

Sports:

Lady Pirates track team hands out headaches: **Page 6**

Feature:

A Duke fan confesses: I cheered for UNC: Ramblin' with Susan: **Page 4**

Sports:

Perquimans High baseball squad whips Edenton: **Page 7**

THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

Volume 62, No. 13

Hertford, Perquimans County, N.C., Thursday, April 8, 1993

35 Cents

Schools to hold education summit

Plans are well underway for the Perquimans County Schools' educational summit set for April 30 and May 1.

Sponsored by the Perquimans County Schools 2000 Project, the summit will feature guest speakers and information booths offering the latest data on quality education and school improvement.

Perquimans County Schools was one of the first in the state to implement a local education reform movement based on former President George Bush's America 2000 education program which was followed by the North Carolina 2000 model.

Goals of the reform include:

- All children in American will start to school ready to learn.

- The high school graduation rate will crease to at least 90 percent.

- American students will leave grades four, eight and twelve having demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter.

- U.S. students will be first in the world in math and science achievement.

- Every adult American will be literate and will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in a global economy.

- Every school in America will be free of drugs and violence and will offer a disciplined environment conducive to learning.

- All North Carolina educators will meet established standards that will assure that they are the most qualified in their field.

- North Carolina will be first in the nation in the effective application of technology to teaching, learning and administration.

- Every community and every elementary and secondary school in North Carolina will have a comprehensive parent involvement and assistance program with every parent actively involved in their children's education.

Speakers at the summit will include Dr. Emma Rhodes, associate director of adult education for the state of Arkansas; Jim Kearns, who will focus on the important of family relations in education; and Dr. John Murphy, superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, who will speak on world class schools.

The two-day program will kick off at 6:30 p.m. on Friday with a three-hour session. Saturday, programming will run from 9:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. There is no charge to attend the summit. Refreshments and an indoor picnic on Saturday will be provided.

Commissioners answer landfill questions

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

The Perquimans County Concerned Citizens Committee got answers Monday to questions it posed to the county commissioners on March 1 regarding solid waste disposal.

"We thought they did a lot more research than we thought they were going to do regarding the questions," said Concerned Citizens Committee co-chairman Douglas Layden of Belvidere. "We were pleased with the pamphlet that they gave us."

As promised, the commissioners presented written answers to questions regarding the proposed eight-county landfill in Perquimans County and related concerns. The board supported its answers with attachments including copies of references to solid waste and the landfill authority in past minutes, memorandums and letters and the resolutions establishing the Regional Solid Waste Management Authority.

The number one item on the committee's list was why Perquimans was selected as the host site and what advantages there would be to locating a landfill in the county. The commissioners responded that a regional solid waste

management study was completed in June 1991 which recommended siting one landfill north of the Albemarle Sound in a central location, probably in Pasquotank or Camden. Discussions with Pasquotank broke down in October 1991 when the other counties in the Regional Landfill Authority did not agree with conditions Pasquotank set to host the landfill.

Because officials felt locating the landfill centrally would be the best alternative financially, the Perquimans, Chowan and Gates Landfill Commission offered land adjacent to the present tri-county landfill for consideration. Advantages to Perquimans County, according to the commissioners, would include facilities already being in place, reduced solid waste disposal cost, road maintenance and money to Perquimans County.

The commissioners said the Belvidere site is the only site north of the Albemarle Sound currently under consideration. Another site in the county was considered, but was rejected due to unsuitable soil and its location in a flood plain.

The site being considered is owned by the Thomas Chappell family. The Regional Landfill Authority has a 12-month option to purchase the property. No site application has been submitted, but landfill au-

thority chairman Mack Nixon told the committee that the authority is presently interviewing three engineering firms. The authority plans to finish the interviews, choose a firm and proceed with an engineering study on the property.

Overall, Layden said the committee was pleased with the commissioners' response to its questions. Layden said his main concern was repeated comments in area newspapers that locating a landfill in Perquimans County would be the cheapest alternative to solid waste management.

"There's been no figures on a Perquimans County landfill at this time, only projections and probable figures," Layden said.

Layden added that his group came away from the meeting with the impression that the local board of commissioners and the landfill authority are keeping all options open.

"We think they are looking toward Addington," Layden said. "As long as they are looking at all options, we are trying to give them room to look. They're going to leave this landfill here as an option for bargaining power and we hope that is the truth."

"The people of Perquimans County

would like to see this board stop investigating the river as a landfill site," Layden said. "Bertie is the best way to go from the Concerned Citizens standpoint."

Addington, the Kentucky firm presently negotiating with the landfill authority, plans to open a solid waste disposal facility in Bertie County.

Layden said the committee has obtained over 1400 signatures on petitions circulating throughout the county opposing a regional landfill in Perquimans County.

Nixon asked the group to "try to keep an open mind to the future. What if Addington folds? This is a long-term decision. We're trying to weigh out all the possibilities."

Layden said his only complaint with commissioners Monday was the board's failure to move the meeting to a larger room in the county annex when an overflow crowd attended the meeting to hear the commissioners' answers to solid waste questions. "They've got to go back and remember that they're representing the people," Layden said. "They need to move upstairs (to the courtroom) when they see people standing up. They've got to understand they're there for the people. The people come first."

Heels make Wolverines 'blue'



The University of North Carolina Tarheels celebrate with their NCAA championship trophy Monday night after claiming the title with a 77-71 win over the University of Michigan.

The Wolverines fell in the finals to a team from the Old North State for the second year in a row. Last year, the Duke Blue Devils sent the Wolverines packing. (AP photo)

Old Neck community to celebrate its history

Historic district status sought

One of the finest examples of the county's rich architectural history will be the setting for "Old Neck Celebration at Cove Grove" on Saturday, June 5.

The celebration is sponsored by the Historic District Committee of the Perquimans County Restoration Association to highlight the beauty and history of the Old Neck section of Perquimans County, according to Beth Skinner Taylor, committee chairman.

Taylor is one of several Old Neck residents and concerned citizens working to put Old Neck on the national map. The committee plans to apply for Historic District status for the Old Neck area, placing it in the National Register of Historic Places.

The historic district will extend from the Highway 17 bypass bridge down the eastern shore of the Perquimans River to Sutton's Creek, along Sutton's Creek to New Hope Road, southwest along New Hope Road to Union Hall Road, along Union Hall Road to Highway 17 and back to the bypass.

"This area includes many of Perquimans County's older homes and Historic District status for this area would bring recognition to our area," Taylor said.

The June 5 celebration will include traditional Southern plantation fare - roast pork, potatoes, slaw, cornbread, dessert and iced team - served under the graceful shade trees that line the lawn at Cove Grove. Entertainment is also planned. Proceeds from the gala will go toward the cost of the expensive historic application process, organizers said.

Albert Eure spearheaded the effort to get the project started. Eure has worked with residents and property owners in the community to push for Historic District status.

Water quality concerns residents

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

One of the reasons the Concerned Citizens Committee opposes constructing a regional landfill in Perquimans County is concern over water quality in the Perquimans River.

The specific question posed to commissioners on March 1 was "The present and proposed landfill will release a large volume of leachate. Where is the effluent going from the present landfill; and how will the effluent be disposed of from the proposed landfill?"

According to the commissioners' response Monday, there would be two options if a high-tech landfill was built in the county. The leachate would either be treated on site by a waste water plant and spray applied, or transported to a waste water plant off site for treatment and disposal.

The present landfill, the commissioners said, was not designed to collect leachate. Four monitoring wells are used to collect ground water samples for independent laboratory testing. Three of the wells are located between the landfill and the river, the fourth on the land-locked side of the landfill. The state monitors the water tests and requires stabilization of any problems.

County Manager Paul Gregory said earlier this year that water samples from the three wells bordering the river test clean enough to qualify as drinking water. The fourth well, however, has shown some contamination. Gregory said hydraulic studies have shown that the water from that well flows inland, not toward the river.

Gregory said Monday that the well shows only trace elements of contaminants. Part of the problem, Gregory said, may be that the well is located too close to the landfill for a monitoring well, but because it is already in place, the state is requiring that the county continue to monitor it.

He added that the commissioners have attempted to negotiate with the adjoining property owner to drill a well off-site to allow for more testing, but the property owner is asking for what the commissioners think is too steep a price to lease the land.

Gregory did not say, but maps of the area indicate that the landowner is Amy Van Benton. Gregory declined to comment on the amount Benton wanted to allow the county to drill a well on her property. Benton could not be reached by phone Tuesday morning.

EASTER EGG HUNT
FRIDAY, APRIL 9
BRIAN CENTER



4:00 P.M.

Bring Your Basket!



Ricky Carter lights the Perquimans County Special Olympics torch Friday. Please see page 3 for an overview. (Photo by Susan Harris)