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# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Briefs

### AARP to meet

Perquimans Chapter 4118 of A.A.R.P. Inc. will meet on Monday, March 25 at 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. A board meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m.

Minnie Davis will act as Minnie Pearl. There will be a covered dish luncheon.

The chapter is open for membership for all of the surrounding counties. The AARP motto is "Here to serve and not to be served."

Contact the Senior Center at 426-5404 for information.

### Easter trip planned

The Perquimans County Recreation Department/Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to Williamston to see the outdoor drama, "The Message of Easter" on Wednesday, March 27. The bus will leave the center at 4 p.m. We will stop in Williamston to eat and travel on to the play which begins at 8 p.m. We should arrive back at 11 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person which includes bus fare and play. Call now to reserve your seat. 426-5404.

### Ruritans plan chicken fry

The Bethel Ruritan's are having a fried chicken dinner on Saturday, March 23 from 11-2 p.m. and from 4-6:30 p.m. The tickets are \$4 and may be purchased from any ruritan member.

### Awards night scheduled

The Perquimans Playhouse has planned its annual dinner/dance and awards evening titled *An Enchanted Evening* for Saturday, March 23 at Angler's Cove Restaurant. A social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7.

Tickets are available from Playhouse members, Angler's Cove Restaurant (426-7294) and the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce (426-5657). The dinner/dance is open to the public.

### Paper to close early

The Perquimans Weekly will be closing at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 22 for the Easter Egg Hunt at the Brian Center.

### Softball teams to meet

The Perquimans County Recreation Department will have an organizational softball meeting on Thursday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Perquimans County Senior Center.

## Schools move ahead on waste treatment project

The wastewater treatment project at Perquimans Middle School is moving ahead as quickly as possible. Schools Superintendent Randall Henion told the board of education Monday night.

The project is one of two wastewater treatment facilities the school system must install. The second will be at Central School.

Henion told the board that project engineer William P. "Pat" McDowell III of McDowell & Associates, said he anticipated preliminary reports from the site work within two weeks. McDowell informed Henion that soil scientist Frank Doonan and ATEC Associates, geotechnic engineers,

had visited the site earlier this month. McDowell expects to finish the plans and specifications for submission to the state by April 15.

McDowell said in a letter to Henion that he believes the project can be completed by the December 31 deadline if the project is advertised by May 15, bids are received on June 5, and contracts are awarded by June 12.

Henion also told the board that the school system is already out of compliance on the project and may be subject to fines of \$15,000 per month. Plans and specifications submitted by the school system in February did not meet state

guidelines, and were rejected. In order to try to avoid being penalized, Henion and McDowell will meet with state officials in Raleigh.

"There's really no guarantee that we will avoid penalty," Henion said. He added, however, that because plans and specifications were submitted and the project is set for completion before the deadline, he does not believe that the state will fine the system.

"My goal will be to move forward as quickly as possible on the project," Henion stated.

The board also discussed modernization and renovation at the middle school. Architects performing preliminary site eval-

uation have located original blueprints to the building, Henion said. A questionnaire on needs will be developed and passed on to teachers at the school.

"He's (architect William Hargrove) moving ahead very quickly with the initial plans for the renovation project," Henion told the board.

Board chairman Clifford Winslow said that the band concert on March 10 was very successful. At his recommendation, the board authorized a letter to be sent to band director David Ziemba and members of the band commending them for their efforts, and encouraging the band to have more concerts

throughout the school year.

Winslow also said that plays such as the recent production of *The Giant's Garden* by two first grade classes should be encouraged.

Community Schools Coordinator Jeanie Umphlett updated the board on the Odyssey of the Mind program. The board authorized letters of appreciation to be sent to coaches and other volunteers who are working with the program. Umphlett said that a performance by all the county OM teams has been tentatively set for April 9 at Perquimans High School.



Photo by Susan Harris

### The Giant's Garden

Two first grade classes, those of Mrs. Houtz and Mrs. White, presented *The Giant's Garden* Thursday evening and Friday morning at Perquimans High School. The students did an outstanding job, and played to full houses during both performances.

## Youth serve as pages

Two Perquimans County High School students served as pages in the North Carolina House of Representatives in Raleigh in February.

Dena Jo White served as a page during the week of February 4. She was recommended by Representative R. M. "Pete" Thompson of Edenton and appointed by former Speaker of the House, Joe Mavretic.

Dena is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Towe White of Hertford. She is a sophomore, and has maintained an A average. At Perquimans High, she is in the marching and concert bands, a member of the Drama and Math and Science Clubs and a member of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at her church.

Lindsey Riddick served as a page during the week of February 18. He was recommended by Representative R. M. "Pete" Thompson of Edenton and ap-

pointed by Speaker of the House, Daniel T. Blue Jr.

Lindsey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Riddick of Hertford. He is a senior at Perquimans High is a pitcher for the baseball team, and is a member of several school clubs. After graduation, Lindsey will attend North Carolina State University in Raleigh.



Riddick

The duties of a page involve working with the members of the N.C. House of Representatives and the staff of the General Assembly. This provides an excellent opportunity to learn how state government operates and affords an opportunity to learn much about the history of North Carolina by visiting the State Capitol, the Archives & History Building, the Museum of Natural History and the Governor's Mansion which pages are sometimes able to do when they are not on duty.

## Layden attends DAR luncheon

Linda Carol Layden, Perquimans County High School senior, along with 26 other DAR Good Citizens, was recently honored by the Texasgulf in Aurora with a tour of operations and a special luncheon at the company's clubhouse on the Pamlico River.

Linda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Layden of Belvidere, attended the Good Citizens Day for District VIII, National Society, and Daughters of the American Revolution of North Carolina. Several members of the sponsoring Edenton Tea Party Chapter attended the district meeting also. Hostess for the occasion was the Major Reading Blount Chapter of Washington, N.C.

Good Citizen Linda Layden is very active in school, community and church affairs. At Perquimans High, she is president of the senior class, Future Teachers of America and the Spanish club. She is in the marching band and concert band and is active in SADD, Drama Club and Student Government.

Linda is a member of the Belvidere 4-H Club and the Albemarle Livestock Special Interest Club. She is a National 4-H Cumulative Recordbook winner. She is also a member of Whiteville Grove Baptist Church where she belongs to the choir, youth group and helps out as assistant pianist.

Among Linda's awards are: Who's Who Among American High School Students; Rotary Youth Delegate/Leadership Award; Honor Roll, Queen of Hearts-Heart Fund Drive.

Linda hopes to attend Elon College and major in Elementary Education/Guidance Counseling.

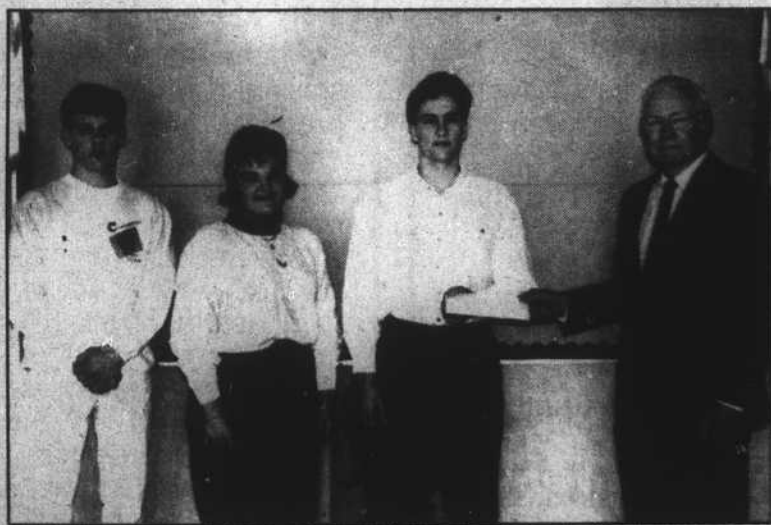


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Perquimans High School Student Council president Josh Boone presents a check to Roy Chappell, treasurer of the Perquimans County Heart Association. Looking on are King and Queen of Hearts Jeffrey Winslow and Linda Layden.

## Student Council spearheads Heart Association fund drive

Perquimans County High School students raised over \$1,800 for the Perquimans County Chapter of the American Heart Association recently.

The Heart Fund drive was sponsored by the Student Council Association. The King and Queen of Hearts selection and dance, a fashion show, raffles, a dance, bake sales, and the best male and female faculty legs contest highlighted the students' fund-raising efforts. Jeffrey Winslow and Linda Layden were named King and Queen of Hearts during the dance. Cevin

Webster and Lynn Lassiter received the best legs honors.

Mrs. Drivers' homeroom, the top money-makers, were recognized with a pizza party courtesy of Nino's Restaurant and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Lane.

The fund drive marked the third year Perquimans High School students have worked with the Heart Association. The 1991 contribution brought to over \$7,000 the students' donations to the association.



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### Winslow honored

Stan Winslow was honored Sunday by the Perquimans County Extension Service. Winslow resigned from his position as County Extension Agent March 15 to accept a position with Peels Agricultural Consultants, Inc. He is shown during the reception with his wife, Lou Ann, and their children Austin, Matt and Ashley.

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