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EMC holds annual meeting

Three directors will be elected when the members of Albemarle EMC gather for the co-op's annual meeting on Saturday, Sept. 16 at Perquimans County High School.

President L.A. Harris said the nominating committee has presented six members to run for the three slots open. In Camden County, nominees are incumbent Garry W. Meiggs and Willie Ray Sawyer; in Perquimans, incumbent Charles H. Mathews and Pernella Norfleet Elliott; and in Chowan, incumbent Thomas A. Bateman and Jay L. Underhill.

In addition to Harris, Meiggs, Bateman and Mathews, directors are Glenn A. Carey, Estelle Felton, John W. Spence, Josiah A. Webb III and Virgie P. Whitehurst.

EMC General Manager Dorris B. White said the co-op will mail annual reports and meeting registration cards to members this week. Members should bring the registration cards to the meeting. If members cannot attend, the proxy card on the other side of the registration form can be completed to authorize another member to vote for them.

Meeting registration will begin at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will start at 2 o'clock.

Albemarle EMC serves 8,700 accounts in the 5 counties of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank and Perquimans. The EMC is both locally member-owned and controlled by its Board of Directors.

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HERTFORD GRAMMAR GETS NEW EQUIPMENT



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS



While some teens spent their Labor Day weekend playing around, a youth group from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Raleigh was laboring on playground equipment for students at Hertford Grammar School.

The school's PTA looked into purchasing playground equipment last year, and had set some funds aside for that purpose, according to PTA Budget and Finance Committee chairman Kim Perry. Prices were obtained and plans considered, but the project wasn't completed.

Last spring, Jane Parr, a resident of Sunbury and music teacher at Hertford Grammar, told Perry and some other parents about new equipment at Sunbury Elementary School built by a youth group from Raleigh. Perry contacted the group's leader and equipment designer, Dave Dahl.

Dahl visited Hertford in July, working with H.G.S.

principal Bill Tice on the design and placement of the structure. The poles were set the last weekend in August, and a group of 10 teens and four adults traveled to Hertford Saturday morning to construct the equipment. They worked until about 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon (top).

Perry said building things for others is a mission project of the youth. They have also worked on handicapped ramps and a shelter for homeless women in Washington, D.C. They learn through helping others. They donate their time and get materials donated, also.

"It really has been a blessing to Hertford Grammar School," Perry said. "I hope it will benefit a lot of kids."

Parents and teachers fed the visitors, who slept in the school library and showered in the locker rooms at the middle school.

Sunday evening, the equipment was full of kids (left).

Ring lost for over 40 years returned to its owner

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
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"Only in Hertford." That was the comment Joyce Pierce made after her mother's high school class ring was returned recently. The ring had been lost for over 40 years.

Peggy Sawyer Winslow lost her class ring, with the graduation year 1948 and her initials imprinted on it, sometime before 1952.

"I really don't know (exactly when I lost it)," Winslow said. "I thought I lost it when I was working in the drug store."

Winslow said she thought she took the ring off when she washed her hands and laid it on the side of the sink. That was the last time she remembers seeing the ring. There was no explanation for its disappearance.

Over 40 years later, Johnnie Dunbar, a Food Lion employee, was taking a shortcut from Wynne Fork Courts to work on a path through a wooded area and cornfield one day this

summer. Something gold caught his eye. He reached down and picked up a class ring with a 1948 date on it. He put the ring in his pocket and went on to work.

Dunbar said he went to Perquimans High School two or three weeks later to try to get some help checking records to find the ring's owner. A 1948 graduate with the initials PAS couldn't be found. Dunbar later received a call from the school. Through more research, the ring's owner had been found.

Dunbar said he kept forgetting to return the ring to the school for the owner to claim. On Aug. 11, he said assistant principal Dwayne Stallings asked him to run home and get the ring when Dunbar arrived

to accompany the P.C.H.S. football team to a scrimmage. The school contacted Winslow to pick up the ring.

"I was real pleased to get it back," Winslow said. "I could hardly believe it when I first heard about it."

Winslow said the ring has a small chip in the stone and one in the metal, but is basically in good condition.

"It's in good shape. I was just amazed. And it still fits!" Winslow said.

Winslow called Dunbar and sent him a note thanking him for returning her ring.

"It was very nice of him (to find the owner and return the ring)," Winslow said.

Dunbar never had any intention of doing anything with the ring other than

returning it to its owner if possible.

"I thought the person would be real happy to have it returned to them," Dunbar said. "I know if I lost my class ring, I would want it back. I thought the person would appreciate it."

According to Dunbar's boss at Food Lion, M.W. Coates, returning the ring was an action that reflects Dunbar's character.

"It doesn't surprise me that he'd do something like that," Coates said. "He cares about others. He just shows a genuine concern for other people. Johnnie is very trustworthy."

Coates characterized Dunbar as a mature young man with a positive attitude who gets along with everyone.

"Johnnie is an outstanding young person as far as I'm concerned," Coates said. Dunbar, a 1995 P.C.H.S. graduate, has worked at Food Lion for over two years. Coates said during that time, Dunbar attended high school, kept his grades up, and played

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M.W. Coates, Manager Food Lion, Hertford speaking of young man who found and returned class ring

Festival date nears

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
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The sounds of corn pickers, football games and school bells means the Indian Summer Festival is just around the corner.

The annual celebration of life in Perquimans County is set for Saturday, Sept. 23.

Entertainment, food and fun is set to begin on that day at 10 a.m. at Missing Mill Park.

Out in the Cold Band will kick off the entertainment. Other performers include Rev. Jon Strother, the Perquimans County High School Marching Pirates Band, Joyce Perry, Denim and Diamonds Dance Club, the Farrow Family, Harbour Lights Square Dancers, Tonya Saunders, Flatland Cloggers, Darryl Stallings, Ron Moore and the Rockin' Willie Band.

The will also be jet ski demonstration by Hertford Hardware and a U.S. Coast Guard water/air rescue demonstration.

At 5:30, Wayne's Whirl Shad and Swing contest will be held. Prizes will be awarded. Applications are available at the Chamber of Commerce office. Pre-registration is encouraged but not required.

For the younger set, Ann Carol White of the Perquimans County Library will begin the day with storytime at 10 a.m. Joy Untold, an award winning professional entertainer, will be on stage at the Kids Pavilion on the tennis court at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will be games, competitions and prizes throughout the day. The Optimist Club train will chauffeur the wee ones through the park.

Booths will also open at 10 a.m., featuring arts, crafts, displays, health checks and screenings, and of course, food. Fish, baked goods, hamburgers, hot dogs, funnel cakes, barbecue, onion rings, pizza and more will be available.

The Parkville Ruritans will sponsor an antique car show on the town park adjacent to the library. Call Tommy Dale at 297-2255 for information or to register.

Downtown, the Perquimans High School cheerleaders will perform at 1 p.m. Bingo will begin at 1:30. At 3:30, performers from the Dinner Theater at Angler's Cove production of USO Camp Show will entertain. Merchants will be having sidewalk sales.

At 8 a.m., Chowan Hospital will sponsor its annual festival fun run and walk. Registration begins at the board of education office.

The festival will conclude with a street dance.

Outside

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
High: 80s	Low: 60s	High: 80s	Low: 60s	High: 80s	Low: 60s
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