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## Briefs

### Board of Education

The regularly scheduled April 6 meeting of the Perquimans Board of Education will be held at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will open with an executive session to discuss a real estate transaction. Open session will follow at 7 p.m.

### NAACP Youth Council

"Reclaim our Youth, Each one Reach one!" will be the theme of the Perquimans County NAACP Youth Council rap session on Thursday April 9, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church.

### Sign-ups in progress

Registration for girls softball and T-Ball has begun at the Perquimans Co. Recreation Department. All interested youth ages 5-8 for T-ball and 9-15 for girls softball should come by or call the recreation department at 426-5695 to register. The cost for T-ball is \$5 and for softball is \$7.

### Recycling awareness

College of The Albemarle will hold a Recycling Awareness seminar at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 3 in the Lecture Auditorium, room B-202. The seminar will include a quiz on recycling and tips on how everyone can "reduce, reuse and recycle." The seminar is free of charge and open to the public.

### Cancer support group

The Cancer Support Group will meet on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Albemarle Hospital in the Education Center. The group is for cancer patients and their families. Kay Stallings will present a Look Good and Feel Better program. For more information call American Cancer Society office at 482-7299, or Albemarle Hospital's Public Relations Department at 331-4416.

### Babe Ruth baseball

Babe Ruth try-outs for the 13-15-year-old league will be held Sunday, April 5 from 1-3:30 p.m. at Perquimans Middle School. Registration begins at 12:45. Senior league sign-ups for the 16-18-year-old teams is in progress. For more information on Babe Ruth baseball, contact Roger Morgan or Anthony Downing.

### Nutrition menus

Nutrition site menus for the week of April 6-10 are as follows:

**Monday:** Ham slice, boiled potatoes, steamed cabbage, biscuit, margarine, orange/pineapple juice and milk.

**Tuesday:** Chicken salad -1/2 hard boiled egg, potato salad, lime jello with fruit, crackers, margarine, sugar cookie and milk.

**Wednesday:** Cheeseburger on bun, coleslaw, baked beans, margarine, iced carrot cake, and milk.

**Thursday:** Barbecued chicken, field peas with snaps, sweet potato patties, rolls, margarine, fresh orange, and milk.

**Friday:** Battered fish with tartar sauce, seasoned turnip greens, stewed potatoes, cornbread, margarine, sliced peaches, and milk.

## Downtown Hertford loses a business

### •Management closes Eagle's on short notice

Shock waves reverberated through downtown Hertford late last week when Variety Wholesalers, Inc. announced that Eagle's would close Saturday afternoon.

According to company employees, the Raleigh chain operation's board of directors made the decision to close the store. Employees were notified on Wednesday that Saturday would be the store's last day of business.

Hertford Town Manager W.D. "Bill" Cox said he was dismayed at the news.

"I hate it," Cox said. "It's one more of our established busi-

nesses that are closing. It will be felt by the rest of the merchants downtown.

"It's very disappointing when you're working on trying to upgrade your business district to have something like this happen. We're going to miss it."

Cox said he telephoned Phil Pope, a company official, upon receiving word that the store would close. Cox said he asked if there was anything the town could do to reverse the decision. Pope replied that the action was a board decision and was final. Although Pope admitted that the store was making a profit, he dubbed the financial performance "marginal," and added that the company was closing 16 small stores. Merchandise from the Hertford operation and the other 15 stores will be shipped to larger stores.

Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce president

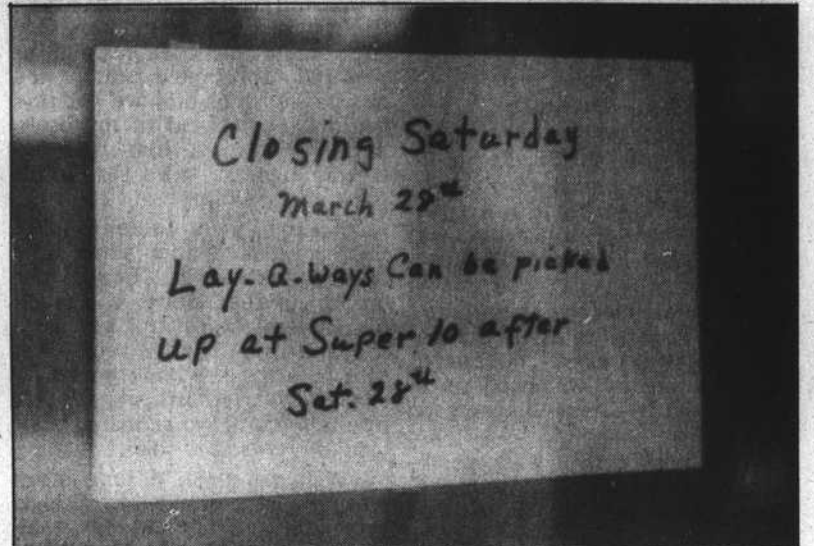
Tommy Harrell was shocked when he heard Eagle's was closing.

"That's one of the footholds of downtown Hertford," Harrell said. "We hate to lose businesses when we're trying to gain."

"This will have several negative effects on the local economy," Harrell added. "Jobs will be lost, other merchants will lose traffic generated by Eagle's. This is definitely bad news for Perquimans County."

Store manager Lois Bryant locked the front door at the close of business Saturday for the final time.

Employees are working this week to inventory merchandise and pack it for shipping to other Variety Wholesalers outlets.



The notice on the front door of Eagle's went up Thursday, just two days prior to the store's closing. Company officials told town manager W.D. "Bill" Cox that the decision to close is final.



This 1989 Chrysler operated by Joseph Brownridge sustained approximately \$6,000 in damages Friday when it was struck by a 1990 Ford Thunderbird operated by Michele Arena of Elizabeth City. (Photo by Susan Harris)

## Cars damaged in a Friday crash

### •No serious injuries

A two-car collision at the intersection of U.S. Highway 17 Business and N.C. 37 in Winfall Friday afternoon resulted in the estimated \$6,000 in damages to both vehicles, according to Winfall Police Chief Dale Vanscoy.

Vanscoy said that Michele Arena of Elizabeth City was stopped on N.C. 37 waiting to make a left hand turn onto U.S. Highway 17 North around 3 p.m. A car traveling north on U.S. 17 turned left onto N.C. 37 in front of her. Arena pulled the 1990 Ford Thunderbird she was driving into the intersection and into the path of a 1989 Chrysler traveling south on U.S. Highway 17. The Chrysler, operated by Joseph Brownridge, struck the Ford on the driver's side, sending it across the northbound

lane and causing it to make a 180 degree turn before landing in a ditch by Larry's Drive-In. The Chrysler came to rest in the center of the intersection.

Brownridge and a passenger in his vehicle were transported by Perquimans County EMS to Chowan Hospital, where they were treated and released for abrasions to the head and shoulder. A juvenile in Arena's car was taken by family members to Dr. R.E. Lane's office, where she was treated and released.

Arena was charged with failing to see before starting, stopping or turning that such movement could be made safely. Vanscoy said.

He estimated damages in excess of \$6,000 to both vehicles.

## Library gears up for National Library Week

### •Wolfman Jack expected to be howling success at reading

The Perquimans County Library is gearing up for National Library Week, the annual celebration of libraries and the impact their efforts have on the communities they serve. Four nights of special programming are planned to highlight the week.

Back by popular demand will be Wolfman Jack who will read on Wednesday at 7 p.m. as part of the third annual Night of a Thousand Stars event. Celebrates all across the country will visit libraries to read from selected works.

The Wolfman held his wolfman reading last year with the reading of Jon Scieszka's children's book *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by A. Wolfman. He read and performed and had a rambunctious time with his audience. He will read a very special book on Tuesday.

Wolfman Jack will read *The One on Trial* last night at the library.

National Library Week is held every year to recognize the importance of libraries. Each year the celebration grows in every area measured, Fearn said.

"Libraries are used in every community, and proportionately Perquimans County Library is used more than many," Fearn said.

have played a very special part in the Big Book Program, which was funded through a Sew-Write grant from Apricot, Inc., owned by the Terranova.

Two groups of young authors will be guests at the library, one group on each of the author's nights.

"It is hoped that this night will be long remembered by these young children making their literary debuts," said county librarian Shelley Fearn.

Tuesday night will be candidates night. Political hopefuls running for seats on the boards of commissioners and education will read selected works. A question and answer session will follow the readings.

Also during the week, the semi-annual book sale will be held at the library. The monies from the book sales supplement government funding for the library, and allow the library to provide programs and purchase equipment that it could not otherwise afford. The goal for this money is to help fund a computerized magazine index.

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## Researchers will meet

Professional genealogist Charlotte R. Carrere of Garner will be the speaker for the April 5 meeting of Family Research Society of Northeastern North Carolina. The meeting will be held at the Senior Center at 3 p.m.

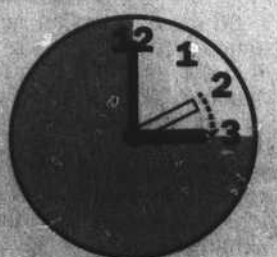
Ms. Carrere has been lecturing and teaching genealogical research since 1976 in North Carolina community colleges and at Meredith College. She is the author of nine books. Among these are a book on military records and a genealogical research textbook.

She serves as the president of the Wake County Genealogical Society, and is also a member of Caswell-Nash DAR Chapter, Capt. Samuel A. Ashe Chapter UDC and South Carolina Huguenot Society.

How to research the North Carolina archives will be the topic of her talk.

Family research exchange and refreshments will follow the meeting.

Meetings are open to the public and there is no charge.



### Reminder:

Set your clocks ahead one hour at 2 A.M. on April 5. And whenever you change your clocks, change the batteries in your smoke detectors. It could save your life.

A public service message from the National Association of State Fire Marshals