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# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Briefs

### VFW seeks members

Hertford VFW Post 8148 is currently seeking veterans who served in foreign wars. For more information contact Tom Lisenby at 426-5426 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

### Festival planned

The Central School PTA will hold its annual Fun Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food games, and rummage sale items are on tap for the day. Anyone wishing to rent a space for craft items may call Gail Godfrey at 264-2361 or Ariene Layden at 297-2097. Booths are \$15 each.

### NAACP youth to meet

The Youth of Perquimans County NAACP will have a Drug Awareness Rap Session on Saturday, Sept. 28 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

### AARP sets meeting

Perquimans Chapter 4118 of AARP Inc. will meet Monday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. A board meeting will be held at 1 p.m.

Mrs. Emily Askew will be the speaker for the month.

Chapter 4118 is open to new membership for all of the surrounding counties.

The winners for the AARP raffle were first prize afghan - Cassie Spruill; second prize radio - Becky Perry; and third prize bunnies - Helen Blackwell.

### ECSU Board to meet

The Elizabeth City State University Board of Trustees will hold their quarterly Fall Meeting on Monday, Sept. 23 at 11 a.m. in the Board Room of the University's G.R. Little Library.

### Hunter courses offered

Sgt. P.W. Tyndall of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has announced a 10-hour Hunter Safety Course scheduled for Oct. 1, 2 and 3 from 6-9:30 p.m. at the Perquimans County Cooperative Extension Service auditorium. The commission is offering the classes at no charge. To register, call 335-7857.

### Cookie sales underway

Perquimans County 4-Hers are presently involved in their second campaign for 4-H cookie sales. Cookies can be ordered from 4-H club members and leaders at a cost of \$2 per package. Available varieties include Mint Patties, Peanut Butter Patties, Peanut Butter Wafer Sticks, Jelly Eclairs, Marshmallow Puffs, Spiced Delights, Coconut Creme Sandwiches, Oatmeal Ground Raisins, Assorted Sugar Wafers, Crunchy Granola Creme Sandwiches and Peanut Butter Creme Sandwiches. Cookies will be delivered to patrons during the week of Nov. 4-8. For additional information and to order cookies, you can call the Perquimans County Cooperative Extension Service at 426-7694.



Photo by Susan Harris

Winfall Police Chief Dale Vanscoy and Hertford Police officer Tommy Teague dismantled a stereo speaker in a mobile home in Miller & Meads Mobile Home park last Wednesday night. The officers, along with six others, raided the mobile home after officers received information about drug violations and secured a search warrant. The investigation in the case is continuing.

## Officers raid mobile home

The Hertford Police Department led a raid on a mobile home in Miller & Meads Mobile Home Park last Wednesday night which officers hoped would result in a trafficking arrest.

According to Hertford Police Chief Aubrey Sample Jr., he received information that illegal drugs could be found at the residence. After verifying the information, a search warrant was obtained for the property. Sample declined to give the specific address of the dwelling or the name of the occupant.

An 8-man team made up of officers from the Hertford Police Department, Perquimans County Sheriff's Department and Winfall Police Department searched the premises around 9:15 p.m. After the dwelling was secured, Perquimans Sheriff Joe Lothian brought in his department's drug dog, Kirby.

Kirby went and alerted on several locations in the mobile home, Sample said. Various items of drug paraphernalia were seized, Sample said, but no quantity of drugs was found. Sample said some of the seized items have been sent to the State Bureau of Investigation laboratory for analysis.

The chief said he believes that certain evidence found at the scene that his department probably arrived after the drugs had been removed from the premises. "We probably arrived too late, due to the time involved in verifying the information and obtaining search warrants," he said.



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Kirby, the drug dog owned by the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, alerted on several places in the mobile home, giving investigators an idea of areas where drugs may have been hidden.

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No arrest has been made in the case. Sample said that the investigation, along with others, is continuing.

## Dogwood Trailer Park 'visits' continue

Spokesmen for the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department and the Hertford Police Department both reiterated the determination of their departments to rid Dogwood Trailer Park of drug traffic this week.

Sheriff Joe Lothian last week announced that law enforcement officers had stepped up visibility in the area with marked patrol cars and officer presence in the neighborhood. Often the officers working the operation are volunteering their time.

Last Wednesday night, Lothian and Hertford Police Chief Aubrey Sample Jr. were on patrol in the mobile home park.

"How are you doing tonight?" the officers greeted youth out for an evening stroll.

"Hey, you'd better get some headlights on that bike and a reflector," Lothian told one youth who rode his bike across the street to Wynne Park Court. The officers warned at least three bicycle riders to get headlights on their bikes before operating them on the road at night. "I'd hate to have to give you a \$51 ticket," Lothian told them.

The bicycle riders were for

the most part cooperative. One cursed at the officers under his breath as he rode away.

"Ugh-oh," a pedestrian who overheard the exchange commented. "You done messed up now."

A late-model luxury sedan pulled into Dogwood.

"That's a Virginia tag," Lothian said.

"I think we'll check him out," Sample said.

Sample and Lothian stepped in front of the car after it had driven to the end of the street and made its way slowly back.

"May I see your drivers license, sir?" Sample asked the driver, who immediately began to ask what he'd done.

Observing closely, Sample saw money in the driver's left hand. The officers noted that when the driver reached over with his right hand to pick up his wallet which was on the front seat, he slid his left hand under his left leg and left the money on the seat. Sample questioned the move and asked the driver to step from the vehicle. The officers found two \$20 bills folded on the seat where the driver had been sitting.

## Board approves new discipline policy

The Perquimans County Board of Education unanimously approved a new corporal punishment policy at the Sept. 16 board meeting.

The policy prohibits corporal punishment in the Perquimans County School system, and states that discipline will be maintained without its use. The policy states, "Corporal punishment is all forms of physical punishment including, but not limited to, spanking, paddling, or slapping."

Under the terms of the new policy, school personnel do have the authority to use "reasonable force" to control behavior or to remove a person from the scene in certain situations such as to quell a disturbance threatening injury to others; to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects on the person, or within the control, of a student; for self-defense; and for the protection of persons and property.

Discipline is defined in the policy as "well-ordered, directed behavior." The responsibility for developing and maintaining disciplined behavior is shared by parents, guardians, students, teachers, principals, administrative and support personnel, superintendent and the board of education under the terms of the policy.

The policy was updated in response to N.C. General Statute 115-390, which was passed by the General Assembly with an effective date of July 1, 1991. The legislation allows local school systems to ban corporal punishment.

"I was proud that the Per-

quimans County Board of Education has moved quickly to use their authority to develop a policy in accordance with this new legislation," said Dr. Randall Henion, schools superintendent. "Research indicates there are more effective ways of maintaining discipline and appropriate conduct."

Henion said that he has received results of studies indicating that in school systems where corporal punishment is prevalent, there are higher drop-out rates, suspension rates and failure rates, as well as an increase in liability insurance premiums.

"I think we send a real message to children that we don't hit people, we don't resolve our problems by hitting," Henion said. "We like to put students in charge of correcting their behavior."

Henion said the system uses positive reinforcement to reward appropriate behavior. When steps must be taken to punish a student, various methods, including loss of free time, parent conferences, after school detention and in-school suspension, are used. Out of school suspension is the last alternative or is used in response to a serious offense.

The legislation was supported by the N.C. School Boards Association, N.C. PTA, State Board of Education, N.C. Child Advocacy Institute, N.C. Academy of Pediatrics, N.C. Council of Churches, N.C. Medical Society, N.C. Society of Nurses and a variety of other groups, according to Henion.

## Suspicious fire investigated

Local officials called for assistance from the State Bureau of Investigation after responding to an early-morning fire in Hertford Monday. Hertford Police Chief Aubrey Sample Jr. said that his department and the Hertford Fire Department were dispatched to 323 1/2 King Street around 4 a.m.

Sample said Officer Tim Bunch arrived at the scene to find several people dousing flames on the front porch of the dwelling with water. Bunch went in to investigate and found a man getting dressed. Sample said Bunch accompanied the man outside.

Firefighting and law enforcement officials began their investigation and determined that the fire was suspicious in origin, Sample said. The SBI was called in at that time.

Sample said information obtained by his department indicated that the house is owned by the Rev. Raymond Griswold and that the occupant is Griswold's son, William Earnest Griswold.

Fire Chief Edgar Roberson verified that there were no injuries resulting from the fire at the one-story frame dwelling. He said he also doubted that the house sustained water damage to its interior.

Sample said the three departments are continuing the joint investigation.

## Biggers honored for service

A local man was honored earlier this month for his service to the American Cancer Society.

John T. Biggers was presented with an Honorary Life Membership to the North Carolina Division Board of Directors. Biggers is only the ninth person to receive the honor from the Division.

"We are happy to be able to present this well-deserved honor because of your long and outstanding service to the program of cancer control and to this Division," Dr. John T. Sessions Jr., Division Nominations Committee Chairman, wrote in a letter informing Biggers of his selection to receive the honor.

Biggers has served on the Board for over 30 years, has served on numerous committees and has conducted unit fiscal reviews in five Albemarle area counties.

A plaque recognizing Biggers' service was presented to him at a banquet held during the annual membership meeting in Raleigh on Sept. 14 and 15.

The American Cancer Society is a nationwide voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives from cancer and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education and service.

Local units, such as the one in Perquimans County, carry out the objectives of the Society in their communities. Funds are



John Biggers

solicited with events such as the tele-pledge campaign and the annual sausage and pancake day. The unit works to educate the community about cancer, known causes, prevention and the medical outlook. Programs such as "Look Good-Feel Good" are offered. Services and rehabilitation are also offered on the local level.

President of the local unit is Kay Winslow. Over 30 community volunteers serve on the local unit board.

Any group or individual wishing to learn more about this vital organization can contact Kay Winslow.

DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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