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Two men injured in Saturday shooting

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Two men remain hospitalized and are in critical condition as the result of a double shooting at Dogwood Trailer Park Saturday.

Jeffrey Riccard, 23, and Colin Sean Francis Pantin, 25, both black males, were shot shortly before noon inside their residence at Lot 3 Dogwood Trailer Park.

Information from witnesses at the scene indicates that Pantin and Riccard apparently had an argument which escalated to violence, with the men shooting each other.

Hertford Police Chief Aubrey Sample said his department was dispatched to a possible shooting at the residence. Officers arrived on the scene to find Pantin lying on the floor suffering an apparent gunshot wound. People interviewed at the scene told officers that Riccard had been transported by private vehicle to Chowan Hospital.

Pantin was taken by ambulance to Chowan Hospital. He was later transported to Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville. Sample said Riccard was transferred to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. Both men were listed in critical condition, Sample said.

Sample said officers recovered two weapons at the scene, but have been unable to interview either victim due to their medical conditions. The chief said he hopes to be able to interview both this week.

No charges have been filed in the case. The investigation is continuing.

In addition to the Hertford Police Department, the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, N.C. Highway Patrol, Perquimans County Rescue Squad and Hertford Fire Department responded to the call.

CPR offered

College of The Albemarle's Chowan County Center will offer a CPR class during the month of May.

CPR Techniques (SAF 3005) is being taught on Wednesday, May 12, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Completion of the nine-hour session, which will teach skills for infant, child and adult CPR, leads to certification or recertification in cardiopulmonary techniques. EMT Ida T. Harris, a native of Edenton and an employee of Perquimans County EMS, is the class instructor.

The cost of the course is \$35 plus \$3 for certification and the book, *Pediatric and Adult Heart Saver*.

Students may register the day of the class. A social security number is needed to register.

For more information, call College of The Albemarle's Chowan County Center at 482-7900.

Summit puts education in spotlight

Dancing around the May pole



The accomplishments of the Perquimans County Schools music departments were showcased during the two-day Perquimans 2000 Education Summit held Friday and Saturday at Perquimans High School. Central School children, under the direction of music instructor Jane Parr, performed a traditional May pole dance on Saturday at noone (above). Excellent performances were also presented by the Detention Hall Jazz Band, the Perquimans High School Chorus, the Central School Chorus and the Perquimans Middle School Band. (Photo by Susan Harris)

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Improving education was top priority Friday and Saturday for the schools faculty and staff, parents, county officials and citizens who gathered for the Perquimans 2000 Education Summit at Perquimans High School.

"It was a good weekend," said chairman of the Educational Competency Steering Committee of the Perquimans 2000 Project, Bob Clinkscales. "We had some good speakers."

Clinkscales said he believes the summit will have an impact on school improvement in the county.

"I think it (the summit) will have an impact on our schools. I think it's like everything else, it's hard to measure initially what it will or won't do. It's got us thinking about education if nothing else."

Clinkscales, who is also the father of two children in the school system, said the seven Perquimans 2000 committees have worked to define the school system's strengths and weaknesses. As a result of the committees' efforts, reforms have begun which should improve the quality of education locally, Clinkscales said. The three speakers at the summit added new ideas to the reform movement, which he said will further improve education here.

School board chairman Wayne Howell was also positive about the summit's effects on education. Howell said the meeting reinforced his belief that a school system doesn't have to be affluent to improve education.

"You can still raise standards and increase efficiency in the system without adding additional costs by utilizing resources within the system better," Howell said.

Both Clinkscales and Howell were disappointed with the low turnout at the summit. About 150 people heard Dr. Emma K. Rhodes, Coordinator of Adult Education, Vocational and Technical Education Division, Arkansas Department of Education, Friday evening. By the Saturday afternoon session, there were only about 50 people in the audience.

"I'm really disappointed that more people, parents especially, weren't here to hear it," Howell said.

The men also said they'd like to see a follow-up summit in the future. Howell said the emphasis of the next meeting should be parental involvement, with a special focus on the importance of fathers to the education process.

Greg and Jeanie Biggs, the parents of four children, including three attending Perquimans County schools, said the summit was well worth the time they invested over the two-day period.

"I enjoyed all three speakers," Greg said. He said Jim Kern's message on Saturday morning about the importance of parents in education was especially valuable to him.

The couple said parents who chose not to attend the summit missed an opportunity to learn more about education and how parents can contribute to the learning process.

"If the summit attendance is any indication of the parental concern, then we've got a problem," Jeanie said.

Speakers for the event were Rhodes; Kerns, a nationally-known speaker who emphasizes the importance of family relations in child development and education; and Dr. John Murphy, superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. Murphy spoke on the changes needed to bring world-class schools to the state.

The board of education will continue the focus on school improvement with a retreat on Monday at the Newbold-White House, culminating with a school board meeting on Monday night at 8 p.m. at the schools' administrative office.

Students pen top-rate writing scores

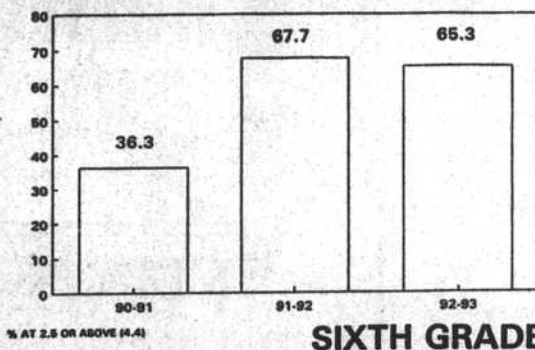
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Language arts teachers at Perquimans Middle School were feeling "write" well last Friday, when the school received the results of the state writing test taken by sixth and eighth graders.

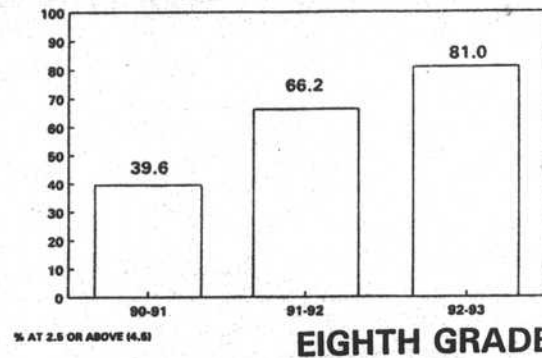
Eighth graders scored well above both the state and region, with 81 percent of the students scoring 2.5 or better. The state average was 57.9 percent, the regional average, 52.1 percent.

The sixth graders, who took the test for the first time, performed just as well. Over 65 percent of Perquimans students scored 2.5 or above, compared with 41.3 percent in the state and 39.4 percent in the region.

The scores represent a dramatic local increase over the past three years. When the test was given in February 1991, only 39.6 percent of Perquimans' eighth graders earned a 2.5 or better. In 1992, the percentage



SIXTH GRADE



EIGHTH GRADE

jumped to 66.2 percent. Sixth graders earning 2.5 or more represented 36.3 percent of the students who took the test in 1992. By 1992, those scores had jumped to 67.7 percent.

The test is graded on a 4-point scale, with 4.0 being the top score. Students are expected to score 2.5 or better on the test.

"The sixth grade and eighth grade, those people are really to be commended, both the teachers and the students," said Perquimans Schools testing director

Paul Ward. "I was really pleased to see the scores that came back."

Ward added that while he has not received scores for individual school systems across the state, he believes the eighth grade scores will be among the highest across North Carolina.

"We are certainly proud of the scores," said school board chairman Wayne Howell Monday night. "Our teachers and staff should be commended."

The test was extended this

year to include fourth graders. Almost 24 percent of Perquimans' fourth graders earned a 2.5 or better on the test. The scores were in line with both state and regional scores.

Ward said fourth grade scores were normal for the initiation of the new test, and he expects to see the same type of increase in those scores that has been seen in grades six and eight as the teachers become accustomed to the test standards.

Perquimans produces two grand champs

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Perquimans County steers mpo-ved the judges at the annual Albemarle 4-H Livestock Show and Sale held in Elizabeth City last week. County youth swept the top honors in the competition.

Natalie Layden, daughter of Elton and Arlene Layden of Belvidere, took Grand Champion honors. Owner of the Reserve Champion was Amanda Nixon, daughter of Ed and Barbara Nixon of Hertford. Michael Stallings, son of Kenny Stallings of Belvidere and Diane Stallings of Hertford, earned third place honors.

Perquimans also produced two of the top three contenders in the swine category. Matt Winslow, son of Stan and Lou Ann Winslow of Belvidere, captured Grand Champion Hog. The third place hog was shown by Christy Layden, daughter of Doug and Geri Layden of Belvidere.

In the fitting and showmanship contest, Tara Thach, daughter of Harrell and

Ann Thach, won first place primary showman with her hog. Benjamin Godfrey, son of Terry and Linda Godfrey of Belvidere, took third place in the junior swine division. Taking third place in the senior swine showmanship category was Angel Cartwright, daughter of Jackie and Paula Cartwright of Hertford.

Fifty-four Perquimans County youth showed 69 animals in the two-day show which culminated with an auction during which the animals were sold. R.O. Givens Signs bought the Grand Champion Steer for \$5,000 and the Grand Champion Hog for \$2,000. The company also purchased the Grand Champion Lamb. The purchases continued a company tradition of support for the livestock sale started by R.O. Givens and kept alive by his sons, Scott and Robert.

"It's something my daddy started (purchasing the show's grand champions) to show his support for the kids...my brother Robert and I are just carrying on



Natalie Layden earned top honors at the Albemarle 4-H Livestock Show and Sale last week, coming away with the Grand Champion Steer. (Daily Advance photo)

the tradition," Scott Givens told the *Daily Advance* at the sale.

The livestock awards banquet

is scheduled for Thursday, May 6 at the K.E. White Center at Elizabeth City State University.

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