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STATE GAMES WINNERS/SILVER AND GOLD



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

The Perquimans Middle School Lady Tigers softball team played almost flawlessly this weekend in the North Carolina

Amateur Sports Association's State Games competition in Raleigh. The team went 4-0 and earned the gold medal.



The Perquimans 14/15-year-old baseball team earned the county's first baseball medal in State Games competition, coming up with silver in the medal round on Sunday.

Perquimans teams grab medals

PCMS softball team wins gold; 14/15 baseball squad takes silver

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

Perquimans County athletes competed against some of the best baseball and softball teams in the state last week at the North Carolina Amateur Sports Association's annual State Games, bringing home the county's first-ever gold and silver medals.

The middle school softball team showed no mercy, knocking off four teams to claim the double-elimination tournament championship in the 14-year-old and under division.

The Lady Tigers' solid hitting and aggressive base-running proved too much for their opponents. Perquimans defeated Northeast Guilford, 10-0, in five innings in round one. The Lady Tigers took an 8-0 lead and held on to beat Fuquay-Varina, 9-8, in game two. On Sunday, Perquimans took on Charlotte Latin, the only other remaining undefeated team, winning 13-2 in

five innings. Charlotte Latin won its next game to move up from the loser's bracket and play for the gold. Perquimans took that game, 11-7.

"Our girls played superb ball," said Tigers head coach Sid Eley. "By the medal round, even the off-duty officials who had seen them play earlier were pulling for them. They said they had never seen a team hit the ball so well up and down the line-up, and they were shocked at how well our girls ran bases and slid."

The Lady Tigers collected 56 hits in four games to finish with a .436 team average.

There were nine teams from across the state in the tournament.

While the Lady Tigers played for the gold, another Perquimans team was a few miles away battling to grab the number one spot. The 14/15-year-old baseball team earned the silver medal instead, coming in second place out of 16 teams.

Perquimans started the tournament off on the right foot, as Paul Hunter went all

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Flag Day on TV

A recap of the recent Flag Day ceremonies in Hertford will be televised on July 4 at 7:30 p.m. on North Carolina NOW.

The UNC feature will appear on channel 2, channel

12 cable.

There will be recaps of Flag Day and World War II commemorative ceremonies across the state run each Monday evening in July and August.

Postal fire destroys mail

Vandals set fire to the collection box outside the Hertford Post Office on Sunday at around 4 p.m.

Postmaster Billie Stewart said all mail dropped in the box between 4:30 p.m.

Saturday and the time of the fire was destroyed.

An investigation into the incident continues.

Contact Stewart if you had used the outside collection box.

Thach steps down

Will serve as AD, but not head coach

Perquimans County Schools athletic director and head football coach Harrell Thach has given up his football assignment, but will remain the high school athletic director.

Thach said the decision came after an all-day meeting with administrators when the entire schools' athletic program was evaluated. Sid Eley, whose former title was assistant athletic director, will serve as athletic director at

Perquimans Middle School.

PCHS principal Elaine Pritchard said the realignment will give the athletic director more responsibility and accountability, and will enhance the overall program.

According to a news release prepared by the school system, Thach's top priority will be recommending a new head football coach for 1995. Thach will also concentrate on implementing procedures for adding and deleting sports, budgeting by sport, performance evaluations for coaches and other program enhancements.

4th of July events start Saturday

Downtown merchants to kick off celebration

The Downtown Merchants Association will kick off Perquimans County's Independence Day celebration on Saturday, July 1 with entertainment and food downtown.

The Hertford Fife and Drum Corps, guitarist Bill Darrow, County Line Cloggers, square dancers and others will begin performing downtown at 11 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. Hot dogs and baked goods will add to the carnival atmosphere.

The 4th of July fireworks committee will continue the celebration on Tuesday with entertainment at Missing Mill Park beginning at 5 p.m. Jon

Strother and Keith Vaughan will begin that day's festivities. Disc jockey Mickey Phelps will offer dance music starting at 8 o'clock. Fireworks will light up the night sky around 9 p.m. The dance will continue after the fireworks until 11.

There will be hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks on sale in the park.

Diane Stallings, treasurer of the fireworks committee, said the group is still short of its fundraising goal and continues to accept donations. Contributions have come from businesses, individuals and governments. Several businesses have run special promotions benefitting the fireworks fund.

Contributions may be sent to Fireworks Fund, c/o NationsBank, P.O. Box 46, Hertford, N.C. 27944.

Hertford may sue meat market

Bi-Rite Market ordered to stop cutting meat at current location

By GINGER LIVINGSTON
The Daily Advance

The Hertford Town Council is taking civil action against the owners of Stencil's Bi-Rite Market.

The council made the decision during an unannounced meeting Friday afternoon. The exact nature of the action is unclear. Town Attorney Walter Edwards refused to discuss the meeting during a telephone interview Monday afternoon.

According to an audio tape recording of the council meeting, the council directed Edwards to pursue a restraining order forcing Bi-Rite's owners to shut down their meat cutting operations at their Market Street location. However, the council also directed Edwards to see if he could obtain a consent judgement from the Davenport family, which owns the market, asking them to stop operations within a specific period of time or face a retroactive fine of \$50 a day.

Eugene Davenport, Bi-Rite's co-owner, said the family was trying to open a new market at Harris Shopping Center on

Grubb Street but was running into building inspection complications. He said he could end his Market Street operation by Aug. 30 if he could make progress with the building inspections.

A 60-day consent judgment did not satisfy Marge Ambrose and Don Morris, two neighbors of the Market Street store who have complained for a year about the smell and noise caused by the meat cutting operations. It was through their complaints that the council learned the area was not zoned for meat processing but for convenience store sales.

Ambrose and Morris had threatened to sue the town if they did not force the Davenports to close. Last week the Davenports were sent a letter stating if the store did not stop meat cutting operations by midnight June 17 legal action would be taken.

"We let them know 60 days for a consent judgement would be unacceptable," Morris said. Ambrose said she was waiting for a second meeting of the council this week before commenting. Town Manager John Christensen said Monday the council had discussed meeting with Edwards this week but did not say when it would occur.

Davenport would not comment on Friday's meeting, saying he wanted to see what action the town council took.

Paper closes for holiday

The Perquimans Weekly will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

News and advertising dead-

lines for the July 6 edition are

Friday, June 30 at 12 noon.

Have a safe and happy holiday, and remember not to drive after drinking.

Outside

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
High: 80s	Low: 70s	High: 80s	Low: 70s	High: 80s	Low: 70s
CHANCE OF RAIN		CHANCE OF RAIN		CHANCE OF RAIN	