

Applicants can help speed up claims

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Disability claims usually take longer to process than other Social Security claims. But people who are applying for Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) disability benefits can help speed up the process.

We urge applicants to bring in any medical reports they may already have in their possession.

Normally, a considerable amount of information concerning a person's medical condition is needed in order for a proper Social Security decision to be made.

Quite often, a lot of time is spent contacting physicians, hospitals, clinics, and other treating sources for this documentation.

Valuable time can be saved if the applicant is able to bring in any medical reports he or she already has. It can really make a difference in how soon a decision is made.

And more importantly, it can make a difference in how quickly Social Security benefits will start if the person's claim is approved.

In addition to actual medical records, school records are very helpful in making decisions for children applying for SSI. Any correspondence that parent has received from the school which indicates the child's level of performance or behavioral problems is extremely helpful.

Such records can be report cards; individual education plans; and progress notes or letter from teachers, guidance counselors, and school psychologists.

Recent statistics show that, in numerous cases, the medical records that were presented at the time of application were the only ones needed to make the proper disability decision.

In these instances, not only did the claimant receive notice of the decision much quicker, but taxpayer money was saved

since there was no need to pay for medical reports that the applicant already had.

Processing times on claims are short when people bring in supporting records. But, we want to caution people not to delay filing if they do not have the records. Social Security will still obtain evidence needed to document a person's disability claim.

Camp applications accepted

Applications are being accepted for young people ages 10 to 14 for the 4-H Electricity and New Technology Camp.

The camp is scheduled Aug. 1-5 at Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center near Reidsville.

During the week campers will learn about some of the newest developments in radiation, lasers, electric-powered cars, radio, television and cellular phones. Other topics include generating electricity, conserving energy and experi-

menting with computer software.

Recreational activities include swimming, canoeing, volleyball, crafts and dancing.

The registration fee until July 1 is \$150. Late registration will be \$165. The fee includes lodging, meals, insurance and other camp expenses.

Additional information and applications may be obtained from the Perquimans County Cooperative Extension Center.

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Correction

Donald Manley was identified as Macey Mallory in a photograph of band fruit sales award winners in the Feb. 18 edition of *The Perquimans Weekly* due to misinformation provided to the newspaper. Manley was one of three high school band students recognized for top sales. The newspaper regrets the error.

Seminar set

The Northeastern Regional Center of the Small Business and Technology Development Center will be hosting a seminar titled *Federal Procurement* on March 4 from 1-4 p.m. The seminar is open to the public at no charge, but individuals who are interested in attending are asked to call (919) 335-3247 to reserve a seat.

Surprise party

A surprise 40th birthday party was held for Harold Herman of Edenton, recently at the American Legion Post in Edenton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Herman of Hertford.

Approximately 50 guests attended. Amongst the guests were Martin Parker, drummer for Vince Gill; wife, Ira Hare Parker, hair dresser for Dolly Parton; and the Southern Horizons Band.

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