

COA, Board of Education team up to fight undereducation

College of The Albemarle and the Perquimans County Board of Education have joined forces to help break a cycle of undereducation by beginning a new program for parents and their children

The joint Family Literacy Program will bring together a group of undereducated parents and their three- and fouryear old children in a school setting where learning will take place for both the parents and the children.

The children will receive excellent preschool instruction while their mothers and fathers sharpen their skills in reading, math and language to enable them to earn high school equivalency certificates," said Mary Partin, director of COA's Literacy Education efforts. "I believe the COA-Perquimans Family Literacy Program will become a model one for the COA service area.'

Partin is pleased to be working on this new program with the Perquimans County Board of Education and with Dr. Mary Martin, superintendent of the Perquimans County School System. "Dr. Martin is foresighted in realizing an intensive preschool program can assure success in kinder-garten," said Partin.

Designed to have specific times for parents and children to work and play together during the school day, the new program will provide an opportunity for parents to help their children learn in the preschool classroom and teach parents to make learning fun at home. "Parents will apply the effective parenting strategies they have learned in the parent education program by using them with their own children,' explained Partin.

According to literacy specialists, undereducation often presents problems for families in a modern, fast-paced so-

ciety. "Insufficient literacy skills affect a person's ability to budget money and to keep a job in today's world," said Partin. "Illiteracy and poverty also contribute to other serious problems in society such as child abuse, juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy, drug use, and poor health.'

The Family Literacy Program will serve 15 families and be staffed by an early childhood teacher, an early childhood assistant, and an adult education instructor.

COA administrators expect this new program to benefit both the parents and children by increasing their basic skills levels. "Adult students should improve their parenting skills as well as the quality of their personal lives," said Partin: 'These are our goals for the program, and we feel confident we can accomplish them and make a difference in the lives of these parents and children.'

County post offices celebrated N.C. Statehood Anniversary

Winfall

The 200th anniversary of North Carolina's ratification of the United States constitution was celebrated Wednesday, August 23, 1989 by the U. S. Postal Service's release of a commemorative stamp by Bob Timberlake.

The Winfall post office marked the bicentennial event with a ceremony which included Mayor C. W. 'Bill'' Bartlett, who proclaimed August 23rd Statehood Day. Postmaster Hallie B. Lane presented the mayor with a laminated sheet of the N. C. Statehood stamps, autographed by North Carolina's own Bob Timberlake, the designer of the stamp

The Rev. William Clements

united the group in prayer and Joann Kirby closed the program with singing "The Old North State'

Mr. Jesse Willis of the MSC Raleigh Postal Service visited the office also

Refreshments were served to 66 townspeople and balloons were given to the children present. The N. C. flag was displayed with the U. S. flag. The decorations included two beautiful arrangements of dogwood and cardinals.

This was a day recognized in post offices across the state. Though Winfall is the smallest post office in Perquimans County, the spirit of pride of the Carolinians in attendance was great.





The Hertford Fifes and Drums, Wolfman Jack and Sarah DeCrow were at the Hertford post office celebration.

Indian Summer **Festival time is** fast approaching

The ninth annual Indian Suummer Festival scheduled for September 15 and 16 is fast approaching and new activities are being added for your enjoyment, say Chamber of Commerce representatives who organize the festival.

The "Silver Chalice," Elizabeth II's ship's boat, will dock at Missing Mill Park on Saturday. This boat is representative of the type which would have been used in 1585 by **Richard Greenville's exploration of** coastal North Carolina and in the establishment of the Ralph Lane Colony.

The construction was made possible through the combined efforts of the Friends of Elizabeth II and the Friends of North Carolina Maritime Museum. Built of white cedar over oak, the boat is 24 feet long with a 6 foot beam and weighs 2000 pounds. It will carry 15 passengers and requires a five to seven person crew for rowing.

Also on Saturday will be Dixieland race cars on display owned by Bob Strickland and Bob Strickland, Jr. The Shrine String Band will make their first appearance at the festival. "Blackbeard" will pay a visit to Hertford to talk with young and old, as will "Mark Twain" with his story-telling.

The youngsters will especially enjoy skate board and cyclist tricks by "Team Shredz" of Elizabeth City. A karate and self-defense demonstration and jet ski boats performing on the river offer enjoyment for everyone.

Monday through Friday. Perquimans has Green Thumbers employed at the Parks and Recreation Department, nutrition feeding site and in the schools. More positions are available.

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Bank names president, corporate head



Sara Winslow sang "The Old North State" accompanied by Lyn Winslow at the festivities in the county seat.

Peoples Bancorporation has named two members of its senior management team to key positions within the Corporation. At their regular monthly meeting on August 16, the Board of Directors elected William H. Wilkerson as President of Peoples Bank and Trust Company and Cecil W. Sewell as President of Peoples Bancorporation. They were also elected to the Peoples Bancorporation Board of Directors. Both actions are effective immediately.

In their new positions, Wilkerson and Sewell will now be responsible for the day-to-day operation of the bank and the corporation, respectively.

Robert R. Mauldin, Chairman of Peoples Bancorporation, said, "Peoples is very fortunate to have these men in leadership positions. They are highly successful and respected bankers in North Carolina. Bill and Cecil have had an important role in the recent growth of Peoples Bancorporation. I am confident that, in their new positions, they will make great contributions to Peoples Bancorporation as we strive to become an even stronger financial leader in North Carolina."



Jaycees join forces to promote patriotism this holiday

Perquimans County Jaycees today announced its participation in a national U.S. Jaycee "Stars and Stripes Weekend".

According to Sara Winslow, President of the Perquimans County Jaycees, "Stars and Stripes Weekend is designed to promote and support our American Flag." The Jaycees across the United States have designated September 1-4 as Stars and Stripes Weekend. "The Perquimans Jaycees encourage all residents of Perquimans County to show their patriotism by flying the American flag at their businesses and residences," says Winslow.

"Jaycee chapters nationwide are conducting hundreds of projects to show pride in America and our flag. We urge everyone in Perquimans County to join us in a display of patriotism," Winslow added.

The U.S. Jaycees is a national leadership training organization of men and women ages 21 through 39. There are 240,000 Jaycee members in 5,000 communities nationwide who wish to join together and show their patriotism

HPD investigates rash of robberies

The Hertford Police Department is investigat-ing a rash of robberies. Police suspect that the same larcenist burglarized the One Stop Convenience Store on August 12 and August 21 and Revco Drug Store on August 24.

The thief allegedly enters the stores posing as a shopper. Once the cash register drawer is opened, the black male grabs cash and runs.

Chief Aubr_y Sample said there is a suspect in the case. The investigation is continuing.

Another theft occured in Hertford on August 24 when an unidentified person entered the ga-rage of the Rev. Raymond Needham on Grubb Street armed with an ax. The perpetrator alleg-edly demanded cash from Needham, who gave him an undisclosed amount of money. The thief was not satisfied with the amount tendered and ham's wife. Needham apparently convinced the burglar that he did not have any more cash, and the robber fled.

The incident is under investigation. Arrests

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The following persons have been arrested and charged with crimes in Hertford:

William Edward Skinner, 34, 209 King Street, simple assault, July 17. Vincent Lee Foster, 23, 209 King Street, as-sault with a deadly weapon, July 17. Jerry Calvin Wood, 30, 1418 Old Okisko Road, driving while impaired, July 19.

Joseph Thomas McClenney, 36, Route 2,

Box 8T Meads Trailer Park, assault on a fe- Court, assault on a female, August 9. male, July 19.

Linwood Arnold Thatch, 22, Route 5, Box 365, failure to disperse, July 20.

Clyde Allen Harris, 43, 1403 River Road, Elizabeth City, driving while intoxicated, driv-ing left of center, July 22.

Sean Thomas Vail, 17, 308 N. Church Street, larceny, July 23.

John Edward Brown, 43, Route 2, Lot 55 Meads Trailer Park, trespassing, July 28.

Grandy White, 38. Route 2, Meads Trailer k, assault on a female, July 29.

Robin LaSalle Fletcher, 21, 310 Stokes Drive, assault with a deadly weapon, July 29.

Banzollar Lee, 20, 319 Market Street, simple sault, July 31.

Derek Charles Land, 21, 5406 Pirate Cove, and theft property (fugutive from California), August 1

Curtis Shambry, Jr., 29, 410 King Street, do-

Charles Haywood Lowder, Route 1, Box 989, Meads Trailer Park, possession of stolen goods and possession of drug paraphenalia, August 6. 00-00 0228 Sandra Ford Lowder, 25, Route 1, Box 989, Meads Trailer Park, possession of sto-len goods and possession of drug paraphenalia, August 6.

Delaware Khan Hunter, 24, Route 1, Box 402, Belvidere, first degree burglary, August 8.

Joe Willie Brothers, 27, 115 Wynn Fork

Curtis Shambry, Sr., 69, 410 King Street, assault on a handicapped person, August 11.

Joseph Alphonzo White, 26, Lot 30, Dogwood Trailer Park, assault on a law enforcement officer and possession of drug paraphenalia, August 11.

Wilbert Lee Jones, 27, 213 Wynn Fork Court, assault with a deadly weapon, August 13.

Herbert Lawrence White, 30, 202 Sunset Drive, assault on a female, August 14.

Ricky Carroll Trueblood, 19, 315 Artie Street, probation violation, August 16.

John Henry Riddick, 42, 212 Grubb Street, assault on a female, August 18.

Anthony Jerome Banks, 28, 212 Wynn Fork Court, communicating threats, August 20. Tony Darnell Sutton, 32, 308 Dobbs Street,

simple assault and resisting a public officer, August 19.

Steven Jeffery Mullen, 24, Lot 49 Meads Trailer Park, assault on a female, August 21.

Darnell Antonio Mallory, 18, Route 4, Box 1000, simple assault and assault on a child under 12, August 22.

Denise Henrietta Archer, 17, 320 Stokes ve, assault with a deadly weapon, August 22.

Reginald Eugene Combs, 23, Route 4, Box 1000, simple assault and battery, August 21.

Jermaine Travis Farrow, 16, 318 Stokes ve, assault with a deadly weapon, August 22.

Glennis White, 21, Route 1, Box 194, Merry Hill, larceny, August 27.

Combo and Perquimans High School band will entertain during the lunch hour. Many other activities and performances are planned during the day.

Booths are still available for Saturday and may be reserved by contacting the Chamber of Commerce at 426-5657.

Everyone is invited to participate in and enjoy two days of fun and entertainment.

Drive carefully this weekend

Charlotte-Labor Day weekend, which begins Friday, September 1 at 6:00 p.m. and ends Monday, September 4 at midnight, could result in 19 traffic fatalities and over 1,000 serious injuries, the N. C. State Motor Club has projected.

Last year over the holiday 22 persons lost their lives and 1,296 were injured and in 1987 traffic accidents claimed 36 lives and injured 1,216.

Labor Day, the last official holiday of the summer, usually ac-counts for more traffic fatalities than any other holiday. "Traffic will be unusually heavy and motorists are urged to help keep this last summer break from work a happy break," Dr. John G. Frazier, III president of the statewide motor club stated.

Law enforcement officers will be out in full force concentrating their efforts on the two leading causes of traffic fatalities, speeding and DUI Alcohol.

Operation CARE - Combined Accident Reduction Efforts will be int effect over the holiday. Operation CARE combines the efforts of state police and Highway Patrol agencies in watching over Labor Day holiday travelers to make them aware of the benefits of seat belts and safety seats and the dangers of driving while impaired and speed-

"It is very important to use your seat belt," Frazier stated. "It is a proven life saver." A recent study by the University of N. C. Highway Safety Research Center revealed that seat belt usage in North Caro lina is one of the highest in the na tion and reflected in relatively h levels of injury reduction.

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