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NAACP schedules meeting

The Perquimans County Branch of NAACP will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall in Hertford.

The meeting was originally scheduled for April 20.

Band dinner is Saturday

The Perquimans County Band Boosters will sponsor a Pig Picking on Saturday, April 13, from 4-7 p.m. at Perquimans High School.

Plates will consist of BBQ, bar-b-que potatoes, snap beans, hush puppies or rolls and dessert. Cost of the plates will be \$5. Dinners may be enjoyed at the school or taken out.

Purchase of a ticket will enter the ticket holder in a drawing for a \$100 bill.

To show their appreciation for support given, the Perquimans Marching Pirates will perform at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. on the ball field.

Please contact any booster or band member for tickets. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. For further information, please contact Jarvis Winslow at 426-7959.

Hertford school sets PTA

The final meeting of Hertford Grammar School's PTA is scheduled for Thursday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. The program will be the presentation of awards to students in academics and other special areas. School volunteer and special PTA awards will also be presented. Installation of PTA officers for the 1991-92 school year is being planned. Get involved in your child's school. Attend PTA.

Drama club show is Friday

Perquimans County High School students will offer the opportunity to step back in time Friday night when they hit the stage with *Duck Tails* and *Bobby Sox*, a musical comedy set in a 1950s malt shop.

From the giddy cheerleaders to the rumble at center stage, the program promises entertainment for the entire family.

Sponsored by the Drama Club, the production utilizes the talents of the entire PCHS Arts Department. Members of the band will provide music. Art students have assisted with painting sets.

The curtain will go up in the high school auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door.

Newspaper hours change

The Perquimans Weekly has announced new office hours. Effective immediately, the office will close on Tuesdays at noon. On Mondays, and Wednesday through Friday, the office hours will remain the same, 8 a.m.-12 noon and 1-5 p.m.

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Work begins on police station

Construction began Monday on the building which will house the Hertford Police Department and Chamber of Commerce office at its completion, Mayor W.D. "Bill" Cox said Monday night during a meeting of the Hertford Town Council.

The new structure will be 512 square feet larger than the original building which sat on the site. Plans call for separate entrances for the police department and Chamber offices. The police department will contain a lock-up area and evidence room in addition to office space.

Firefighters were called to the site in October when

flames destroyed the original building. In addition to the building, most of the police department files and equipment were lost in the blaze, which started in the squad room.

The Chamber office fared better. Although some equipment suffered smoke and water damage, most records were salvaged.

Cox said he hopes to be able to rebuild without exceeding the \$70,000 the town collected from the insurance company in the fire settlement. The town will act as its own general contractor and will seek bids for each phase



Photo by Susan Harris

Hertford town councilmen Jesse Harris and John Beers survey the building which will house the Hertford Police Department and Chamber of Commerce at its completion. Work on the project began Monday. The new structure is being built on the same site as the former building which housed the two entities. The original structure was gutted by fire in October.

of the project. J.W. Harrell Construction was awarded the bid on framing. He submitted the low bid of \$3,000, which includes labor only. The town is providing materials. Other bidders were Donald Riddick

(\$3,598.40), Phillip Lane (\$3,746), W.K. Copeland (\$4,172) and Gerald Waters (\$5,680).

Cox said he will try to have the building finished by July.

Skills fest draws crafters to Hertford



Photo by Susan Harris

Shirley Riddick relaxes between customers during the annual Festival of Skills Friday. Riddick and Piccola Chappell displayed a variety of country ruffled items including lamp shades. The homemade jacks were also popular at their booth.

The 11th annual Festival of Skills brought hundreds of people into Hertford this weekend to browse through 17 booths chocked full of hand-made crafts.

Wooden toys, pottery, dolls, lamp shades, patch-work pillows, crocheted blankets, doll clothes and children's clothing featuring English smocking were just a sampling of the variety of hand-crafted items available during the festival.

In addition to quality crafts, there were offerings of homemade goodies at several booths.

Perquimans County Extension Agent Paige Underwood said the craft fair was successful.

"We were very pleased and the majority of the craftsmen were very pleased," she said. She noted that the crafters netted overall sales of around \$4,000.

The fair has historically been held in the fall, but the Perquimans County Extension Homemakers, organizers of the festival, decided to try a spring fair this year. Underwood said that response from craftsmen was very good, as the homemakers had a waiting list for those craftsmen who submitted applications after the 17 spaces allotted were filled.

Wolfman to promote literacy

Wolfman Jack will help promote literacy during National Library Week, April 14-20.

The internally-known disc jockey and resident of Belvidere will join celebrities and guest readers at libraries across the country on April 17 during the *Night of a Thousand Stars*. The personalities will read aloud from their favorite books to promote family literacy and to emphasize the correlation of reading skills to success in life.

The star-studded evening is believed to be the biggest pro-literacy event ever. The premiere *Night of a Thousand Stars* on April 25, 1990 included participants ranging from singers to actors to prize fighters. This year's stars include Charlton Heston, Robert Goulet, Aretha Franklin, Lynda Carter, Art Buchwald, Art Monk, Charles Mann and Julie Gold. Programs will extend from actress Nancy White Carlson's reading in Anchorage; to Illinois, where Chicago Bear Maury Buford will present a program; and all the way to Hertford, where Wolfman Jack will lend his talents.

This is the first year the Perquimans library has participated in the event sponsored by the American Library Association and the American Association of School Librarians. The Wolfman will read from selected children's books. Call the library at 426-5319 for more information and to register.

About the Wolfman

Wolfman Jack is the alter-ego of Robert Smith, a New Yorker who grew up in one of

Brooklyn's toughest neighborhoods and became one of the best-known radio personalities of all time.

The internationally-famous disc jockey used a gopher job at WJZR in New Jersey as the first step toward his goal of a radio career. He took his unique radio show from Virginia to Mexico under the air names of Roger Gordon, Daddy Jules and Bob King. Wolfman Jack was born in the '60s and is now a legend in the broadcast industry. He has been described as "an omnipotent enigma of the airwaves."

Part of Wolfman's mystique was the fact that no one could identify him for years. His voice was infamous. But he guarded his true identity, which added to the mystery of Wolfman.

His influence on the youth culture of the '60s inspired George Lucas, a fan, to write and direct *American Graffiti*. Portraying himself, Wolfman finally revealed himself on the big screen in the movie. Now the face would become as recognizable as the gravelly voice, and The Wolfman would enjoy success in film and on television.

In 1984, Smith took Wolfman Jack back into the radio market after a 12-year hiatus. It was considered a key media event. Wolfman travels thousands of miles each year making numerous personal appearances. His permanent home is in Belvidere, where he resides in one of the community's historic homes.

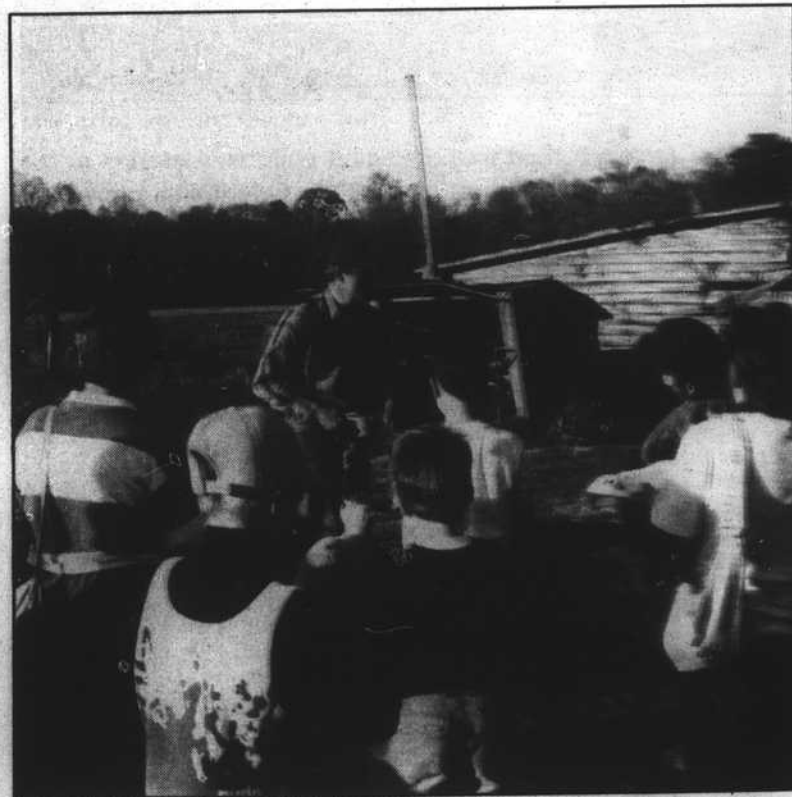


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Dr. Richard Lichtenwalner, Area Cattle Specialist, demonstrates lamb showmanship at the fitting and showmanship clinic held last week on the Ed Nixon farm. Youth planning to enter animals in the livestock show were invited to participate in the clinic.

Youth prepare for annual area 4-H livestock show

Youth in Perquimans County are preparing to show livestock during the annual Albemarle 4-H Livestock Show on April 23 and 24 in Elizabeth City.

The livestock program is one of the strongest 4-H specialty groups in the county, according to Area Livestock Agent Jeff Copeland. The number of youth participating in the show has increased over the years. This year, 52 Perquimans youth will show 41 hogs, 20 lambs and seven steers.

"It's important to kids," Copeland said about involvement in the livestock show. He said working with the animals teaches children responsibility and helps them to understand the meat production process. It also affords an opportunity for parents and children to work together.

Last week, Copeland organized the annual fitting and showmanship clinic for youth from Perquimans, Gates and Chowan counties. Dr. Richard Lichtenwalner, Area Cattle Specialist, and Jack Park, Senior Area Swine Specialist, gave the youth hands-on demonstrations which outlined what the judges will look for during the livestock competition. Grooming tips and show ring techniques were discussed.

The clinic was hosted by Ed and Barbara Nixon and their daughter, Amanda, who will enter a steer and hog in the livestock show. The Nixons have been involved with the livestock program for several years.



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Awaiting stardom

Geryl Westbrook, Amber Elliott, Rob King, Susan Lavezzo, Allison Gregory, Sarah Winslow and Izis Human rehearse for the Friday night production of *Duck Tails* and *Bobby Sox*, the annual production of the PCHS drama club. Curtain time is 8 p.m.