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Reminder:

Daylight savings time begins Sunday at 2 a.m. Change your clocks.



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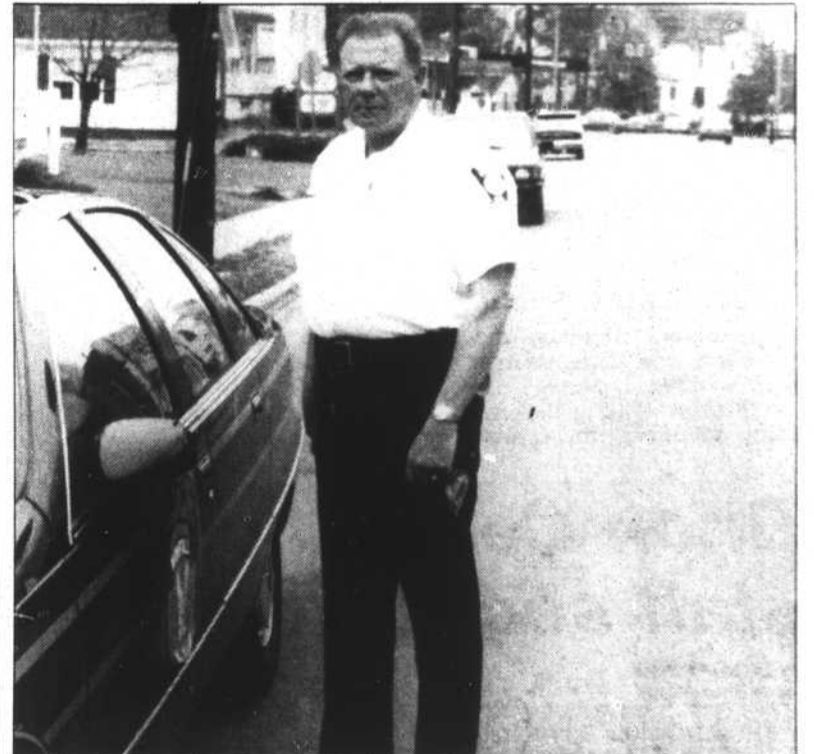
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Garnett Midgett (left) modeled a navy blue dress trimmed with swirls of braid from her shop, Brittna's. (Above) Irene Meads emerges from the fashion show dressing room in this flowered jacket over a two-piece knit dress. Meads modeled for White's Dress Shoppe and The House of Hurdle's. (Photos by Susan Harris)



David Lane was sworn in recently as the new chief of the Winfall Police Department. (Photo by Susan Harris)

New officer hits streets in Winfall

The citizens of Winfall are once again seeing the familiar dark blue Winfall Police Department patrol car cruising.

David Lane hit the streets in mid-March as the town's new police chief. Lane was hired in November, but had to go back to law enforcement school in Greenville to be recertified before officially donning his uniform.

The 39-year-old U.S. Army veteran brings years of experience to his new post. Lane spent 18 years in the military, serving in the military police and air defense units. He also served as a police officer in Edenton for over three years.

While in the army, Lane earned seven Army Achievement medals, six ARCOMS for outstanding performance of duty, six good conduct medals, three overseas ribbons, three

school ribbons and a meritorious service medal.

After leaving the army last summer, Lane came to Perquimans County to spend time with his parents, Larry and Selma Lane. He also spent time in Tennessee with his mother, Ann Merritt. He surveyed the job market in both areas. A native of Edenton, Lane chose to come back home, and accepted the position in Winfall.

Lane's first order of business is to get to know the people in Winfall, and establishing trust.

"I'm not out there to hurt people," Lane said. "I'm out there to protect and serve and to help, not to hurt. I'll go out of my way to help anybody."

Lane replaced Dale Vanscoy, who signed on with the Hertford Police Department last fall. He and his wife, Betty, are renovating a home in Hertford.

Fashions bloom at spring show

Spring fashions bloomed at 1812 on the Perquimans Friday when The Perquimans Weekly, the bed and breakfast and area merchants sponsored *Fashions on the Perquimans*.

The fashion show highlighted the season's hottest

looks in fashions for all occasions.

Darden Department Store, Diver's Jewelers, Dozier's Florist, White's Dress Shoppe, Once is Not Enough, Kids' Express, Brittna's, The House of Hurdle and The Men's Shop highlighted spring's looks for

Easter Sunday, work, the beach, weddings, parties, formal occasions and play.

Models strolled into the formal parlor at 1812, showcasing clothing, jewelry and accessories. Because of the intimate setting, the audience was able to touch the outfits and ask

questions about accessories and garment care.

Home Extension Agent Paige Underwood was mistress of ceremonies for the occasion.

The fashion show capped a campaign sponsored by the participating merchants and the Perquimans Weekly.

Governor proclaims April Child Abuse Prevention Month

Last year over 76,000 children in North Carolina were reported abused or neglected and 51 children died as a result of abuse, according to the North Carolina Chapter of the National Committee For Prevention of Child Abuse.

The committee said those who survive often have problems with school, substance abuse or mental health problems.

Because of the alarming statistics, Governor Jim Hunt proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in North Carolina.

Every day pressures can mount up, the committee said, and sometimes parents lash out at their children when parents reach the boiling point. Often, the behavior of the child is not what upset the parent, but the child becomes the target of the parent's frustration or anger.

There are some things parents can do to help stop child abuse:

- Take a deep breath. And another. Then remember you are the adult.
- Close your eyes and imagine you're hearing what your child is about to hear.
- Press your lips together and count to ten, or twenty if you need to.
- Put your child in a time-out chair.
- Put yourself in a time-out chair. Think about why you are angry: Is it your child, or is your child simply a convenient target for your anger?
- Phone a friend.
- If someone can watch the children, go outside and take a walk.
- Hug a pillow, or hit it if

you need to.

- Turn on some music and maybe sing along.
- Take a hot bath or splash cold water on your face.
- Pick up a pencil and write down as many helpful words as you can think of. Save the list.
- Call 1-800-354-KIDS for prevention information.

Shopping with children can be one of a parent's most difficult, stressful chores. Children get bored and tend to look for something to do. A harried parent can lose control in this situation.

Again, there are ways to deal with the frustration without lashing out at the child:

- Discuss rules for the store before leaving home. If you want, let them know that when you are ready to leave the store, they can select a package of raisins or nuts if they remember the rules.
- Role play the shopping trip ahead of time. Let the children know what you expect. Have fun. Laugh. See what their suggestions would be if you were to misbehave.
- Make a game of it. Who can find the potatoes first? Which blouse is the best bargain? What is their favorite color?
- Count how many steps it takes to get from the Fruit Loops to the Wheaties, or between the last aisle and the checkout counter.
- Play a game with your child, such as counting the number of people who are wearing sneakers.
- Play "I see something" and have your child guess what it is.
- Reward good behavior.

Promise to play a game with or read to your child when you get home and then follow through with your promise.

Observing a parent lashing out at a child can be a hurtful experience. The committee offers some hints on what people can do when they see a frustrated parent or a child misbehaving.

Things you can say:

- He seems to be trying your patience.
- Gee, it's hard to get your shopping done with small children along.
- My child used to get upset like that.
- Children can wear you out, can't they? Is there anything I can do to help.
- Looks like you're having a rough day.

Other hints:

- Strike up a conversation with the adult. You can possibly redirect the adult's attention.
- Praise the child and/or parent at the first opportunity.
- Talk sympathetically to the child.
- If you are concerned about the physical safety of the child, alert the store manager.
- If you know the parent, offer to watch the child while the parent takes a break.

For more information on what you can do to prevent child abuse, call The North Carolina Chapter of the National Committee For Prevention of Child Abuse at 1-800-354-KIDS.



Beech Springs-Bear Swamp Ruritan officers installed last Thursday evening included (left to right) Ed Lane, standing in for director Earlie Byrum; Tommy Harrell, vice president; Ed Nixon, director; Wilbur Roberson, director; Bill Newbern, president; Edgar Roberson, treasurer and Irvin Mansfield, secretary. The club brings to five the number of Ruritan groups in the county. (Photo by Susan Harris)

New Ruritan club charters in county

A new civic group was chartered in Perquimans County last Thursday night.

The Beech Springs-Bear Swamp Ruritan Club received its official Ruritan International charter at the organization's Charter Night Banquet at the Country Corner Diner.

Local and state Ruritan officials gathered with members of the new group to offer support and congratulations.

The Parkville Ruritan sponsored the new club. Bill Newbern, charter president of the Beech Springs-Bear Swamp club, said Parkville Ruritan Eddie Barber was instrumental in the new club's formation. Barber, a district governor for zone 3, contacted Newbern and other neighborhood residents sporadically

over a two-year period trying to spark interest in forming a Ruritan club in the county's west end.

Newbern, Tommy Harrell and Irvin Mansfield decided to contact a cross-section of residents in the Beech Springs and Bear Swamp areas to gauge community interest. A meeting was held on Feb. 25. With sufficient interest shown to officially organize, the group elected officers and the new club was born.

Officers elected included Newbern; Tommy Harrell, vice president; Edgar Roberson, treasurer; Irvin Mansfield, secretary; Ed Nixon, Earlie Byrum and Wilbur Roberson, directors; Phil Harris, reporter; J.D. Hollowell, chaplain; Pete Riddick, sergeant at arms and Ed Nixon, song

leader. The officers were installed by former district governor Harry Lee Winslow of Chowan County.

Twenty-four members have signed the charter so far, Newbern said. All those who join before or at the April 25 meeting will be charter members.

Meetings will be held the fourth Thursday night of each month at 7:30 at the Country Corner Diner.

Ruritan is an organization dedicated to community service. The Beech Springs-Bear Swamp club joins four other Ruritan clubs in Perquimans County: Bethel, Durants Neck, Intercounty and Parkville. All actively seek to improve the neighborhoods they serve and stress leadership, patriotism and community improvement.