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SUMMER SCHOOL IS JUST DUCKY



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Summer school students in Mrs. Holley's and Mrs. Hollowell's classes shared a fun learning experience with baked products. Students in the class include (left to right, front) David Padgett, Shaeneka Whidbee, Scott O'Brien, Marvin Woodard, Derrick Leary, Weston Elliott, (back) Graham Johnson, Lee Berry, Michael Vaughn, Sharla Murrill, Lee Evans, Walter Overton, Nickua Kee and Guenetra Hunter. The best part of the project was eating it!

Students bake up fun summer school projects

Students and Mrs. Holley's and Mrs. Hollowell's summer school classes at Perquimans Middle School expanded a reading session into an across-the-curriculum project - and had fun doing it! After reading the book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," students were given the assignment to design a unique

chocolate product. The next step was to write about the product. Listing and measuring ingredients came next. Then it was time to actually make the project. In addition, students designed packaging and advertising campaigns for their new projects. Once everything was complete, the students became taste-testers

and quality control experts, making sure the product was good enough to market. The duck cake was probably the most interesting and time-consuming project submitted. This type of project is one of many integrated curriculum and hands-on learning methods being used in the session.

Felton represents Perquimans at NAACP convention

The Perquimans County Branch of NAACP was represented at the 86th annual National NAACP convention in Minneapolis by local president Estelle Felton. The theme for the week-long meeting was "Celebrating Our Legacy - A Vision for the 21st Century."

Felton said the speakers messages during the conference were dynamic, inspirational and educational.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, president of the Rainbow Coalition Inc. encouraged the 12,000 attendees to continue with the struggle for equality. One of the avenues of change he advocated was voter registration and speaking out through voting.

U.S. Surgeon General nominee Dr. Henry Foster also stressed the importance of voting. Dr. Foster said people must work together to provide opportunities for youth. His prescription for restoring health and making a full recovery from sickness is working to make a difference, especially for the elderly and youth who may be at risk without the help of others.

First Lady Hillary Clinton encouraged NAACP president Myrlie Evers Williams to always have hope. Clinton said when nights look darkest and adversity is on the trail, hope can provide the light needed for success. In addition, Clinton brought greetings from the president, and addressed issues such as prayer in schools, Head Start, education, and welfare reform.



Estelle Felton

She joined the other speakers in encouraging these gathered to vote. "It's the best and the largest thing you as African Americans have going for you," Clinton said.

Evers-Williams in her address said to pray, and band together to get new members to help with the continuing work of the NAACP. She said there is still much to be accomplished.

"I believe President Williams will lead the organization to higher heights and we will move forward," Felton said.

Rabies makes come-back in N.C.

Rabid animals have been reported in Perquimans

As housing development in North Carolina continues its march to the country, there is a growing area of concern which new rural neighbors should seriously consider. The disease of rabies is making a rapid comeback to the state.

According to the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources there have been over 120 cases of rabies reported so far this year. Most cases have involved raccoons, while rabid fox have also been identified.

Tim Peoples with the local health department said no cases of rabies involving humans have been reported to his office. However, raccoons and other animals have been tested and some positive results found.

Raccoons appear to be the most common carriers, Peoples said. If there is any chance at all that humans have come into contact with a rabid animal, the preventive injections should be taken. Waiting too long to seek medical attention could be fatal.

Any raccoon you see out and about in midday (raccoons are normally nocturnal), or acting unusually vocal or aggressive should be avoided at all costs; it might be sick with a virulent

strain of rabies.

All household pets should be vaccinated against this fatal disease, whether they stay indoors most of the time or not. According to state officials, rabies is very contagious and transmission does not always occur from the bite of an infected animal. There have been cases where people or animals have become infected when the saliva from a rabid animal made contact with either an open wound or mucous membranes of the eyes or nose.

If you or a family member are bitten by a raccoon or any wild or domesticated animal, here are the steps you should take: - 1. Thoroughly wash wound with soap and water and 2. Contact your physician immediately.

Handling the animal: 1. If you can, kill the wild animal immediately, but do not damage its head. 2. Wear rubber gloves and carefully place the carcass in a plastic bag. Keep the carcass cool but do not freeze it. 3. Report the incident or take the carcass to the nearest health department office immediately. 4. If a person has been bitten by a (possible) rabid pet, carefully capture and confine the animal. Report incident to the health department. and 5. If an unvaccinated pet has been bitten by a rabid animal, both animals should be killed immediately. Do not bury either animal, but submit both to the local health department for incineration.

Barbara Jean follows dream to Nashville

Barbara Mandrell sang about being county "when country wasn't cool." Another Barbara knows exactly what Mandrell meant.

Barbara Layden Reames, known professionally as Barbara Jean, was crooning country songs, known then as country-western, when her friends were listening to rock and roll and disco. Following her heart brought professional success to the 1976 graduate of Perquimans High School.

Barbara Jean is following her heart again, this time with husband Bobby "Muskrat" Reames and daughter Lacey Jean. The family has hitched its wagon to a star, and is traveling to Nashville hoping for the success and notoriety that hard work and the right breaks can bring.

Barbara Jean and her Band of Gold have played together since 1985. They've made quite a name for themselves over the years. The group was voted Top Country Band by the Virginia Country Music Association. Barbara Jean has



Barbara Jean Layden Reames and Bobby "Muskrat" Reames are heading to Nashville to further their careers in country music.

walked away with Top Female Vocalist honors for the past four years. Muckrat, steel guitarist for

the Band of Gold, has earned Best Instrumentalist billing for three years running.

The couple feels the time is right to take their chances in Nashville. They've talked about it before. Hitting the national charts has always been their desire. Now they're just stepping out on faith and making the move.

They'll miss the Band of Gold and family here in Perquimans, but Barbara Jean doesn't want to retire one day never having tried to make it in Nashville and always wondering if she could have if she'd only tried.

The Reames will leave next week, taking with them Barbara's sister, Linda, who will teach in Nashville, and professional make-up artist and hair stylist Ronda McKinney.

Over 500 friends, family and fans gathered last month at The Banque, a club in Norfolk, Va. where Barbara Jean and The Band of Gold always brought down the house, to say good-bye.

County to collect Winfall taxes

The Perquimans County Tax Office will collect Winfall's municipal taxes beginning this month.

Winfall residents will now pay ad valorem taxes on automobiles and real estate at the county tax office, not at the Winfall Town Hall as in the past.

The county is collecting for both Hertford and Winfall under contractual agreements approved earlier this year.

The county will bill and collect ad valorem taxes on behalf

of itself and both municipalities. The county will keep 2 percent as the fee for collecting the taxes.

Officials in both towns said that due to the cost of mailing, processing and collecting taxes, including past due collections, it should be more economical for the county to collect taxes on behalf of the towns. The towns will also pay the costs of adding information concerning their collections onto the county computer system.

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