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## Two file in Winfall, but no races yet

Two men have filed for seats on the Winfall Town Council.

Incumbent mayor Fred Yates and newcomer Clif Towe signaled their desire to sit on the council.

In Hertford, only Mayor John Beers has filed. Councilman Larry Chappell said last week that he will not seek re-election. Board veteran Billy T. Winslow said Tuesday that he has not decided whether he will run again.

The filing period ends on Aug. 4.

## WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS



PHOTOS BY SUSAN HARRIS

The 11/12-year-old Bethel team earned both the Perquimans Youth League regular season and tournament championships, losing only one game all season. Team members are (left to right, front) Warren Shotwell, Brent Potichko, Josh Cram, Earlie Byrum, Robbie Reed, Garry Byrum, Jason

Wolfgang, (middle) Michael Lang, Maurice Downing, Craig Ayscue, Quinton Chappell, Nick Proctor, Rob Woodard, Josh Sutton, Kevin Downing, Justin Roberson, (back) coaches Earlie Byrum, Charles Woodard and Edgar Roberson. Ross Maillet and Jim Layden were on the squad.



The Belvidere team won the 9/10-year-old Perquimans Youth League tournament. Team members are (left to right) Jay Rountree, Dylan Nowell, Damon Winslow, Jason Dail, John Lassiter, (middle row) Matt White, Robert Stallings, Timothy Parks, A.J. Overman, Josh Lassiter, Robbie Hollowell, (back row) assistant coach R.P. White, head coach Richard Stallings and assistant coach Joe McLawhorn.

## School board OKs PCMS repairs

The Perquimans County Board of Education approved a \$26,000 expenditure to replace floor tiles at the newly-renovated Perquimans County Middle School.

Amy Tobin, Public Relations Director, said problems with glue coming up through the tiles made the

repairs necessary. Tobin said she has received no indication that the board intended to look to the supplier or contractor who installed the floors for compensation.

The repairs will be made with funds from the 1995-96 capital outlay funds provided by the county.

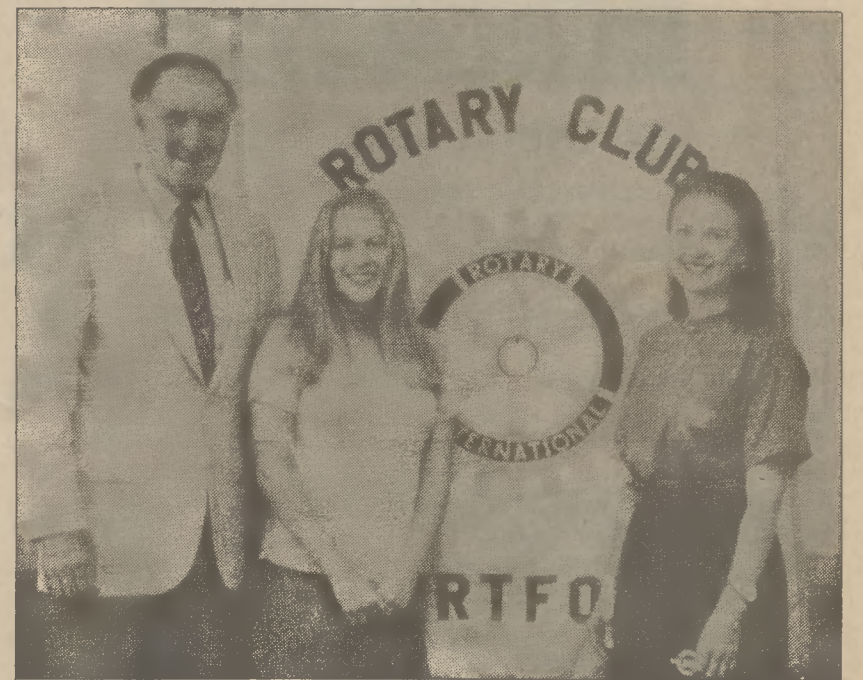


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Leigh Ann Henion (center) a rising senior at Perquimans County High School, was a delegate to the 1995 World Affairs Conference held this summer on the campus of Marymount University. Her sponsors were the Hertford Rotary Club, Captain Bob's Restaurant and Centura Bank. Carlton Davenport (left), president of the Rotary Club, and Sharon Lane, co-owner of Captain Bob's, wish Henion well as she prepares for her trip.

## Henion attends international conference

A rising senior at Perquimans County High School participated in the 1995 World Affairs Conference on the campus of Marymount University in Arlington, Va. last month.

Leigh Ann Henion, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Randall Henion, was sponsored by the Hertford Rotary Club, Captain Bob's Restaurant and Centura Bank.

The conference is a summer residential program for high school students designed to involve them in the problems and challenges of global issues today. It brings young people together with university professors, diplomats and government spokespersons to discuss current issues and the means by which better understanding of these issues may lead to world peace.

This year's program included such topics as, the liberation of Panama; the Middle East...as seen by the Palestinian, the Israeli, and the American; the breakup of

the Soviet Union and the emergence of new independent states; and today's Africa.

The group toured the nation's capital, where they visited the FBI building, Japanese Cultural Center, Capitol Hill, and Arlington Cemetery. They attended the play, "The History of America," at the Kennedy Center. Students also participated in a model U.N. Security Council session.

The co-sponsors' scholarship award included tuition, room and board, educational materials and activities within the four-day conference period.

Interested students were required to submit a one page essay on the topic "Why an Understanding of International Affairs Is Important Today." Essays were submitted to the high school administration and then to the Rotary Club representative for review without the author's name appearing. The essays were read and the winner chosen.

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## Donor family meets heart recipient

Cohens attend high school graduation of teen who received their daughter's heart and lungs

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
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Al and Velma Cohen have ridden a rollercoaster over the past year that has alternately taken them to the depths of despair and crests of great joy.

The lowest of the dips on the ride came on July 9, 1994, the day their seemingly healthy 18-year-old daughter, Charlotte, went out to get the mail. Charlotte suffered from a cerebral hemorrhage on the way to the mail box. Hours later, doctors at Pitt Memorial Hospital told the Cohens their daughter was dead.

Then came the question that would ultimately bring the Cohen family peace: Would you be willing to donate Charlotte's organs for transplant? After only a slight hesitation, the Cohens' answer was, yes.

In another small North Carolina town, a very unhealthy teen and her family were facing the realities of heart and lung disease. Stephanie Lucas of Dunn knew her chance at life was limited. She had to have a heart and lung transplant in order to live. And time was running out.

At the same time the



The Cohen family of Hertford was united with Stephanie Lucas (center), the recipient of Charlotte Cohen's heart and lungs last month in Dunn.

Cohens faced their darkest hour, the light of hope peaked through for the Lucas family. Stephanie would be the recipient of Charlotte's heart and lungs.

The road to transplant was a long one for Stephanie and her family. She underwent two open heart surgeries as an infant. As she grew, it took up to 17 pills each day to control her weakening heart. For years, she was in and out of hospitals.

1993 brought even graver news: Stephanie's lungs were destroyed. Only a double transplant could save her. And doctors said the teen was not a candidate for transplant because of the scarring from previous surgeries and her

weak condition. They feared she would bleed to death on the operating table.

The development of a new drug and the return of a former Duke University Hospital surgeon brought hope back to the Lucases. Although no patient at Duke had lived through a heart-lung transplant, the doctors - and Stephanie - knew it was her only hope. She went on the waiting list in March 1994.

On July 10, 1994, the heart and lungs of Charlotte were transplanted to Stephanie. Stephanie became Duke's first successful heart-lung transplant recipient.

With the consent of both the Lucases and Cohens, the two families began a long-distance

relationship. In June, the Cohens accepted an invitation from the Lucases to attend Stephanie's high school graduation. After 11 months, the two families would meet.

Both families blinked back tears at the graduation: The Lucases were thankful for Stephanie's new lease on life. The Cohens were sad that there would be an empty seat at the spot where Charlotte would have been sitting at the Perquimans graduation exercises, yet proud that even in death, their daughter had continued to give.

Stephanie's graduation weekend was spent by the two families getting to know each other, trading photos and talking about the road that brought them together.

"The Cohens are a wonderful family," said Don Lucas, Stephanie's father, to Dana Stanley of The Daily Record newspaper. "To have a child taken must be like having your own heart ripped out. They didn't think of just themselves on that day. They thought of others. That's the ultimate sacrifice. That's sharing joy during grief. That's making sure their daughter lives on."

Both families believe that Charlotte does live on through Stephanie. Stephanie feels that she now has two sets of parents, one who gave her birth and another who saved her life.

(Note: Dana Stanley of The Daily Record newspaper in Dunn contributed to this story.)

## Outside

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
High: 90s Low: 70s PARTLY CLOUDY	High: 90s Low: 70s PARTLY CLOUDY	High: 50s Low: 30s PARTLY CLOUDY