked Perquimans quarterback Derrick Rogers in the end zone for a safety.

The Pirates seemed to be flat on Friday evening, and according to Coach White he felt the team lacked intensity.

"The team was extremely flat," said Coach White. "We played with zero intensity, zero emotion, and zero enthusiasm, and you can't win that way," said White.

Fall festival planned

The Perquimans Central School PTA's annual Fall Fun Festival will be held on Saturday, October 15, 1988 at the school grounds.

The activities of the festival will begin Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. and will end at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon.

The festival will feature all kinds of fun and activities for the kids, everything from face-painting to pony rides. There will be lots of items for sale, and again this year the festival will feature a haunted house.

Area craftsmen will also bring their many talents to the festival, and everyone will have an opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping.

So on Saturday, October 15th, no matter what your interests, the Perquimans Central School's Fall Fun Festival will offer something for your enjoyment.

So mark your calendars and make plans to attend.



Members of the Perquimans County band are seen as they march in the Peanut Festival parade on Saturday. Richard O'Neal of the drumline is seen in the foreground.

"Marching Pirates" take third in Peanut Festival band competition

The "Marching Pirates" once again represented our country with an outstanding performance at the Edenton Peanut Festival Saturday, October 1.

They received 5 awards for their performance. In Class AA, they won 3rd place band. Auxiliary awards were presented in 3 categories with the "Marching Pirates" placing in each.

First place was awarded to the percussion line for their skilled

performance.

The Color Guard with their elegant array of colors and precision came in 3rd place.

Third place was given to Christy Waters in the Drum Major category.

They were also awarded a plaque for their performance in the parade.

This makes the second straight contest in which the Marching Pirates received awards in all cat-

egories that they entered. The band also received a standing ovation for their pre-game performance at Currituck High School Friday night.

They will be performing at several of the home games in the future and the next contest will be at Indian River High School at Chesapeake, Virginia, in the Tidewater Festival of Marching Bands, Saturday, October 15.



Becky Perry is seen with her display of feed sack dresses. Becky will be participating in the festival for the first time this year.

Festival of Skills to begin on Friday

The annual Festival of Skills, sponsored by the Perquimans County Extension Homemakers will begin this Friday.

The craft show and sale will be held on Friday and Saturday at the old FCX building on Grubb Street extended in Hertford. On Friday the festival will kick-off at 12 noon and will continue until 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday the show and sale will run from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

This year's festival will feature some old and new craftsman for the show.

Celia Copeland of Tyner will offer an abundance of handmade items including pillows, aprons, tree ornaments and wreaths.

Dallas Jethro and Wilber Jordan from Chowan County will have woodwork booths including children's toys, magazine racks, stools, planters and shelves.

Charlie and Marie Hurdle of Hertford will offer hand-painted landscapes and seascapes.

One of the new crafters to this year's festival will be Becky Perry. Becky's display will feature aprons, hand-sewn items, and children's clothing with a nostalgic appeal.

Becky loves history, and her unique dresses have a very unusual country flair.

In addition to having a unique homespun style, the dresses are also made of a most unusual fabric, feed sacks.

Becky obtained the feed sacks quite by accident, they were in the bottom of a box her husband, Pete, brought home from an auction sale, but after laundering them, and with encouragement from her

husband, she began turning the feed sacks into lovely garments.

The feed sacks feature a wide variety of vibrant colors, and unique patterns perfect for the long-sleeve smock type dress Becky makes.

Becky loves the country look she has chosen in patterning her dresses, and she feels that her country looking pattern gives the "total look" to a feed bag dress.

These are not the first dresses Becky has made using the country look, but they are the first ones she has made from feed sacks, and each one is unique, featuring carefully chosen buttons, and coordinating trim carefully chosen by Becky.

In the past Becky has made her dresses from calico prints and perma press fabrics, but these dresses are the first she's made from the 100 percent cotton feed sacks.

"I think that the pattern I've chosen and the feed sacks give the total look to the feed sack dress," says Perry.

Feed sack dresses were common in the "old days" according to Perry, and she remembers wearing feed sack dresses carefully made for her by her grandmother.

While most people may remember feed sacks being white, Perry says it was not unusual for the sacks to be printed. Feed sacks were often recycled by farm families. The families used them for making sheets, pillow cases, dresses and more.

Becky is particularly proud of her dresses. "I've made these dresses to look the way I'd like to see little girls dressed, and the way I dressed my girls," Becky says.

Perquimans EMS set to begin serving county

Paid rescue squad members are on call in Perquimans County today as county commissioners completed the final steps to set up the squad on Monday.

Commissioners approved the hiring of two full-time emergency medical technicians; Darlene Perkins Phelps of Perquimans County and George Lassiter of Chowan County.

County Manager Paul Gregory said the paid squad began operation on Monday morning. Commissioners decided several months ago to hire paid rescue squad members to answer calls during the daytime.

Volunteer squad members told commissioners that they no longer had the manpower to continue answering daytime calls, but the volunteer squad will continue to answer calls from 6 p.m.-6 a.m. during the week and on weekends and holidays.

Last month, commissioners hired the coordinator for the paid squad, Milton Dail. Along with the two other full-time paid members, commissioners approved the hiring for six part-time squad members.

Gregory said there will be no extra cost to the county for professional liability insurance because the present policy used for the volunteer squad will also cover the paid squad members.

Commissioners agreed several months ago to begin charging all patients for use of the rescue service, including calls for the volunteer squad. Volunteers told commissioners that many residents have abused the service in the past by using the squad in non-emergency situations.

Commissioners agreed that if they did not charge for the service at night and on weekends when the volunteers are staffing the squad, the abuse would continue.

Gregory said the basic fee will be \$50, with additional charges depending on if the vehicle left the county limits, if squad members have to wait at a location, and if oxygen is used.

"We are just looking to recoup half of our costs, and that may be optimistic," Gregory said.

Mobile Home Park Ordinance: A developer of a mobile home park in Woodville asked commissioners to consider several changes in the mobile home park ordinance.

H.V. Cole, who is the owner of the Long View Estates Mobile Home Park, said he developed 25 lots three years ago and is now in the process of adding 16 more lots. He said he was unaware that the new lots would have to meet the standards of the county ordinance until he was recently contacted by Gregory.

Cole said two regulations in the ordinance are too restrictive; the requirement that all streets be built according to state standards

and a requirement that a concrete slab be placed under every mobile home.

He said he could build a road for one-third of the cost if it did not have to meet state standards, and half the cost if it merely had to be paved.

"If I have to build these roads the way you want them to be built, the lot rent would have to be \$140 a month, and that is not affordable," Cole said.

Cole also said no other county in the state requires that concrete "pads" be placed under every mobile home, and he said it causes a problem if one mobile home is moved out and another mobile home of a different size is moved in. He also said there was no way to anchor a mobile home if it is placed on the concrete pad, but Gregory said that was not true.

Commissioners Thomas Nixon, William Wray Chappell and Durward Reed said they believed Cole had some legitimate complaints, and they asked Gregory to have the planning board review these areas of concern and come back before the commissioners with a recommendation.

Chairman Lester Simpson warned against making any changes to the ordinance, which was adopted last year. This would be the first mobile home park development that would come under the jurisdiction of the new ordinance, Gregory said.

"The purpose of this ordinance is to provide good roads for the people. We worked long and hard to get this ordinance, and if we start varying from what we have, we haven't got anything," Simpson said.

Gregory said he hopes the commissioners do not change the ordinance. "It is a good ordinance and if developers put in good roads to begin with, we won't have the problems with pot holes."

Emergency medical services rep. named:

Milton Dail was named as the emergency medical services representative for the Albemarle Commission regional EMS council. Nursing home advisory committee appointed:

Five members were re-appointed to the Nursing Home Advisory Committee. They are: Raymond Needham, Estelle Felton, Clara Schofield, Helen Mae Murray, and Joyce Riddick.

Winslow hired: Tommy Winslow was hired as the county buildings and grounds supervisor.

Road forwarded to NCDOT: Commissioners agreed to forward a request to the Department of Transportation from residents on Tuscarora Trail to have the road added to the state system. The road is located in the Little River Shores area of the New Hope Township.

School board discusses school facility standards

Local school board members met Monday evening with Bill Meekins, a member of the State Board of Education, to express their concerns over newly passed school facility standards, and proposed equipment standards for the North Carolina schools in the future.

The newly approved facility standards, which were passed by the state board of education in June, were developed for the state board of education by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's division of school planning under the direction of Daryl Spencer, and are extremely specific.

According to Perquimans County School Superintendent Dr. Mary Jo Martin, she and the local board had a great number of concerns after reviewing the standards, as did other school officials in North Carolina, these concerns prompted them to invite Meekins to speak to the board Monday.

Meekins told the board on Monday that the legislature had mandated during the last session that the board adopt facility and equipment standards, and that after careful consideration of many factors by Daryl Spencer, director of school planning, Spencer had taken the bull by the horns and developed the adopted facility standards, and the proposed equipment standards.

Meekins stated Spencer had conducted numerous public hearings on the issue, reviewed other states' standards, and completed draft upon draft before the standards were presented to the board for their adoption. "The standards are pretty self-explanatory," said Meekins.

"The standards were adopted knowing that they would not be everything to all people and our systems," said Meekins. "Our im-

mediate concern was to pass the standards, and to ensure that in the future school facility problems, such as the ones in Pasquotank County would not develop throughout the state.

The local school board voiced concerns jointly about such issues as lack of teacher workspace, and questioned Meekins about some of any flexibility in the standards.

The board stated that they felt the new standards would be extremely tough for a system such as Perquimans to meet due to limited funds. The local board also stated that concerns that in order to provide a good quality program are all of the things specified in the standards necessary.

The board members stated that these standards are supposed to be the minimum yet they feel they are excessive. Using an example of a dance studio which must have a dance floor in addition to 26 desks, Dr. Martin pointed out that she felt that there were some unneeded items in both sets of standards.

Meekins told the board that due to the comments and feelings being voiced around the state from local superintendents and boards of education that the standards, both approved and proposed are to be reviewed by the state board again.

Local boards have until October 17th to submit in writing to Raleigh their concerns, and on November 1, 1988, the state board of education will hold a public hearing in Raleigh.

Following Monday's meeting Meekins stated that none of the standards are set in stone, and that there is a good possibility that they may be revised, but he added that the local board must make their feelings known, so that they will be taken into consideration if changes in the standards are made.

For more information on the festival contact the Perquimans County Extension office at 426-5428.