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# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Briefs

# Harrell to lead 1992 Chamber

### Fire department to hold supper

The Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department now has barbecued chicken plate tickets for sale. The supper will be held Feb. 15. Plates may be picked up between 4-7 p.m. The cost is \$4 per plate. Anyone not contacted by a fire department member may contact Jennifer Layden at 426-5728.

### Band Boosters meet

The Perquimans County Band Boosters will hold a Booster meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Perquimans County High School band room.

### Research Society meets

The Family Research Society of Northeastern North Carolina will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Building.

Guest speaker will be Jean S. Spencer of Moyock. The subject of the meeting will be on how to start genealogy research. Ms. Spencer is president of the Albemarle Genealogical Society and taught genealogy courses in Currituck County. For more information, contact June Thomas at 297-2869.

### Playhouse meets

The Perquimans Playhouse, Inc. will meet on Monday, Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Hertford Lions Club building. Anyone interested in joining the Playhouse may attend the meeting.

### Circus trip set

The Perquimans County Recreation Department/Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus at Norfolk Scope on Thursday, Feb. 27. The bus will leave the center at 4 p.m. and stop for dinner at Shoney's before arriving at Scope in time for the 7:30 p.m. performance. Cost per person is \$16 which includes bus fare and a ticket. All money must be received by Feb. 14. For more information or to register, call the center at 426-5404.

### Jazz comes to COA

New Orleans comes to Elizabeth City when College of the Albemarle Center Stage presents the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, originators of the New Orleans jazz sound. The world-renowned musicians will perform Tuesday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. in the COA Community Center Auditorium in Elizabeth City. Tickets are \$14 in advance and \$16.50 at the door and are now on sale in Elizabeth City, Edenton, Manteo and by mail. For more information, call COA at (919) 335-0821, ext. 265.

"We've got to realize that we've all got to work together to succeed," incoming Chamber of Commerce president Tommy Harrell told those who gathered for the Chamber's annual banquet Monday night at the Holiday Island Clubhouse.

"We've got a lot of people who don't realize what we've got to offer," Harrell continued. He said the Chamber members can make an impact on the local economy by continuing to work together for progress in the county.

Outgoing president Nancy Newbern said that 1991 was a successful year for the Chamber. Three seminars, three business after hours gatherings, an appreciation picnic and the 10th annual Indian Summer Festival were the highlights of the Chamber year, Newbern said. She added that Chamber employees reported an increase in tourists thanks to the information signs posted by the Chamber.

Gwen White, director of public information in Dare County, was the guest speaker for the evening.

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Gwen White  
Chamber speaker

"I know that many a town is on the map today because of a Chamber of Commerce," White said. "Your Chamber is putting Perquimans County on the map."

Counties must advertise and promote themselves, White said, in an effort to reverse downward economic trends. Knowing the county, its needs and its people well puts the Chamber in a positive position to work for growth, she said.

Promoting the community is an ongoing job, White stated. Working for progress is something that must never stop.

"There will never be a time when we can sit down and feel that our work is done," White said.

By combining a knowledge of the area, a love of the county and far-sighted wisdom, White

said that economic problems can be solved.

"I'm convinced that Perquimans County will always go forward," White concluded.

William D. "Bill" Cox received the Charles M. Harrell Businessperson of the Year Award for his dedication to the growth, prosperity, and success of Perquimans County.

The town of Hertford received a certificate of appreciation for efforts on behalf of the business community. The certificate was accepted by mayor John G. Beers and councilmen Billy Winslow, Eric Haste, Sid Eley, and Larry Chappell.

In addition to Harrell, members of the 1992 Chamber board of directors include Hal Byrum, D. Mark Winslow, Rhonda L. Gregory, David R. Robin Jr., W.D. Cox, Marie Ayscue,



Photo by Susan Harris

Dare County Public Information Director Gwen White was the guest speaker at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday evening at the Holiday Island Clubhouse. The award-winning journalist and publicist interspersed humor with her message to advertise the positive factors in Perquimans County.

Dan Nixon, Tildon Whitehurst Jr. and Julian E. Winslow Jr. Ex-officio members are Beers, Leo Higgins, C.W. Bartlett and Al Lewis.

## Artifacts requested

The Perquimans County Restoration Association in its ongoing process of interpreting the 17th century through the furnishings of the Newbold-White site is now in the process of furnishing the smoke house that was given by Elizabeth Proctor Saunders. This smokehouse has been located near the David Newby house on the site.

If anyone has any appropriate artifacts - tools, barrels, hooks, crocks, anything used or kept in smoke houses for the preservation of meat and fish, the Association would greatly appreciate your donation. Your donation will be identified as given by you and will be on permanent display.

If you have anything you'd like to donate, please call Stephen Allen at the Newbold White site at 426-7567 or Mary Alice Brinn at 426-5696. Arrangements can be made to pick up your donation.

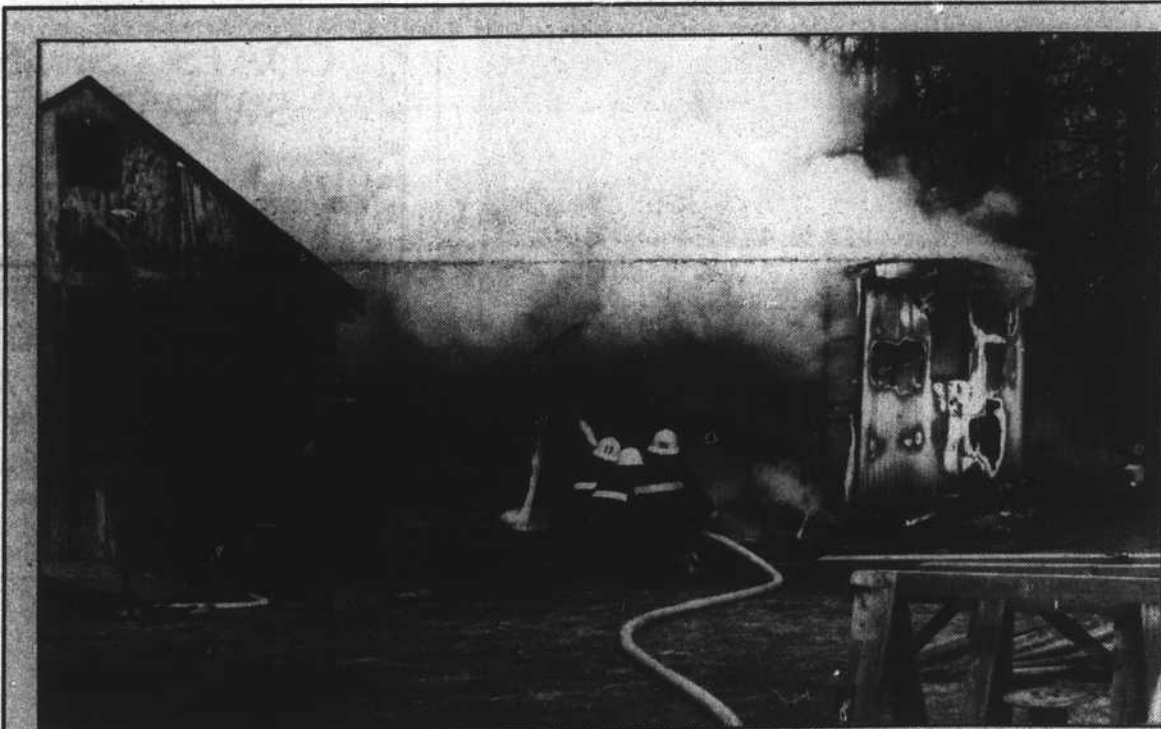


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## Hose it down

Members of the Hertford and Bethel volunteer fire departments responded to a call at the home of Jerry Ennis on Harvey Point Road Monday around noon. An older mobile home being used as a storage shed and its contents were completely destroyed in the blaze. The fire was reported by a passing motorist. No estimate of damages was available at press time.

## SADD chapter attends seminar, encourages sober driving

Alcohol and gasoline don't mix, and members of the Perquimans County High School Students Against Drunk Driving chapter say that's a message they want to share with their friends.

Nine local SADD members attended the North Carolina SADD conference in Raleigh Jan. 18-19 along with over 200 other teens from across the state. The students said the experience had a profound impact on them.

Slides of the scenes of traffic accidents attributed to drinking and driving are still fresh in the girls' memories.

"It (seeing the slides) makes it stick out in your mind," said Nicole Baker.

"The reality of what can happen to you," is what impacted on Beth Boynton.

Hope Stallings said listening to the messages of the speakers was a highlight of the conference.

"I learned that you and others can get together and have a lot of fun without drinking or getting high," said Amber Bass.

"I have never really known anyone involved in a drunk driving accident, but hearing those people talking about losing their parents, friends and relatives really made me think twice about drinking and driving and riding with a friend who has been drinking," said Jenny Hurdle.

The students said some of

the things that have an influence on teens who choose to drink include peer pressure, the fear of not belonging to a group, the thought that drinking makes one seem older, and wanting to be "cool." The factors that teens who don't drink think about are

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Tracey Colson  
SADD Chapter member

getting in trouble with their parents or the law, and knowing the consequences of drunk driving accidents.

Although some of these girls, too, have felt the pressure to drink, most said they can overcome that pressure. Their reasons for not drinking included having a family member involved in a drunk driving accident, seeing the affects of alcoholism in family members, being embarrassed to get caught drinking, knowing better ways to have fun, and their religion.

"I can't stop them (other people) from drinking, but I can try to stop them from drinking and driving," said Tracey Colson. Colson added that she can't understand why some teens

think it's "cool" to get drunk. "They act so stupid sometimes," Colson said.

When asked how many of their 10 closest friends drink, the answers ranged from "none" to "most." They said they hope they can have a positive influence on their friends. They said they did not want to lose friends over alcohol, and some admitted it would be tougher as they got older to associate with people who don't drink.

The entire group agreed that while some might hang around with people who drink, they draw the line at drinking and driving. All nine of the students who went to the conference said they would not ride with someone who was drunk. If they were in a situation where the person they were riding with got drunk, they would look for another ride home, call their parents, or even drive themselves to a safe place, even though they know what would happen if they got caught driving without a license, to keep from riding with someone impaired by alcohol.

Stallings said that statistics show that one in 10 drivers on the road are under the influence of alcohol. Now when she is riding in the car, she said, she wonders which of every 10 drivers she passes is the one who is drinking.

The group agreed that drinking is not an excuse for inappropriate behavior. Each person is responsible for his or her

own actions, the girls said. And while they do not think that teens who drink are bad people, they do think they have a bad habit.

Drinking and driving accounts for a disproportionate number of teen deaths across the nation. Perhaps the message Hope Stallings, Nicole Baker,

J.J. Wiese, Tracey Colson, Amber Bass, Holly Russell, Jenny Hurdle, Jennifer Robbins and Beth Boynton brought back from Raleigh can spare Perquimans from the pain of such a toll.



Photo by Susan Harris

Nine members of the PCHS SADD Chapter attended a January SADD convention in Raleigh. Those who made the trip were (left to right) Hope Stallings, Nicole Baker, J.J. Wiese, Tracey Colson, Amber Bass, Holly Russell, Jenny Hurdle, Jennifer Robbins and Beth Boynton. Advisors who accompanied the group were Carolyn Rogers, Angela Tripp, Georgia Stallings and Jane Puryear.

DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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