

# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Briefs

### Bloodmobile visits

The Perquimans County Jaycees will sponsor a Red Cross Bloodmobile Friday, Aug. 30 from 3-7 p.m. at the Senior Center in Hertford. All residents who are able are encouraged to donate blood.

### Holiday closing set

The *Perquimans Weekly* office will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2 in observance of Labor Day. The news and advertising deadlines for the Sept. 5 issue will be Friday, Aug. 30 at 3 p.m.

### Season tickets on sale

Season tickets for the Perquimans County High School Pirates football games are on sale now. The tickets, which cover all five home games, are \$15. They may be purchased in advance by contacting Ed Nixon or at the gate on Aug. 30 when the Pirates open their 1991 season with the Camden Bruins.

### Candidate forum planned

The Hertford Business and Professional Women's local organization is planning a candidate's forum for Oct. 17 for the local elections to be held this fall. The voters of Hertford and Winfall are invited to submit their issues of concern by Sept. 13 to assist in selecting the questions to be directed to the candidates. The contact person is Juanita Bailey (264-2040 in the evening).

### Club sponsors luncheon

The Memory Lane Senior Citizens Club will sponsor a chicken salad luncheon on Friday, Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. The cost is \$3.50 a plate and proceeds will benefit the members participating in the N.C. Senior Games in Raleigh.

### NCNB earns high rankings

NCNB's Trust Group continues to earn high national rankings with the performances of its equity and fixed-income funds.

NCNB's Growth Equity Fund placed in the top 5 percent nationally in data recently released by CDA Investment Technologies Inc., an independent measurement service. The fund achieved a return of 88.10 percent--a 13.5 percent compounded annual return--for the five-year period ending June 30, 1991. It outperformed 95 percent of the equity funds in the survey.

### Nutrition site menus

The Nutrition Site menus for September 2-6 are as follows:

Monday-Smoked sausage, macaroni and cheese, buttered green peas, roll, margarine, orange slices and milk.

Tuesday-Brunswick stew with chicken, cold pickled beets, green beans, crackers, margarine, hot spiced apples and milk.

Wednesday-Lasagne, tossed salad, buttered corn, French bread, margarine, yellow cake with chocolate icing and milk.

Thursday-BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes, green butterbeans, whole wheat bread, margarine, oatmeal cookie and milk.

Friday-Battered fish, coleslaw, stewed potatoes, green beans, cornbread, margarine, fresh orange and milk.

### DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

NEWS RELEASES . . . MON. 3 P.M.

RETAIL ADVERTISING . . . MON. 3 P.M.

CLASSIFIED & LEGALS . . . MON. 3 P.M.

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## Superintendent: School opening is smooth

Perquimans County Schools got off to a great start Monday, according to administrators.

"We had a smooth opening," said schools superintendent Dr. Randall Henion. "In general, an outstanding start."

Henion and other administrators visited the schools Monday in an effort to see first-hand how things were going, and to offer any needed assistance to principals and teachers.

"I had a chance to walk through the halls of every building and I was really

excited to see so much happening on the first day of school," Henion commented.

Most students were smiling as they entered the halls of the county's four schools. Greetings to fellow students and teachers echoed through the halls.

Winfall police Chief Dale Vanscoy reported a traffic jam in front of Central School, an unusual occurrence in the town. Many parents took their children to school on the first day, which created the back-log. Traffic flowed more smoothly on Tuesday.

It was also a cool beginning. Weather conditions, which have been extremely hot and humid all summer, broke slightly, giving students and teachers a chance to get to know one another and settle down to work in relatively comfortable classrooms. Henion said that if intense heat comes back to the county, parents will be informed by radio announcements as soon as decisions are made to release students early.

Henion said there were a few minor problems with bus routes, a routine as-

pect of beginning a new school year. He anticipates no long-term problems.

Assistant superintendent Jake Boyce remained at the administration office until 6 p.m. to handle any problems that might have arisen when students were transported home by bus, but he reported no problems.

"We had the right atmosphere for the first day," Henion said when summing up his assessment of Monday's school opening.

## Renovation sparks become flames in Hertford

The renovation spark in downtown Hertford has been fanned into flames as building owners continue to jump on the revitalization bandwagon.

Small changes began to take place in 1985 when the building occupied by Dowd & Twiddy got a facelift. Centura Bank, then Peoples Bank & Trust Company, demolished the old Hertford Banking Company building in 1986 and began refurbishing the exterior of the existing office. Since that time, the inside has been remodeled twice. Prior to that time, Irene Meads made extensive changes when she moved her business, White's Dress Shoppe, from its former location into the building once occupied by Gregory's 5 & 10.

Recently, many buildings

have received attention. The Broughton building, long an eyesore, was bought by Mary Lucille Johnson and demolished. Rhonda Gregory and Dianne Banks gave Market Street an entire new look with their inside and out renovations. Marta's Style Sharing came to Hertford, and another building received interior alterations. The Blanchard building update has now been completed by the county.

Work is in progress on the buildings owned by Franky Brown, Percy Newbern, Henry Stokes and John Christensen. Renovations are planned by Charles Woodard and Mary Lucille Johnson.



Photo by Susan Harris

Hertford businesswoman Rhonda Gregory accepts a check from John Christensen to help defray the cost of renovating her downtown building. The funds are from Hertford Horizons, the name of a joint effort by the town of Hertford and the Chamber of Commerce to improve Hertford businesses. On hand for the occasion were Hertford Mayor W.D. "Bill" Cox and Chamber Executive Director Mary Harrell.

enthusiastic about it. I hope it continues all over the town."

Funds for a portion of the renovations undertaken by some building owners has come from Hertford Horizons. Hertford Horizons was formed several years ago as a joint effort by the town and the Chamber of Commerce to improve looks of the town in an effort to generate much-needed economic growth. With technical and financial assistance

from the state, a plan was developed to rejuvenate the downtown area.

Rhonda Gregory was the first business owner to receive her Hertford Horizons funds. Cox, John Christensen and Chamber Executive Director Mary Harrell were on hand to present the check and to express their appreciation to Gregory for her part in making Hertford more attractive.

## Hertford Cafe re-opens

Perquimans residents who had waited patiently for the re-opening of the Hertford Cafe were rewarded last Monday when the doors were unlocked at 6 a.m. for breakfast. Since then, word of mouth has brought many through the doors to try the breakfasts and lunches being served by owners Martin, Kitty and Steve Sorey of Snug Harbor.

Martin and Kitty came to Snug Harbor over a year ago from Virginia Beach. They liked the slower tempo of rural life and Kitty said they fell in love with Hertford Cafe when it was operated by W.A. "Jiggs" and Shirley Burner. When the Burners closed, the Soreys missed the food and atmosphere at the eatery.

Now instead of enjoying the food and fellowship at Hertford Cafe, they're offering it to others. And it's paying off.

"People have been really supportive since we've been open," Kitty said. "We've got regular customers already."

Steve, who is the restaurant chef, came to visit his brother, Martin, was smitten by the area, and decided to become a partner in the restaurant venture. His experience as a chef is shining through as he cooks up two meals a day, seven days a week at the cafe.

Martin and Kitty are relying on their experience in food service to see them through in Hertford. Martin used to own the

Riviera Lodge, a hunting and fishing lodge with a restaurant. Kitty gained her experience in a take-out deli.

The Soreys are experimenting now with their menu. Kitty said their full menu has not been determined. In addition to the listed items - sandwiches, cold plates, chef salads, fish, hamburger steaks, pepper steak and the like - Kitty said they've been trying other items each day to see how the fare is received by customers. From this experimentation will come the final menu.

Martin insists that the cafe is not in competition with other eateries in the county. He said he wants to add more variety to what is presently offered. He said he hopes that with choices, residents will stay in the county and patronize local businesses when they dine away from home.

"We have a lot of plans," Kitty said, looking around the dining area of Hertford Cafe. "It's just going to take some time."

The cafe is open from 6 a.m. until 3 p.m. seven days per week. The Soreys plan to open for dinner in the near future.

## Indian Summer Festival nears

The streets of Hertford will come to life Sept. 13 and 14 with the sights, sounds and tastes of the 10th annual Indian Summer Festival promoted by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

Festival-goers will find a wide variety of entertainment available during the two-day fest, with return appearances of favorites from the past and acts new to this year's edition. Overtime, the band that wowed audiences at last year's street dance, will return. Response to their 1990 showing was so good that festival organizers changed the street dance to Friday night in order to bring Overtime back. For the first time, the dance will be held on the courthouse lawn from 8-11 p.m. on Friday.

Perquimans County resident Edgar Lee Lane will make his hometown debut on the courthouse lawn on Friday. Lane is a professional musician. The Albe-marle Players will also bring musical entertainment, and the festival would not be complete with a performance by the Perquimans County High School band.

Drama will also highlight the day as the Perquimans Playhouse, Inc. revives "Curse You, Jack Dalton!" in the courthouse Friday evening. The positive response to the old-fashioned "mellerdrammer" was such a hit in the past that it sparked the formal organization of the theater group. Jim Bridges as "Little Big Man" and Ann Deaton in a pig skit will round out Friday's entertainment.

Sidewalk sales, historical displays, prizes and antique cars are on tap, along with the sidewalk cafe and chicken fry supper.

Saturday will see the festival move to Missing Mill Park, where the grounds will be littered with craft, art and display booths. Grubb Street will be lined with food vendors offering tasty treats from homemade jacks and ice cream to polish sausage. A pork barbecue supper will be served Saturday evening.

The day will kick off at 8 a.m. with a one mile fun run and two mile fun walk sponsored by Chowan Hospital. The young will be treated to a variety of games and rides.

Members of the newly-organized ski club in Perquimans County will make their first public appearance on the Perquimans River during the festival. Elizabeth II's ship's boat, the Silver Chalice, will also grace the river.

The entertainment will begin with a performance by Out in the Cold band, followed by festival favorites, the Flatland Cloggers. Second Wind band will also perform. The Perquimans County Recreation Department aerobics class, Holiday Island Chapel Chimes and Riverwind Aerobic Dancers will make their premiere festival appearances. A second performance of "Curse You, Jack Dalton!" will cap the two-day festival.



Photo by Susan Harris

A workman with Sawyer Painting gives Eagle's a fresh coat of paint. The building, owned by Henry Stokes, is one of several undergoing renovations in downtown Hertford.