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Briefs

VFW benefit set

A pork barbecue benefit for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 8148 of Hertford will be held Saturday, May 23 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Missing Mill Park. Cost is \$4 per plate. If 10 or more are ordered from same business, they can be delivered in the area. For advance tickets call 426-5231.

Museum closes Friday

The Museum of the Albemarle will be closed to the public on Friday, May 29. The museum will reopen at 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 30.

NAACP to meet

The Perquimans County Branch of the NAACP will hold its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 28 at the Senior Citizens Center. The date change is due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The Executive Committee will meet at 7 p.m. and the Branch Membership at 8 p.m.

PCHS 1942 reunion

The PCHS class of 1942 will hold a reunion on Saturday, June 13 at the Newbold-White House near Hertford. Reservations can be made by contacting Ola Bogue Whedbee Banks, 801 Okisko Rd., Elizabeth City, NC 27909, phone: (919) 264-2412. Reservations should be made by June 3.

Seniors sponsor meal

The Memory Lane Senior Club is sponsoring a chicken salad luncheon on Friday, June 5 from 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Perquimans Senior Center. Tickets are \$3.50 and you may eat in or take out.

The Club is also selling raffle tickets for \$1. The first prize is a pair of Raggedy Ann dolls and second prize is a porcelain doll.

Tickets may be purchased from any club member or at the Perquimans Senior Center. Proceeds from the luncheon and raffle will be used to send local participants to the N.C. Senior Games State Finals.

Nutrition menus set

Nutrition site menus for May 25-29 are as follows:

Monday: Hotdog with roll, baked beans, coleslaw with carrots, margarine, peach cobbler, and milk.

Tuesday: Beef vegetable soup, pimento cheese sandwich, carrot/raisin salad, crackers, margarine, red fruited jello, and milk.

Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, northern beans, marinated tomatoes, roll, margarine, spice cake with glaze, and milk.

Thursday: Barbecue pork, coleslaw, stewed potatoes, cornbread, margarine, orange juice, and milk.

Friday: Swedish meatballs, rice, green butter beans, whole wheat bread, margarine, apple sauce, and milk.



Photo by Susan Harris

'Hats on' to PCRA

Hats were the accessory of the afternoon when the Perquimans Restoration Association held a Lutyen's Tea Dance at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Lane Sunday. A beautiful spring afternoon, combo music and refreshing

food and drink brought a full house to the gala fundraiser. Winner of the Lutyen's bench raffle was Carolyn Henion. Apricot, Inc. donated the colorful fabric for the May pole which served as an interesting centerpiece for the buffet.

Arrests

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests:

Lynette Smith O'Neal, 33, of Rt. 4, Box 263, Hertford, was issued a criminal summons on May 12 for a worthless check on a Pasquotank County warrant.

Delaware Khan Hunter, 27, of Rt. 1, Box 402, Belvidere, was arrested on May 12 on a Pasquotank County warrant for obtaining property by false pretenses. He was confined to Albemarle District Jail under a \$1,000 secured bond.

Armenta P. Godfrey, 50, of Rt. 2, Box 310, Hertford, was issued a Pasquotank County criminal summons for a worthless check on May 14.

Preston McDonald Copeland, 65, of Rt. 1, Box 523, Jamesville, was arrested on May 17 and charged with resisting a public officer, assault on a law enforcement officer, and communicating threats. He was confined to Albemarle District Jail under a \$1,500 secured bond.

Dale Carson Copeland, 23, of P.O. Box 64, Belvidere, was arrested on May 17 and charged with disorderly conduct. He was released on a \$500 unsecured bond.

The Hertford Police Department reported the following arrests:

Fritz Julius Kunkel Jr., 21, of 51F Cypress St. Hertford, was arrested on May 8 and charged with transporting an open container of spiritous liquor. Bond was set at \$200 secured.

Willie Lee Vaughn, 27, of Box 410 Wynn Fork Mobile Home Park, Hertford, was arrested on May 13 and charged with carrying a concealed weapon. He was released on a written promise to appear.

Charles Donnell White, 37, of Lot 16 Meads Mobile Home Park, Hertford, was arrested on May 14 and charged with larceny in general. He was released on a written promise to appear.

Walter Thomas Overton, 31, of 409 Cox Ave., Hertford, was arrested on May 14 and charged with assault with a deadly weapon. He was released on a written promise to appear.

Farmers market officially opens

Two vendors on hand for ribbon cutting

Two local vendors joined officials Friday afternoon when the county's first farmers market officially opened for business.

Clifton Griffin and Marshall Bateman were on hand to peddle their home-grown wares as Charles Ward, chairman of the Committee of 100, cut the red ribbon at the market site. Griffin had a pick-up truck loaded with fresh vegetables, Bateman a

selection of beautiful spring plants.

The market, located at the intersection of U.S. Highway 17 and Harvey Point Road, is the brainchild of the agriculture subcommittee of the Committee of 100. Rentals are being handled on behalf of the Committee by the Chamber of Commerce.

Ward said four of the 10 available spaces have been rented. Three will feature vegetables, one bedding plants, shrubs and potted plants. Committee members said Friday they hope interest in the market will grow.

Also on hand for the grand



Photo by Susan Harris

On hand for the opening of the farmers market Friday were (left to right) vendor Clifton Griffin, Diane Stallings, W.D. "Bill" Cox, John Beers, Russell Hollowell, Charles Ward, Tommy Harrell, Leo Higgins, vendor Marshall Bateman, Wayne Winslow and Sid Eley. Sponsored by the Committee of 100, the market will provide an outlet for producers of fruits, vegetables and handmade crafts.

opening were Hertford mayor John Beers; town manager W.D. "Bill" Cox; Chamber president and Committee of 100 member Tommy Harrell; Committee of 100 members Diane Stallings and Russell Hollowell; county commissioners

Leo Higgins and Wayne Winslow; Hertford councilman Sid Eley and Chamber executive director Mary Harrell.

The market will be open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Cole will represent Democrats in New York

Democrats in the 1st Congressional District met in Williamston Saturday and elected a Perquimans County attorney as one of six delegates to represent the district at the Democratic National Convention in New York this summer.

J. Carlton Cole was elected to attend the national convention that will elect the Democratic candidate for U.S. president.

John London was elected second vice chairman for the district. The Hertford minister has long been active in the Democratic party.

"I'm looking forward to taking part in this process and getting on the road to electing a Democratic president," said Cole.

About 230 delegates from the 28 1st District counties attended the meeting at Williamston High School.

The party will adopt its official platform at the state convention June 20.



J. Carlton Cole

Scores up on writing test

Perquimans students performed well on the North Carolina Annual Testing Program Writing Assessment, according to scores recently received by the school system. Local testing supervisor Paul Ward shared the good news with school board members Monday evening.

Both sixth and eighth graders took the test initially implemented in 1984 to measure students' command of composition and grammar. On a scale of 1 to 4 with 1 being a lack of command of skills and 4 being a strong command, school districts push to get students at the 2.5, or average skills level.

Eighth graders improved from 39.6 percent scoring 2.5 or better in 1990-91 to 66.2 percent in 1991-92. The higher scores moved Perquimans into the No. 5 slot out of 22 school systems in the Northeast Region. Only Gates, Roanoke Rapids, Dare and Bertie scored better than Perquimans. The system was significantly higher than the state average of 57.9 percent and the regional average of 54.9 percent.

Of the 160 eighth graders who took the test, four scored a perfect 4.0; 12 scored 3.5; 55 scored 3.0 and 35 scored 2.5. Thirty-nine students scored 2.0. Only 15 students scored 2.0 or below.

Sixth graders improved from 36.2 percent testing at 2.5 or higher in 1990-91 to 67.7 percent in 1991-92. The state average was 57.6 percent at 2.5 or better. The average in the Northeast Region was 58.7, slightly higher than the state mark. Perquimans was ranked seventh in the Northeast region. Tyrrell, Pasquotank, Hyde, Gates, Dare and Currituck scored higher than Perquimans.

Four sixth graders scored 4.0 on the exam, while six scored 3.5. The largest group, 46.8 percent or 74 students, scored 3.0. Only 10 students scored below 2.0.

Ward said the scores were the best ever received by Perquimans on the assessment.

"I think the students and teachers should be commended," Ward said.

He credited a concentrated effort on the part of all sixth and eighth grade faculty and the assistance of Rita Winborne, who was hired specifically to work with students to prepare them for the writing test.

"We had the highest net gain on both tests in the region," said superintendent Randall Henion.

The writing assessments were administered in February. Students were given a prompt, and then used skills learned in their classes, such as outlining, to write their essays.

The eighth grade was instructed to write a persuasive essay. The test prompt was, "Your principal has asked for suggestions about how to make things better in your school. Write to your principal persuading him/her or just one thing you think should be changed. Convince your principal to make the change."

Sixth graders were assigned a clarification essay. The prompt was, "Select a particular place you have come to know well and that is special to you. It can be a back yard, a setting in the woods or on the water, a store, a secret hideout, a certain room, or any other spot that is special to you. Name the place and explain why it is special."

Ward said that preliminary CAT results appear very positive, however the summaries are not back yet so no analysis could be made. From what is known, Ward said it appeared that Perquimans students made improvements at every grade level tested. He anticipates receiving full reports by mid-June.

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FRIDAY

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