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BPW to hold picnic

The Hertford Business and Professional Women's Organization is celebrating their annual picnic on Thursday, July 11 at Missing Mill Park at 6 p.m.

The organization is saluting all volunteers who have or will be donating their time to assist with the programs being conducted for the youth in our area this summer at Wynne Fork Court Apartments and in the Town of Winfall. For more information please call Janice McKenzie Cole at 426-7962.

Theater hold auditions

Auditions will be held on Sunday, July 14 at 2 p.m. at 1201 Herrington Road in Elizabeth City for Paul Green's "Carolina". These auditions are open to all readers, singers, musicians and actors of the Albemarle area. This performance will be held August 24 at the Newbold-White House. If more information is needed please call Lucy Vaughn at 335-5505.

Aerobics class begins

The Perquimans Recreation Department is sponsoring a six-week aerobic class to begin on Monday, July 15. The classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. at the Perquimans Library. The cost is \$20 per person. For more information or to register, call the department at 426-5695.

Performances scheduled

The recently organized *Bootstrap Acting Company* will present the comedy, "Love, Sex and the IRS" for six performances on July 26-28 and August 2-4 at Angler's Cove Restaurant.

To make your reservations, call 426-7294.

AADA to meet

The Albemarle Area Development Association (AADA) will meet on Thursday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Riverside Campground in Hyde County. A program on the local economic development will be presented. A seafood buffet will be provided for \$8.50. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to contact their County Agricultural Extension office.

Library board meets

The Pettigrew Regional Library Board will meet on Monday, July 15 at 8 p.m. at the Washington County Public Library in Plymouth.

DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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Rain does not dampen patriotic spirit

4th Fest activities go on as planned

Intermittent showers did not dampen the patriotic spirit of the annual 4th of July Fest in Missing Mill Park last Thursday.

The rain held off long enough to allow the parade led by the Hertford Fifes and Drums to move from Harris Shopping Center to the park, where a ceremony honoring veterans was held. After the national anthem was sung by Amy Parker and the invocation offered by the Rev. Glenn Moore, those who attended the ceremony were forced under the park pavillion by a downpour to hear comments from U.S. Navy (ret.) Admiral Harry Train.

"On this day each year we can remind ourselves that we are proud, and fortunate, to be Americans," Train said. "This year we had numerous opportunities to be proud of our country, proud of its armed forces and proud of its leadership."

"It is great to be an American, not only on the fourth of July, but 365 days a year," Train said.

Nicke Whitehurst and Sarah Winslow, accompanied by Lyn Winslow, followed Adm. Train's speech with a musical tribute to the veterans.

Although storms continued throughout the afternoon, audiences were enthusiastic about the performances by the Curtis Ray Perry family, John and Deb-

bie Lambert of the Cornfield Cloggers, the Silver Threads, Darrell Stallings and Jeffrey Winslow and Patrick Kelly.

The Jaycees raised \$369 for Andrew Wyrick, a 3-year-old Winfall resident with Sotos Syndrome, thanks to auctioneer Brent Winslow and some good sports who took pies in the face. Farm Bureau insurance agents Edgar Roberson and Lewis Evans, sheriff Joe Lothian, Hertford Police officers Aubrey Sample, Tim Bunch and Tommy Teague and Jaycee president Susan Harris were covered with Cool Whip by "friends" who donated their money to a good cause.

Disc jockey Paul Ahearn, who played for the street dance sponsored by Jimmy's Barbecue, the Hertford Rotary Club and Steppin' Out Productions, began his show with patriotic music which lasted throughout the fireworks display.

The Jaycees opted not to postpone the fireworks, although there was a 20-minute delay due to the weather. The show began with an American flag fronted by sparklers, and ended with a 100-shell finale. Appreciative comments were made by the crowd throughout the show.

The evening continued with the street dance until 11 p.m. Ahearn coaxed dancers into the parking lot, where a mass of

bodies swayed to "The Electric Slide."

Fest-goers enjoyed traditional grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, ice-cold Cokes, homemade ice cream, baked goodies and sno-cones during the celebration.

Kids enjoyed riding through the park on the Tiny Town Fire Truck courtesy of Pat Harrell. Most wore designs on their faces painted by Anzie Wood. The dunking booth, operated by the Perquimans County Band Boosters, was a popular spot as county commissioner Wayne Winslow, band director David Ziemba, and band students Jason Cartwright, Dena White, Stephanie Stallings and Missy Drozdowski were dropped into cool waters often.

Parade participants included the Hertford Fifes and Drums, Town of Hertford, veterans, Snug Harbor 4-H Clubs, Friendship 4-H Club, Cub Scout Troop 150 and the Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire Department.



Photo by Nancy Royden-Clark

U.S. Navy Admiral (ret.) Harry Train spoke during a 4th of July ceremony honoring veterans. Train has a second home in Perquimans County.



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Jaycee president Susan Harris recovers after taking a pie in the face during the annual 4th of July charity pie auction.



Photo by Nancy Royden-Clark

Cornfield Cloggers John and Debbie Lambert dance routines to an interesting variety of entertained 4th Fest goers with their lively music.



Photo by Nancy Royden-Clark

County commissioner Wayne Winslow prepares to take a dip on the dunking booth after someone hit the bull's eye on the target. Winslow rode the booth in support of the Perquimans County Band Boosters.

Tyner resident convicted of incest

By NANCY ROYDEN-CLARK
Perquimans County reporter

Michael Wayne Miller Sr., 39, received a six-month active sentence Monday for having sexual intercourse with his then 16-year-old stepdaughter, Patricia Lynn Orr.

Miller's investigation was handled jointly by the sheriff's departments in Chowan and Perquimans counties. He was arrested in both counties on two separate counts and was tried for both offenses during Monday's proceedings.

On Nov. 30, 1990, Miller was arrested by the Chowan County Sheriff's Department for the first offense of sexual activity by a substitute parent. On Jan. 2, 1991, Miller was arrested on a Perquimans County warrant for felonious incest. He

was released on a \$5,000 secured bond.

As Judge Thomas Watts presided over Perquimans County Superior Court, he told Miller he was concerned about the girl's welfare. Miller's address is listed in police and court records as Route 1, Box 494, Tyner.

"... the little girl coming up in that home — it worries the dickens out of me," Watts said.

Watts handed down the maximum 15-year sentence for the crimes. If Miller violates supervised probation or any other condition included in his sentence, he will serve more time than the six-month sentence.

Watts ordered Miller to have no form of contact with Orr.

He said there should be, "no contact by telephone or in writing. If you see her walking down

the street, turn around, it's that simple," Watts told Miller.

The Tyner man was also directed to undergo psychological counseling at Albemarle Mental Health Center.

According to North Carolina law, it is a class G felony, "whenever there is even a single act of sexual intercourse between a grandparent and grandchild, parent with a child of stepchild or legally adopted child, even if illegitimate, and between brothers and sisters of whole or half blood."

Miller told Watts during the proceedings that he would surrender himself to the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department at 9 a.m.

Charles T. Busby, of Edenton, was Miller's attorney.

Buyer beware of door-to-door meat sales

RALEIGH—Door-to-door meat sales seem to be the rage now, and customers should know what they are paying for.

"These meat companies appear to be going to great lengths not to disclose the weight," said David Smith, director of the Standards Division for the N.C. Department of Agriculture.

Meat salesmen are offering "deals" on large quantities of meat. For example, 10 ribeyes, 12 T-bones, 25 hamburger patties and 10 pork chops for one price. The steaks may not be labeled with the weight which makes it impossible for consumers to determine the price per pound.

Consumers have been calling the NCDA Standards Division wanting to know about the meat companies, some not satisfied with what they got.

Smith knows of meat distribution bases in Charlotte, Raleigh, Fayetteville and Marion. Standards Division inspectors check the weights of operation centers as soon as they know about them and some short-weight products have been found. If a second inspection turns up inaccurate weights, the company can be fined.

Inspection of the meat for wholesomeness falls to NCDA Meat and Poultry Inspection Service. By law, meat salesmen

can sell only products inspected by the NCDA or USDA.

Dr. Claude Carraway, director of NCDA's Meat and Poultry Inspection Service, said the box should be fully labeled when it comes to the door, including the plant name, where it was packed, weight and the USDA or NCDA stamp of inspection.

Smith has some good news if a consumer feels he's made the wrong decision. "If you're taken in by the advertisements saying 'unbelievable prices' or 'beautiful cuts,' and you sign the contract," Smith said, "you still have three days to cancel the contract."