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Team hunts up wins

Shooters perform well at nationals

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
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The Perquimans Middle School Hunter Safety Team taught folks from across the country who gathered in New Mexico for national competition how to spell "Perquimans."

A.J. Miller won first place in the hunter responsibility examination. The seven-member team earned third place in the shot gun category, and captured an impressive ninth place overall.

Coach Roger Morgan was full of praise for the young men who made the trip when he reported to the Board of Education Monday night.

"The kids did a wonderful job both behavior-wise and competition-wise," Morgan said. "It was a very successful week."

"Educational" was another adjective Morgan used to describe the trip. The team, Morgan, four parent coaches and a parent spectator took up residence in a tent positioned on a hillside - complete with rain. The necessity to work together to dig trenches to re-route water heading for their temporary home and co-exist in close quarters for a week was a good learning experience, Morgan said.

"It was probably one of the most educational trips I've ever been on," Morgan said. "The children we took out there learned a lot about teamwork that first day."

In addition to the life skills learned, several of the youth traveled by airplane for the first time.

Summing up his report, Morgan said, "It was a very enjoyable week. The whole week was just flawless."

Board chairman Wayne Howell said the board is always proud of students who represent the school well, but this trip brought special pride.

"We can be extremely proud of our children when they are competing nationwide and they can do this well," Howell said.

Perhaps the local delegation performed so well in national competition because the local race for a place on the New Mexico-bound team was so fierce.

The PCMS team fielded to compete in regional and state competition was 16-strong. Team members vied for the opportunity to participate in one or more of the four events - shot gun, rifle, archery and hunter safety. The top four local team members in each category were eligible to compete.

But only seven team members could make the trip to the nationals, and each qualifying member had to enter each event. Hours of practicing and scoring led to the designation of the top seven all-around athletes on the team. They were Miller, Leary Winslow, Curtis Whitehurst, Brad Owens, David Brickhouse and alternates Marty Winslow and Brock Nixon.

In addition to Morgan, coaches who made the trip were Ray Winslow, Archie Miller, G.C. Jennings and Billy Owens. Richard Winslow also made the trip.

The great flood?



Residents in Perquimans County and the surrounding area have had about all the water they can take - rainwater, that is. Recent rains have closed roads, overrun ditches and given most residents a swimming pool somewhere in their yards. At top, an unidentified Bear Swamp resident erected a sign reading "CR 1102 and 1103 Your Tax Dollar At Work. Try Them." followed by an arrow pointing to the nearly-impassable dirt and rock road. Below, as late as Monday evening, several inches of water continued to cover the Two-Mile Desert Road for approximately one mile. The question now is, when will it end?

Residents to receive federal assistance

By TRACY E. GERLACH
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A total of eight homes in Perquimans County will receive weatherization repairs this summer as part of the federal Weatherization Assistance Program.

The program, administered through the N.C. Department of Economic and Community Development, will use \$100,050 on energy-saving technology to keep elderly, handicapped and low-income residents of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Gates, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Washington and Tyrrell counties warm this winter.

State Energy Division officials are providing Economic Improvement Council Inc. the funds to weatherize the homes of elderly, disabled and

needy residents. They expect to weatherize 56 homes with the money.

Of the \$100,050, Perquimans County families meeting the requirements will receive a total of \$13,500, a spokesperson for the Energy Division said.

Eligibility requirements are set according to income. A family of two must earn no more than \$13,785 a year to qualify for the weatherization program and a single occupant can make no more than \$10,215 a year.

Improvements, which include insulating attics, floors and other sections of the home, as well as installation of weather stripping, caulking and hot water heater insulation, can reduce a family's energy bill by 12 percent to 20 percent.

Chamber gears up for Indian Summer Festival

Plans are underway for the 1992 edition of the Indian Summer Festival, scheduled for Sept. 18 and 19 in Hertford. A variety of interesting activities is planned for all ages, according to Perquimans Chamber of Commerce organizers.

Merchants will again participate Friday in sidewalk sales. Perquimans County merchants may come in and set up a booth downtown on Friday at no charge to promote their businesses. Entertainment is being planned beginning at 12

noon. The sidewalk cafe will return with hamburgers and hot dogs.

Arts, crafts, food and display booths are available for Saturday at Missing Mill Park for a fee of \$25 for each 12' X 12' space. Each additional 12' X 12' space will be \$15. Those having booths for raffles must have the drawing and announce winners before the festival booths close at 6 p.m.

Saturday's entertainment will include children's activities, bands, cloggers, a street dance, a pig picking and much more.

New to the festival this year will be a talent show on Friday. The show is set for downtown

and will be open to all ages. Entry forms may be picked up at the Chamber office. Home canning and baked goods judging has also been added. Entry is open for youth and adults. Entry forms and listing of entry divisions may be picked up at the Chamber office or from Juanita Bailey, Home Economics Extension Agent, at the Perquimans Cooperative Extension Center, no later than Sept. 15.

For more festival '92 information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at 426-5657.

Barricade bill frees up law officers

By TRACY E. GERLACH
The Daily Advance

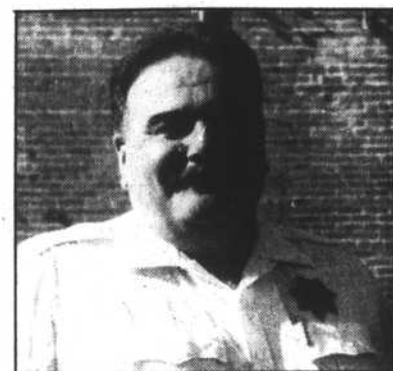
A new bill making it a felony for drug dealers to construct barriers around a structure where a controlled substance is being manufactured, sold, delivered or possessed will strengthen local law enforcement efforts, Sheriff Joe Lothian said.

"It will give us one more tool to use to help fight this problem that we have," Lothian said.

The bill, passed by the General Assembly recently, toughens criminal penalties for drug dealers who fortify a home in order to keep law enforcement officials out. Officers throughout the state have run into anything from six-foot chain-link fences with barbed wire to double steel doors, barricaded windows and attack dogs.

"The main problem for police was it took too long to gain entry into a fortified home, giving drug dealers inside plenty of time to destroy any evidence of drugs and making arrests almost impossible," said Lieutenant Governor Jim Gardner, who chairs the North Carolina Drug Cabinet. "Law officers told me they needed this type of bill in order to strengthen the laws against fortified homes."

Lothian agreed, citing a



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two-inch bar with electronic sensors which was confiscated and is being held in the department. Behind such barriers, sheriff's deputies often find five-gallon buckets of acid, ledgers, paraphernalia, large quantities of baking soda, and pipes, he said.

The bill was recommended by the North Carolina Drug Cabinet and sponsored by state Representative Doris Huffman.

School starts Monday

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
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Students enrolled in the Perquimans County School System will find a few changes when school starts Monday.

Those who ride buses to school will see a difference first. Director/Administration Industrial Technology Tom Monti told school board members Monday night that students will be assigned to buses differently for the 1992-93 school year. Students from the middle school and high school will ride together, while those from Central and Hertford Grammar schools will share transportation.

Monti said the change will eliminate some of the stops and scheduling conflicts of past years. Before, high school students rode one set of buses. The other three schools shared transportation, resulting in drop-off and pick-up at three locations each day. Each bus will now have only two schools to which to deliver students in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon.

Another plus for the new alignment, Monti said, is eliminating overcrowding. Middle-/high school buses will transport a maximum of 36 students, the elementary buses a maximum of 54. While the system has not violated state regulations regarding the number of students assigned to buses in the past, the three-school buses have seemed more crowded due to the size of the students, Monti said.

The altered transportation schedule should not increase expenses, Monti stated.

"It looks like we will be able to run with the same number of buses we had last year," he told the board.

Monti said bus drivers have been instructed to contact students assigned to their buses to introduce themselves and give approximate pick-up and drop-off times.

Another change students can expect is a system-wide discipline policy. Traditionally, each school has implemented its own policy. But this year, the principals are working together to compose a uniform code for all students, according to superintendent Randall L. Henion. Students will receive a copy of the policy Monday when school opens. It was not available at press time.

Some new faces will be in place in classrooms, thanks to resignations, reassignments and appointments. As of Monday, Personnel Director Paul Ward said the system had three teaching positions left to fill.

Maintenance personnel have been kept busy all summer refurbishing and renovating at all four schools. At the high school, the department has been working to complete renovations to allow for moving all classes formerly housed at the King Street Annex into the main building.

Henion told the board that as faculty and staff began returning from the summer break on Monday, he sensed an excitement among them, and high expectations for a productive school year.

Sizzling heat sparks blazes

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The summer's sizzling heat and blanketing humidity have translated into calls - lots of calls - for local volunteer firefighters.

According to Hertford Fire Department Captain Larry Chappell, overloading circuits with air conditioners has been the source of trouble for several residents. He warned that care should be used when operating window air conditioning units.

Licensed electrician Phil Harris advises consumers who own 110-volt units to make sure the branch circuit feeding the outlet into which the unit is plugged has the capacity to handle the unit. Plugging an air conditioner into a circuit already being

tapped for several other electrical devices could result in overload.

Harris said that a 220-volt unit should generally be wired directly into the electrical panel on a separate circuit with the capacity to handle the load.

Under no circumstances should a fuse or circuit breaker larger than the rating of the wire in the circuit be installed. He said fuses and circuit breakers are there to protect the wire. Inserting a fuse or breaker larger than the wire can cause the wire to burn before burning out a fuse or tripping the breaker, possibly resulting in fire.

When in doubt about whether a circuit or electrical service can handle a load, Harris recommends contacting a license electrician.

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