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Briefs

Work day planned

There will be no school for Perquimans County High School students on Friday, March 13. This will be a work day for teachers and staff. This applies to high school students only.

Safety course offered

There will be a free Hunter's Safety Course on March 30, March 31 and April 1 from 6:30-10 p.m. at the Perquimans County Agriculture Building.

For more information contact Raymond May at 426-4998.

Board to meet

Elizabeth City State University's Board of Trustees will convene on Thursday, March 12 for its annual spring meeting beginning at 11 a.m. in the Board Room of the University's G.R. Little Library.

Library board to meet

The Pettigrew Regional Library Board will meet on Monday, March 16 at 8 p.m. at the Washington County Library in Plymouth.

Floral arrangements

The cemetery committee requests that all Christmas arrangements and decorations be removed from Cedarwood Cemetery.

Homemakers host guest

The Bethel Extension Homemakers will host an informational meeting on March 16 at 7 p.m. at the Snug Harbor Clubhouse. The topic of the meeting will be Solid Waste Management and Recycling. Jerry Parks, solid waste management director of the Tri-County Landfill, will be the guest speaker.

Memory Lane to meet

The Memory Lane Senior Club will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, March 16 at 11:30 a.m. at Tuck's Restaurant in Elizabeth City.

Town seeks input

Town councilmen announced Monday night that they will initiate an Adopt-a-City-Street Program. The town is looking for volunteers willing to sit on a committee to oversee the program.

Museum plans program

The monthly preschool program at the Museum of the Albemarle will be held on Thursday, March 19 at 10 a.m. This program is for children ages 3 and 4 and serves as an introduction to the museum. This month the program will be "The Wind." The children will hear a story and make a pinwheel. The program is free but reservations are required. Call the museum at 335-1453 for more information or to register.

Bake sale planned

The Clover Patch 4-H Club will hold a bake sale on Saturday, March 14 in front of Darden's Department Store. It is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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Huck Finn adventures

The mighty Mississippi is a long way off, but Brett Vaughan (left) and John Sareo seem to be able to play just fine along the shores of the Perquimans River. They were spied enjoying the spring weather Monday afternoon after school.

OM teams perform well at regional meet

Forty-nine enthusiastic students from Perquimans Central School, Perquimans Middle School and Perquimans High School traveled to Greenville Saturday to compete in the Coastal Regional Odyssey of the Mind Competition at East Carolina University. A total of 100 teams participated in the five problem areas in three grade-level divisions.

"Needless to say, the Perquimans teams represented the school system well and displayed a lot of creativity and motivation," said Jeanie Umphlett, Community Schools Coordinator and a member of the Coastal Region OM committee. "All of the students worked together cooperatively, displaying team effort, which is part of the OM philosophy. The coaches and parents were very supportive of the students, providing encouragement and cheering them on as they did their best."

Three of the teams earned the right to compete at the state level next month. The team from each of the three local schools that chose the "Atlas" problem, which involved building a weight-bearing structure out of a few grams of balsa wood, took first place. The middle school "Alice in Omerland" team captured second. They wrote creative plays centered around adventures in the mythical Omerland, a spin-off of Wonderland.

A team from Central School and a team from the middle school entered the "Omu-

ment" competition, requiring the teams to build a monument to a person, place or thing and write an original play to tell why their choice should be memorialized. Central School's "Hybrid Relay" team was charged with building five vehicles that would travel down a track and pop a balloon at the end.

All of the teams competed in a spontaneous section. In this segment of the competition, five members from each team enter a room with only the judges. They are given a problem involving words or building simple structures, and a specific amount of time to complete the task assigned. Answers are scored according to their creativity.

"We are very proud of all of our OM team members and coaches who have worked together diligently in preparation for the competition," Umphlett said. "We wish four of our teams well as they advance to the state OM competition to be held on April 13 at Western Carolina University."

"All of the team members and coaches have proven that they have that special something that it takes to be a life-long problem solver and winner."

Teams

Central School
Atlas - Sarah Harris, Keith Cullipher, Wendell Thomas, Alan Lewis, Amber Eure, Dayton Caddy, and Neil Eure. Coaches: Johnnie Caddy, Dale Harris and Burt Eure.
Omu-ment - Courtney Harris, Eric By-

rum, Blair Winslow, Andrew Harris, Lauren Piontka, Adam Swindell, and David Byrum. Coaches: Suzy Swindell and Phil and Susan Harris.

Hybrid relays - Ben Godfrey, Tony Overton, Fatina Woodward, Jessica White, Jeremy Davenport, Jamie Layden and Chay White. Coaches: Linda and Terry Godfrey and Sonia Davenport.

Middle school

Omu-ment - Crystal Owens, Stephanie Hammer, Kristie Roberson, Joey Lothian, Dianna Luke, and Toby Crandall. Coaches: Dianne Owens and Pat Lambert.

Alice in Omerland - Kristen Cox, Cindy Rayburn, Mark Clinkscales, Mark Swindell, Adam Ward, Niliyah Chobot, and Matt Tunnel. Coaches: Pat and Al Phillips.

Atlas - Stacy Sowner, Ingrid Higgins, Carson Stallings, Jackie Downer, Kim Cullipher, Aaron Phelps and Kenneth Nordstrom. Coaches: Craig Downer and Mary Cullipher.

High school

Atlas - Michael Clinkscales, Michael Williams, Adrian Frierson, D'Ani Bines, Tanya Everett, Matt Byrum, and Christopher Gregory. Coaches: Bob and Kathleen Clinkscales and Roy Reed.

Councilmen upset over county policy

Differences of opinion over the county building inspector's realm of responsibility has put a bee in the bonnet of Hertford Town councilmen and some constituents who feel they are paying twice for the same services.

Because the town wants to proceed with condemnation cases in progress for some time, they must have access to the services of a qualified building inspector. The county has a building inspector who inspects to make sure all new buildings meet state codes and restrictions, buildings both inside and outside the city limits of Hertford. Hertford pays the county 19 percent (about \$7,700 in this fiscal year) of the total building inspection department budget, according to city manager W.D. "Bill" Cox. But county officials want over \$4,500 more to allow the building inspector to assist the town with the condemnation, a move which has some councilmen seeing red.

"This just isn't right," councilman Billy Winslow commented. "I sit here and I feel like at times the town of Hertford is being taken advantage of. And in this instance I know we're being taken advantage of...I don't feel like we're getting any cooperation whatsoever from the county board."

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Winslow said he thought the council should ask the county government to reconsider their decision.

"We cannot force the county to provide the town with a building inspector," Cox said.

"We have some better options than what we're talking about here tonight," councilman Eric Haste said. "We don't have any choice (but to pay to go ahead with condemnation) right now. We've got to do it. But we should certainly look into other options."

Haste said that the town could take the money presently paid to the county for services and perhaps train a town employee to perform inspection duties.

The town requested that the county revise its policy about

one year ago. The two boards could not reach an agreement and Hertford lost the services of an inspector to enforce town building ordinances and codes. But the council wants to try again.

"Let's go talk to them face to face about this as a board," Cox told the commissioners, who at first asked that Cox and mayor John Beers represent the board.

The council will request an appointment with the commissioners during regular session Monday night at 7:30 at the courthouse annex.

Fire chief presents report

Hertford Fire Chief Edgar Roberson presented the department's annual report to the town council in regular session Monday night.

Roberson told the council that one of the department's goals for 1992 is to complete pre-incidence surveys on all businesses and public buildings in the corporate limits of the town. The chief said the devastating fire in Hamlet last year heightened the volunteer department's awareness of the importance of the surveys. A review of their records indicated that an update was in order.

Members of the department will survey buildings and note how they might proceed in case of fire. A diagram of each building, along with potential hazards, disposition of fire hydrants and other information vital to fighting fire will be noted. Roberson said in an interview. He stressed that the department is surveying for information purposes. The visits to the businesses and public buildings are not fire inspections by a certified fire inspector, nor will the information learned be used to formulate a fire fighting plan. Firefighters need to know building lay-out and other information in order to respond efficiently and effectively to a fire call.

Roberson did tell council that he will contact building owners if he and the survey team have any questions or concerns about fire safety in the buildings, but they have no authority to require changes. The information will be provided as a courtesy only.

The department responded to 86 calls last year, including 28 mutual aid calls from other departments in the county. The Hertford Department houses the county fire fighting equipment and responds automatically to all structure fires and to any other type of fire at which their assistance is requested. Ten of the calls were answered by the response team, a unit trained to answer calls in which hazardous materials are a threat or a person is involved in an accident requiring extrication.

The department has 25 members at present.