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Briefs

PCHS classes sell flowers, builds

custom picnic tables for sale
The Homes and Gardens class at P.C.H.S. have on sale in their greenhouse a variety of geraniums, 300 total. The price is \$3.00 and will go to support the day to day operation of the school's greenhouse.

The Agriculture II class is building picnic tables. We will build them to your specifications. The cost will vary depending on the type you want.

To purchase these beautiful plants or picnic tables, call Mr. Thach at 426-5778 or 426-5779 between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Home Economics agents plan educational tour on wheels

Home Economics agents in Camden, Currituck, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties have planned an educational tour-on-wheels to the Furniture Market at High Point as a special highlight of the "Create Your Castle Around Your Cash" house furnishings seminar held recently.

The itinerary will include a tour of Alderman's Photography Studio where furniture and accessories are photographed for leading national magazines. Thayer-Coggin Furniture Factory and Showroom - tour of the factory where furniture is constructed and view their display showroom, and a guided tour of the Market Square Furniture Showroom. Also a stop will be made in the Burlington area on the trip home.

The educational trip includes four admissions, hotel and transportation by chartered bus for a cost of \$50 per person. Priority will be given to participants attending the "Create Your Castle Around Your Cash" seminar. Currently a few spaces are still available for anyone interested in attending this two-day educational experience. For information, call the North Carolina Agricultural Extension service in your local county or call Perquimans County Extension Office, at 426-5428 or 426-7697.

Dismal Swamp Center celebrates first birthday

On April 20, 1989, the travel industry in northeastern North Carolina received a major "shot in the arm" with the opening of the Dismal Swamp Canal Visitors-Welcome Center. The Center is located on Highway 17, on the banks of the historic Dismal Swamp, just three miles from the Virginia state line. Since the Canal is an alternate route on the Intracoastal Waterway, the Center welcomes both highway traffic and boat traffic, making it unique indeed.

The Center will celebrate its first anniversary on Friday, April 20. A special ceremony will be held from 1-2 p.m., with Representative Vernon James as guest speaker. Our special guest from 2-4 p.m. will be Jim "Catfish" Hunter. For a donation of \$5, you will be awarded an autographed baseball from "Catfish."

There will be boats on the Canal, live music, and refreshments. So bring your family and come help us celebrate our first birthday.

Home, garden tour plans promise wonderful day

The home and garden tour/verandah art show planned for April 21 by the Perquimans County Restoration Association promises to be a wonderful day. Patrons are asked to stroll down the dogwood-lined Church and Front streets where some of Hertford's finest architectural examples are located next to the inspiring Perquimans River. Tickets can be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce or Newbold-White complex. The \$10 ticket includes the tour, entrance to the Newbold-White site and lunch at the Perquimans Center.

Thinking of placing a Classified Ad; but not sure how to do it? Just call our friendly Ad-Visor, Elenora. She will be glad to help you.

426-5728

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119 W. Grubb St.
8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-Fri.

OM team takes second place in state competition

The Perquimans Middle School Odyssey of the Mind Team that placed first in regional competition in Greenville with their project "Structures in Harmony" earned second place honors in state competition in Charlotte Saturday.

The team was required to build a structure that would support weight from less than one-half ounce of balsa wood. In competition, the structure held 122 pounds.

The winning team was made up of sixth graders Mark Swindell, Kristy Roberson and Jaime Stone; seventh graders Matthew Byrum and Christopher Gregory and eighth graders Adrian Frierson and Michael Clinkscales. Bob Clinkscales was the coach, assisted by Deborah Byrum and Roy Reed. Community Schools Coordinator Jeanie Umphlett is the administrative support person for the program.

The team members were very positive about their OM experience, which encourages creative thinking and promotes problem-solving skills.

"It makes us think," said Mark Swindell.

Kristy Roberson agreed. "It opens your mind up. You can think more," she said.

Michael Clinkscales looks to the future when he thinks of his two years in OM, saying that researching projects and meeting other students with similar interests makes students aware of career opportunities, and exposes them to work in technical fields.

Although the students agreed that OM is fun, they all said that it is a lot of work.

"We tested a lot of stuff" trying to design the structure, said Michael Clinkscales.

Where did they get their techni-



Photo by Susan Harris

Christopher Gregory, Michael Clinkscales, Kristy Roberson, Jaime Stone and Mark Swindell, members of the state's second-place OM team from Perquimans Middle School, proudly hold the banner proclaiming their victory that welcomed them back to school on Monday.

cal assistance? "Mainly from Mr. Reed's advice," said Mark Swindell.

Christopher Gregory added, "We had to read the book a whole lot to make sure we were in the rules." Any variation from the procedures and guidelines set forth by the OM

program can cause disqualification of the entire project, or can cause a team to lose valuable points.

In only its second year in Perquimans, the local teams have performed incredibly well. Last year, a team from the middle school won first place in the state

championships and went on to compete in the international championships in Boulder, Colorado.

To do so well on the regional and state level in only two years of participation in the program is a testament to the hard work of the

students, parent-coaches and community assistants, according to Mrs. Umphlett.

While the program was endorsed by the local school board, most funds for projects and transportation are donated by the parents, along with the many hours it takes to prepare for competition.

OM has definitely had a positive impact on many Perquimans students, said Mrs. Umphlett. Working in small groups with other students who share the same interests and interacting with adults in an informal setting can be a great learning experience for children, she stated.

All students who wish to participate in OM are tested to determine who will qualify for the limited number of OM slots available. The program is so popular that there are more children interested than openings in the program. The children are also scored on interviews.

Each team was made up of three sixth graders, two seventh graders and two eighth graders. Working together across grade levels is one of the positive effects of the program, Mrs. Umphlett pointed out.

It takes approximately six weeks to plan, design and test the final project, according to the students. There may still be fine-tuning needed to change an acceptable project into a winning entry in competition.

Parent-coach Bob Clinkscales was very enthusiastic about his experience working with the team.

"These guys were super," Clinkscales said beaming. He said he was very proud of the work accomplished and maturity displayed by the group as they together solved the "Harmony" problem.

The eighth graders said that they hope the OM program is expanded next year to the high school level locally so that they will be able to be involved for four more years.

Wilkins named Daily Advance Female Athlete of Year for winter sports season

Perquimans senior basketball stand-out Sonja Wilkins was named Female Athlete of the Year in winter sports by The Daily Advance recently. She was chosen from among female athletes at Camden, Currituck, Northeastern, Albemarle Academy, Edenton Holmes and Perquimans.

Wilkins was the Lady Pirates' conductor this season, playing to orchestrate a 21-6 record, a win in the Albemarle Conference Tournament and a second place spot in the region. She could step up the tempo on the fast break, and was equally adept at slowing it down to a four corners pace.

Although she could make a play in almost any situation, Wilkins was a team player. She knew she was one of five on the floor from Perquimans, and because of this, she tallied 157 assists for the season.

The 65 percent shooter could hit three-pointers with amazing consistency, and made holes in the defense of many solid teams. She averaged 15.4 points, five re-



Sonja Wilkins was recently named The Daily Advance Female Athlete of the Year.

bounds, five assists and five steals per game.

Wilkins broke the PCHS all-time leading scoring record of 1,341 regular season points in a home match-up against Northampton West. She ended her impressive career with 1,336 regular season points, 1,490 career points,

576 assists and 435 steals.

Wilkins played her best under pressure. She scored a season-high 32 points in the Albemarle Conference Tournament final against Manteo, 26 in the first contest of state play against Roanoke and 27 against Dixon in the second round of the state playoffs.

The 5-foot-5 point guard was named three times to both the All-Albemarle Conference team and The Daily Advance All-Albemarle Area first string team.

The youngest of seven children, Wilkins would like to stay in the area after graduation in June, and would definitely like to continue to play basketball.

"ECSU and Chowan called and asked about me," Wilkins told the Daily Advance. "All I know is I want to play ball."

She'll be playing at the State Games in Raleigh in June on the team to be coached by Northeastern's Chris Spence and Perquimans' Harrell Thach.

Brian Center hosts successful egg hunt

April showers did not dampen the fun at Brian Center Friday afternoon when about 65 children arrived to hunt eggs on the lawn at the Junior-Senior Easter Egg Hunt.

Coordinated by The Perquimans Weekly, and sponsored by Brian Center, American Legion Post No. 126, Joseph R. Haskett, Jr., Chohan Hospital, Woodard's Pharmacy, Marta's Style Sharing, Cannon Cleaners, Hertford United Methodist Youth, Swindell Funeral Home, Perquimans County Jaycees, AARP Chapter 4118, Dr. Robert Earl Lane and staff, Albemarle Hospital, Town of Hertford and Dozier's Florist, the event brought together the young and young-at-heart for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and food.

Apricot, Inc. and Don Juan Manufacturing teamed up with Brian Center to provide cup cakes, ice cream, punch and of course, jelly beans, after all the eggs were found. The eggs were provided courtesy of the Parkville Ruritan Club.

The eggs were all hidden before 2:30, the tables were set up on the sunporch and everyone was ready for the onslaught of children. A rain shower at 3:30 sent several adults scampering across the yard to retrieve the hidden eggs. By the 4 p.m., the clouds had rolled away

and the sun was once again brightly shining. The eggs were hidden for a second time while the children played games in the dining room.

The 2- and 3-year-olds were allowed to hunt eggs in the living room, and as a special treat to both the visitors and Brian Center residents, eggs were hidden in the residents' laps in the activity room to

facilitate interaction between the children and the residents.

By 5 p.m., Brian Center was back to normal and the residents were preparing for dinner. "That was so much fun. I enjoyed that," said one resident as she was wheeled into the dining room for her evening meal.

That's what the event was all about.



Children scrambled across the lawn at Brian Center Friday looking for brightly colored Easter eggs. Participants and organizers reported a successful, fun-filled afternoon was enjoyed by all who attended.

Hertford Council reviews drug control application

By NANCY ROYDEN-CLARK

Daily Advance Staff Writer

A grant pre-application was discussed during Monday night's Hertford Town Council meeting. It is currently in the preliminary stages on planning.

The grant, which is under the auspices of the Governor's Crime Commission, requests funds for drug control and system improvement. The full project name is presently the Perquimans County-Hertford Police Department Joint Jurisdictional Narcotics Task Force.

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Department is listed as the implementing agency, with Sheriff Joe L. Lothian as project director.

Total federal project costs for the first year of the grant are \$28,500, and \$22,500 for the second year, according to the preliminary pre-application. Application match would come from Perquimans County and the Town of Hertford in the amount of \$17,000, or 25% of the grant. Hertford would pay \$4,760 the first year and \$3,740 the second year.

The \$68,000 for the total budget is earmarked mainly for equipment expenses. \$3,000 is noted for training seminars and travel.

Police chief Aubrey Sample plans to look into the possibility of naming the town of Winfall specifically on the application.

The council discussed the continuing problem of residents who do not have city tags for their vehicles. Officers have been instructed to stop anyone they see who is not complying with the tag ordinance.

Hertford Mayor William "Bill" Cox discussed a \$1000 adjustment entry to the general fund.

"\$1,000 balances the budget. In the last six months we failed to catch it. It's been corrected," said

Cox.

In other business:

- Council discussed allowing two "Welcome to Hertford" signs on either side of Church Street. One sign would be near Jimmy's Barbeque at 203 North Church Street. The signs would have the words "Coca-Cola" as a part of the sign. They would cover the street from side to side and are to be placed or removed at the discretion of the council. They will be supplied by the Coca-Cola company.

- A request has been made to extend C-2 zoning by 75 feet on Don Juan Road. A public hearing will be held on April 26 at 7:30 to discuss zoning.

- Hertford resident Carlen Brown expressed concern over glass which she said fell from the second story of the Broughton Building, located on the corner of Market and Church streets. The mayor stated that the matter would be handled to the full extent of the law. Council members discussed boarding windows of the building.

- The mayor announced plans to attend a meeting to discuss the progress of Interstate 17 between Hertford and Edenton.

- It was announced that the Town of Hertford will close offices on Monday after the Easter weekend. Trash will continue as normal on Monday.

- The Walking Tour was announced on April 21 and members of the council were urged to participate by the mayor.

- The John F. Blair Publishing Company will hold a reception for Claiborne Young, author of the book entitled, "Cruising Guide to Coastal North Carolina" at Mariner's Wharf in Elizabeth City on April 12 at 4:00 p.m. The event will be hosted by the Rose Buddies.

- The Head Start program invited council members to an awards banquet to be held on Friday, April 27 at 7:00 at the Kermit E. White Graduate Center.

N.C. tax filing deadline nears

With less than a week to the tax filing deadline, approximately 1.8 million N.C. taxpayers have filed their federal income tax returns.

"We expect one million more to file by the deadline on April 16, but some taxpayers may need additional time to file their returns," said John E. Burke, district director of the Internal Revenue Service.

"Taxpayers who need time beyond the April 16, 1990 tax deadline will need to complete Form 4868,

Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return, and submit any balance due with the request for extension," said Burke. "The extension to file a tax return is not an extension of time to pay any tax that may be due."

The automatic extension granted by completing the Form 4868 is for four months and extends the filing deadline until August 15, 1990. Taxpayers may order Form 4868 by calling toll-free 1-800-424-3676.