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Briefs

Newbold-White will be site of open house

On Sunday, Dec. 17, the Perquimans County Restoration Association will host a Christmas Open House at the historic Newbold-White House from 3 until 7 p.m. The home will be decorated for the holidays and mulled cider and light refreshments will be served.

The public is encouraged to come see this historic treasure of Perquimans County. The Newbold-White House, built circa 1685, is the oldest standing residence in North Carolina and is more important as the only surviving building used for meetings of the Carolina government and courts from the Proprietary period. Beginning in the late 1680s the home was opened to the public as a meeting place for the Perquimans Precinct Court, but the Governor's Council, General Court, Court of Chancery, Palatine's Court, and General Assembly also met there. The Newbold-White House is an important link between the past and present for Perquimans County and North Carolina in general. The site remains the only one in the state dedicated to interpreting the 17th century.

The Newbold-White House is located on SR 1336 one and one-half miles from Highway 17 Bypass in Hertford. Come join in celebrating the holiday season.

Homemakers gala is tonight

When the holiday season comes to mind, we usually think of the tour of homes. This year you can come to Hertford for one of the most interesting tours around.

The annual Christmas Ramble, sponsored by the Perquimans County Extension Homemakers, will be held on Thursday, Dec. 7 from 7-9:30 p.m.

Homes on tour will be the homes of Mrs. Timothy (Mary Alice) Brinn, 210 North Front Street and Mrs. Jes Taylor (Newby) Hendley, 320 North Church Street both in Hertford, the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Lane near Winfall and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lane at Billy's Beach on Rt. 3, Hertford.

The Brinn home features a new addition of kitchen, utility, family room, powder room, master bedroom, dressing room, bath and a spacious deck.

The Hendley home features the style of decorating that mixes antiques with collectibles which Jessie enjoyed in her South Carolina home but found perfect for her two story home in Hertford. Dr. and Mrs. Lane faced the challenge of redecorating the home they purchased a few years ago to make it their own by incorporating their life style and taste. The results have been pleasing and satisfying.

Clara and Calvin Lane had their plans especially designed for their own spacious home which Calvin built in 1983-1984. Their traditional style home features modern, large rooms and functional full basement with shop on the Perquimans River.

The four homes will offer many ideas and variety for furnishings as well as holiday decorations.

Refreshments will be served at the Newbold-White House new visitors' center. Displays and guests will add to the festivities of the night.

Please note, tickets will be available at all homes and the tour can begin at any location. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.



HOLIDAY DEADLINE SCHEDULE
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Brian Center, Pooles Grove 4-H Club recognized by AADA

Brian Center/Hertford and the Pooles Grove 4-H Club received recognition at the 27th annual Albarle Area Development Association banquet last Thursday night at the American Legion Building in Edenton.

Brian Center/Hertford was honored for its outstanding contributions to Perquimans County. The facility opened 2½ years ago, and houses 78 residents. Seventy-five percent of the Center's residents are from Perquimans and the surrounding counties.

The Center has made a significant economic impact on the county, hiring 95 employees, most of whom live in Perquimans. Its \$68,000 monthly payroll provides a vital economic boost.

Joe France signed on as administrator earlier this year, and has strived to make positive changes in the Center.

All residents who are physically able can participate in regularly scheduled craft, recreational and religious activities. There is even a vegetable garden which residents help to tend.

Brian Center also participates in community activities through donations to civic groups, the public library and charities. The residents

annually set a goal and hold several fundraising activities for the Heart Fund drive.

In addition, Brian Center offers educational opportunities. One \$250 scholarship is offered each year through each of Brian Center's 18 facilities across the state to a student planning to study health care. Financial assistance is available to employees who wish to further their education by becoming a licensed practical or registered nurse.

Pooles Grove 4-H Club received a Community Development Award. Organized over 20 years ago, the club has served many youths in the Woodville community.

Over the past year, the club has been very busy with projects designed to exemplify the true spirit of the 4-H program. At Thanksgiving, baskets of food and clothing were distributed to the needy, sick and shut-in members of the community. Lap quilts have been made for rest home patients. The club adopted grandparents as part of their 4-H Sunday program.

Two lock-ins have been held for community youth: one on bicycle safety and another on substance abuse prevention. A substance abuse prevention exhibit was con-

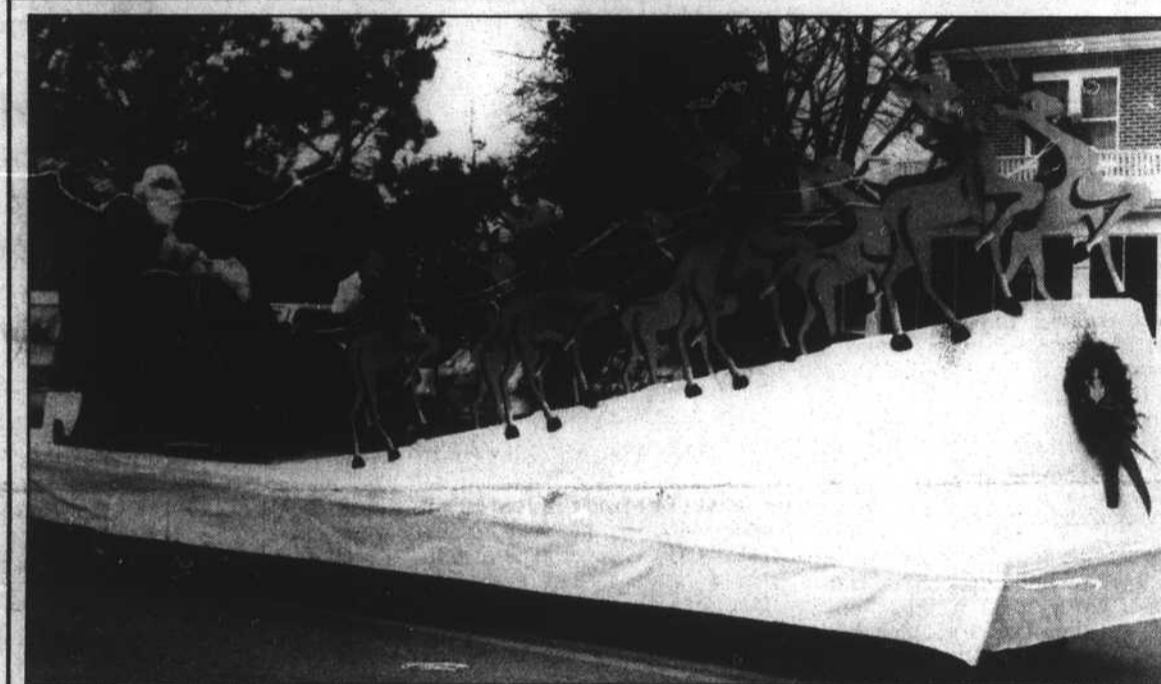
structed and entered in the Jaycee Six-County Fair in Elizabeth City, capturing a first place prize. The club sent a team to a "Caution:

Adult Under Construction" seminar to learn how to teach others about substance abuse prevention. Perquimans was well-rep-

resented at the AADA banquet, and can be proud of the accomplishments of these two deserving winners.



The Marching Pirates led the Christmas parade Saturday, putting on another of their fine performances.



Here comes Santa Claus!

Santa flew into Hertford Saturday afternoon to the delight of the young and young-at-heart to be a part of Perquimans County's Christmas parade. His sleigh, which had been built years ago by members of the Hertford Fire Department, had deteriorated and was no longer in use. But thanks to the efforts of the department's Women's Auxilliary who worked hard to restore it, Santa once again was able to ride in his sleigh. The parade featured over 60 units, including 5 bands. Many people were heard to say after the event that it was the best parade ever in Hertford. The holiday activity was sponsored by the Perquimans County Jaycees and the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce. Photographs from the parade appear on page 3.

Lady Pirates top Gates in season opener

The taste of revenge is sweet

The Lady Pirates tasted the sweet wine of revenge on Tuesday, Nov. 8 when they emerged victorious over the Lady Barons of Gates County, 59-50, in the season opener in Hertford.

Gates County's basketball machine stomped Perquimans' hopes of capturing the conference championship in the 1987-88 and 1988-89 seasons when the Lady Barons beat Perquimans both years in the conference tournament. The Gates team was also the only conference opponent to beat the 1988-89 Lady Pirates on their home court, and Perquimans hasn't beat the awesome Barons in three seasons.

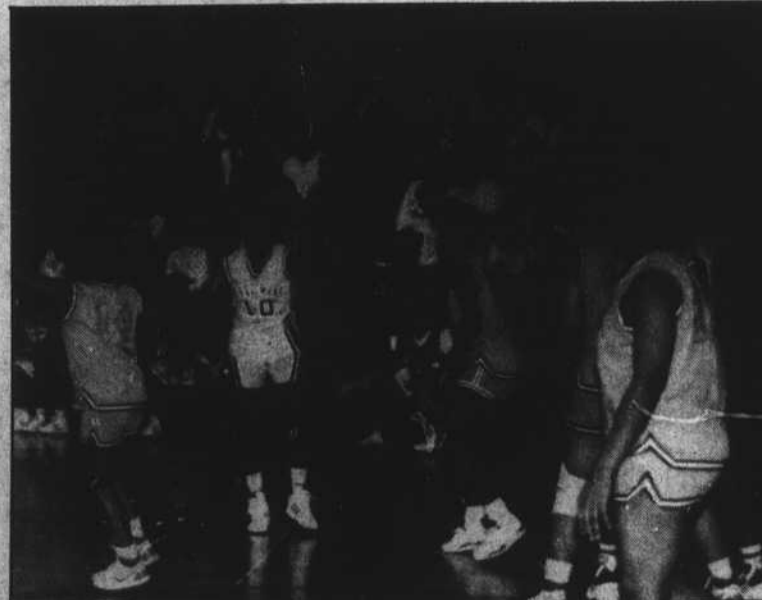
Perquimans coach Harrell Thach said his girls were ready for the win. "It was a little revenge for last year's championship tournament game. We were pumped up, especially the seniors."

The Pirate team was led by veterans Sonya Wilkins and Tonya Privott, and freshman starter Tracy Elliott. The trio combined for 55 of the team's 59 points. Wilkins also tallied 3 steals and 5 assists.

Darlene Walton grabbed 6 rebounds. Kne Everett had 3 key steals, one which resulted in the last two Pirate points of the game with just seconds left on the clock. Dawn Everett also added a bucket.

The girls fell behind by as much as 11 points during the contest, but never gave up. Thach said they were overplaying due to a little nervousness, but finally settled down. "They played hard. They had to come from behind," he said. "We played real good team basketball."

The electricity was flowing through both team benches from the opening tip-off. Elliott, trying to fill the shoes of 1988 graduate Linda Privott, scored the first four points of the game. Elliott proved her ath-



letic prowess and showed that she earned her position in the starting line-up, scoring 25 points and wrestling down 10 rebounds. "She's a real good ball-handler," Thach said about Elliott. "She's a good outside shooter, and she can take the inside."

Although the Pirates were up by 2, 11-9, at the end of the first quarter, seniors Wilkins and Privott were not playing their usual brand of shoot-and-score basketball. The ball simply would not go through the hoop.

The Lady Pirates were down by 4, 21-17, at the half.

The two teams battled it out in the third quarter, each scoring 16 points. The Lady Barons were still up by 4 at the end of the third period.

00-00 0143 Five determined Lady Pirates took the floor to open the last period of play. Wilkins and Privott got back the magic and hit the hoop. The Pirates dazzled fans with

a 26-point scoring showdown, while holding the Lady Barons to only 13.

Kne Everett held Yolanda Weathers, who scored 20 points for the Lady Barons, to only 3 in the last quarter.

The Lady Pirates' come-back had fans on their feet for the last 5 minutes of the game. The gym vibrated with the deafening noise of constant cheering, as excited home spectators nervously awaited the final score.

According to Thach, the Perquimans girls were chosen the top team in the conference, with Gates a close second. The Lady Pirates proved that they deserved their rank. "We played like No. 1 should," said a happy Thach after the game. "I just hope we can keep up the momentum."

The Lady Pirates must face the Lady Barons again in non-conference play on Dec. 19 in Gates before playing them twice again during conference competition.

Jaycees seek nominees for community service awards

The Perquimans County Jaycees are seeking nominations for their annual distinguished service awards. Each year the organization recognizes individuals who have provided outstanding service to the community.

Awards will be given in several categories: Distinguished Service, Outstanding Educator, Outstanding Rescue Worker, Outstanding Firefighter, Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer, Outstanding Youth, Outstanding Senior Citizen, and Outstanding Family.

In order to qualify for the Distinguished Service Award, an individual must be between the ages of 21 and 39. Judging is based on involvement in the community, organiza-

tions, church and on character. The Distinguished Service Award is the highest honor the Jaycees give in the community. It is a privilege to receive this coveted award.

Nominees in the educator, rescue worker, firefighter, and law enforcement categories must be between the ages of 21 and 39. The youth award is given to a high school senior. Any family in Perquimans County may receive the family award. The Senior Citizen must be 65 years of age.

There are many deserving individuals in Perquimans County who should be recognized for their service to the community. Anyone may nominate someone in any of the categories by contacting chairman Chris Peckham at 426-7743.

Toon receives award from Governor James Martin

A Winfall youth was presented with a certificate of appreciation by North Carolina Governor James G. Martin.

William "Buggy" Toon was presented with an award for "excellent thought and skill in water safety...in recognition of dedication and outstanding service to North Carolina."

Winfall Mayor C.W. "Bill" Bartlett presented the award to William in his home Friday afternoon.

In the early summer, 5-year-old William rescued his 2-year-old neighbor, Anna Murphy, from her back-yard swimming pool.

The Toon and Murphy families both reside at Hollowell's Mobile Home Park in Winfall. Mrs. Toon, two of her children and Anna were outside by the Toon's pool on a hot afternoon this past summer. Anna told Mrs. Toon that she was going into the house and began walking in the direction of the door.

A neighbor, Sue Copeland, shouted to Mrs. Toon that Anna was running in the direction of the Murphy's home. Mrs. Toon sent William running to bring Anna back.

William ran after Anna, falling

by the side of the Murphy's home. When he got up, he saw that Anna had gotten into her family's pool, which was over her head. William later told the Toons and the Murphys that he saw Anna lying face down in the 3-foot pool splashing wildly.

An outstanding swimmer, William climbed into the pool, and lifted the choking Anna to safety.

Mrs. Murphy drove into the yard in time to see some of the drama unfold. As she drove in, she saw William running towards the pool where Anna was struggling. Before she could stop her car and get out, William had saved the drowning child.

Several residents, including a grateful Mrs. Murphy, wrote to Gov. Martin about William's courageous act.

Mayor Bartlett told William during his award presentation, "This may not mean much to you now, Son. But when you get older, it will really mean a lot." William's parents beamed with pride in the background.

William Toon is truly a hometown hero.



William Toon and Anna Murphy stood beside this back-yard swimming pool from which William saved Anna this summer. Last week, Winfall Mayor Bill Bartlett presented William with a commendation from Gov. Jim Martin.