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Local Briefs

Partners with youth needs volunteers now

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The Perquimans-Chowan Partners With Youth Program is making a plea to the residents of Perquimans County to volunteer and help a young person.

Our program is expecting to become very active in your community as we presently received several referrals from your county, making volunteers from your area very important to us.

Partners With Youth is a program that matches adult role model volunteers with a young person. Our volunteers are also expected to participate in an intense training session prior to being matched, as well as bi-monthly in-service training sessions and group activities.

Volunteers can range in age from 18 years on up. Senior Citizens are welcomed to participate. Anyone can be a volunteer, so please give this some consideration, especially for the children in your community.

The Partners With Youth Program can be reached by calling 482-3939, or writing P. O. Box 943, Edenton, NC 27932. Financial contributions are also accepted.

Operation Fan-Heat Relief on

The Area Agency on Aging at the Albemarle Commission is pleased to announce implementation of Operation Fan-Heat Relief 1989. This is a statewide program to help relieve heat and stress among our older population.

Donations of fans are being sought from private individuals and businesses for distribution to senior citizens unable to purchase them on their own. The fan drive will encompass ten counties, and concerned citizens can bring them to the following locations:

Camden County - Dept. of Social Services, Camden
Chowan County - Dept. of Social Services, Edenton
Currituck County - Dept. of Social Services, Currituck
Dare County - Dept. of Social Services, Manteo
Dare County - The Baum Center, Kill Devil Hills
Gates County - Dept. of Social Services, Gatesville
Hyde County - Dept. of Social Services, Swan Quarter
Pasquotank County - Dept. of Social Services, - S. Tech Bldg., Elizabeth City
Perquimans County - The Albemarle Commission, Hertford
Tyrrell County - Dept. of Social Services, Columbia
Washington County - Dept. of Social Services, Plymouth
For further information, please contact Leanne Schultz at the Albemarle Commission at 426-5753.

Hertford Police arrest report

The Hertford Police Department made the following arrests last week:

On June 21, Warren Leonard Alexander, 43, of Route 1, Box 14, Belvidere, was arrested on a warrant for conversion by baillee. Alexander allegedly converted for his own use a 24,000 BTU air conditioner left in his care.

Also on June 21, Steve Leon Plater, 30, of 514A Pennsylvania Avenue was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Dennis Edward Welch, 75, of 706 Stokes Drive was arrested on June 25 and charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

Bloodmobile visited Wed.

The Perquimans Jaycee-sponsored American Red Cross Bloodmobile held last week was poorly supported according to organizers. Only 37 people attempted to donate blood, with 25 pints being collected. The goal is 60 pints per drive.

Sara Winslow, Jaycee president and Bloodmobile Chairman Edgar Roberson expressed disappointment at the low turn-out. They hope to meet their goal in August when the drive will move to the Senior Center. Plans are being made to contact businesses, civic organizations and government agencies for support.

Highway Patrol to use C.A.R.E. over holiday

The State Highway Patrol will be highly visible this July 4th holiday period. Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety Joseph W. Dean announced that the Patrol will again participate in Operation C.A.R.E. (Combined Accident Reduction Effort), a nationwide effort on the part of State Police and Highway Patrol agencies to reduce accidents, injuries and fatalities on America's highways. Dean said, "Troopers will be out in force in an effort to make North Carolina highways safe for all motorists."

Colonel J.F. Cardwell, Commander of the Highway Patrol, said, "We will have every available Trooper working during this holiday weekend. Drunk drivers and others who violate traffic laws and jeopardize the safety of innocent people will be prime targets. I urge all highway users to buckle up and exercise extreme caution. We are committed to reducing accidents, injuries and deaths on our roadways."

Sergeant Gould with the Elizabeth City Highway Patrol Station echoed Cardwell's statements. "We certainly want to caution people about drinking and driving, and

to comply with the seat belt laws," he said. He stressed that drinking drivers and hazardous movers will be cited if stopped by a highway patrolman.

According to the N.C. State Motor Club, an estimated 24 persons could lose their lives and over 1,000 could be injured in traffic accidents on North Carolina roadways over the upcoming weekend.

Last year's 78-hour July 4th holiday resulted in 25 fatalities and 1,017 injuries in 1,284 traffic accidents. This year's holiday period begins at 6:00 p.m., Friday, June 30th, and ends at midnight, Tuesday, July 4th, a total of 102 hours.

"The evidence is clear, speed kills and continues to be the leading cause of highway crashes and fatal accidents," Dr. John G. Frazier, III, president of the statewide motor club stated. "It's time motorists realized that highway deaths is a high price to pay for a little convenience."

The N.C. Highway Patrol will be policing Interstate highways in an effort to slow the speed down, save lives and reduce injuries over the holiday.

"One of the most important pre-

cautions you and your passengers can take is to buckle up," Frazier said. "Don't forget to use your safety belt."

Drive in the daylight hours if at all possible. The fatality rate per miles driven is at least three times higher at night than in the daytime. Although there is less traffic at night, one-third of all traffic accidents occur between midnight and dawn.

Drive defensively. Expect other drivers to do anything at any time, and be prepared to take the proper action to avoid an accident. This may be as simple as letting faster cars pass, changing lanes or pulling the car off to the side of the road.

Traffic safety tip: The National Safety Council has asked drivers to keep at least two seconds following distance between cars - in any driving situation. Here's how it works:

When the driver ahead of you passes a fixed object, like a tree, telephone pole, or billboard, start counting - one thousand one, one thousand two. If your car reaches that fixed object before you stop counting, you're not allowing yourself enough following distance. Widen the gap. If the weather is

bad, leave more distance between you and other vehicles.

Fatalities reported to date this year in North Carolina total 609.

Tie one on campaign set

Rocky Mount-The Mothers Against Drunk Driving Organization and the North Carolina Association of Convenience Stores will work together again on a "Ribbon" Campaign during the July 4 holiday period.

The 2000 member stores of the NCACS have been furnished by their Association 200,000 "Blue Ribbons" to be distributed to their customers during the July 4 holiday period to be tied onto the customers' car antennas as a reminder not to drink and drive.

The July 4 Campaign is a continuation of the efforts during the Memorial Day weekend which proved to be very successful in

that the quantity of ribbons were distributed and, hopefully, did serve as a reminder to someone not to drink and drive.

NCACS representatives, working with MADD, were able to put this program together as a continuation of the "Tie One On Red Ribbon" Campaign held during the Thanksgiving through New Year's holiday period last year by MADD National.

In support of this July 4 Campaign, member stores will display window posters and cash register signs in addition to a PSA radio commercial featuring Charlie Daniels urging everyone to "Tie One On" as a reminder not to drink and drive.

Brian Center has happy second birthday

More than 100 people came out to Brian Center to wish Hertford's nursing home a happy second birthday. Family members and friends who regularly visit residents on Sunday afternoon joined the celebration also attended by staff and guests.

Everyone enjoyed music provided by the Snug Harbor Combo and delicious sandwiches, vegetable and fruit salad, birthday cake and punch provided by the Dietary Department of Brian Center.

The band played a half hour of music, combining popular and spiritual hymns. Rev. Gene Boyce offered the invocation, leading prayer that the nursing home would continue, under God's guidance, to provide care for the ill and elderly.

Rev. Raymond Needham, chairman of the Community Advisory Committee, explained how the committee serves as a link between the community and the nursing home. It has the purpose to both maintain residents' rights and inform the public about long-term care.

He introduced fellow committee members Helen Mae Murray and Joyce Riddick. Estelle Felton and Clara Schofield, the other two members of the committee, attended the party but were not present for Rev. Needham's remarks. The new administrator, Joseph France, welcomed all guests, family members and friends of Hertford's nursing home.

As part of the celebration, the Brian Center Employee of the Year was chosen at random from the winners of past Employee of the Month recipients. Shirley Carter, a first shift nurses' aide, won

two days off (Friday and Monday) and \$100.

Two door prizes were awarded. Evelyn Herring of Holiday Island, an occasional visitor, and Brian Center second shift laundry worker Ella Jenkins both won dinner for two at Angler's Cove Restaurant in Bethel.

Carolyn Lewis, a Brian Center resident since its opening two years ago, wrote a poem in honor of the Center's birthday. It is reprinted with her permission below.

Birthday greetings to you, Brian Center,

You are two years old this June. The year has passed so quickly, We can't believe it's come and gone so soon.

Your progress has been outstanding in every possible way.

Many patients have come within your friendly walls to stay.

Sure, you have seen a few problems,

But your loyal staff saw you through.

Carry on, carry on, Brian Center,

and a very Happy Birthday to you.

Administrator Joseph France said of the festivities, "Brian Center wishes to thank those in the community who supported their second birthday: Bert and Paul Detmer of the Snug Harbor Combo; Larry and Suzy Swindell for flowers and chairs for extra seating; Dr. William Blakemore for flowers; Paul and Mary Ruth Smith for flowers; Henry and Gerry Carney of Angler's Cove and all the people in Perquimans County for their continued support and interest in our facility."



Brian Center residents, staff and guests celebrated the nursing home's second birthday Sunday afternoon. Over 100 people stopped by to honor the center.



The Hertford Fifes and Drums performed at the Dismal Swamp Visitor Center opening last Thursday.

Small business loans available

Raleigh-The Division of Community Assistance in the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development has introduced a new component of their economic development-Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG).

The new small business loan category assists smaller businesses by financing business expansion, or equipment purchases. As with all economic development projects, the primary purpose is to create jobs with maximum benefit going to persons in low- and moderate-income situations prior to their employment.

Economic development loans are made to local governments working in partnerships with local

businesses. In the new small business category, local governments can obtain up to \$60,000 plus administrative costs to aid local businesses.

Among other eligibility criteria, businesses must have fewer than 20 employees and gross \$750,000 or less in annual sales at the time of the grant application. In addition, at least 60 percent of the jobs must benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

Approximately one million dollars of the seven million set aside for economic development projects will be used for the new small business loan program. The Division of Community Assistance will distribute \$37 million in federal CDBG funds in fiscal year 1989.

Newspaper sets early deadline

The Perquimans Weekly offices will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. News and advertising deadlines will be moved to Friday, June 30 at 3:00 p.m.

Fourth of July schedule of events

Flag raising ceremony
Fire Department competition begins; Horseshoe competition begins
Dunking booth, moon walk, pony rides open
Fire trucks on display
Huck Finn Fishing contest
Children's games begin (immediately following Fire Dept. competition)
The Sounds of Glory Gospel Singers
County-wide church service; speaker the Rev. Raymond Wittman
Pie-in-the-face Auction
Street Dance featuring PHOENIX begins
Just for Kids 1-99 show; Sponsored by One Stop Auto Parts
Introduction to fireworks
FIREWORKS!
Band resumes playing
Thanks for celebrating with the Jaycees!
Continued during the day from Alf and E.T.
Pop corn will be on sale in the park