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Krause issued DWI

By GINGER LIVINGSTON
The Daily Advance

A veteran police officer was charged with driving while impaired Aug. 4.

Police officer Newton Bradford "Brad" Krause, whose address was listed as 903 Raleigh St., Elizabeth City, was stopped shortly before 1 a.m. on U.S. Highway 17 Bypass near the intersection of Foreman Bundy and Simpson Ditch roads.

According to court documents, Krause was given an intoxilyzer test. The results showed he had a blood-alcohol content of .16 — twice the legal limit for driving while impaired. He was released under a \$300 secured bond.

According to police officials, Krause has not worked since the ticket was issued.

When a person receives a DWI ticket his drivers license is automatically suspended for 10 days. Hertford Police Chief Bennie Murphy said without a license Krause could not work; however, he will return to duty Friday evening.

"He will be working until he's scheduled to go to court. I believe everyone is innocent until proven guilty," Murphy said. He said the Hertford Town Council supported his position.

While Krause has not worked he has continued to be paid. Murphy said Krause is using his vacation time.

Krause has worked with the Hertford Police Department for seven years. He has 23 years law enforcement experience, most of it with the Elizabeth City Police Department.

Murphy would not speculate about Krause's future with the department. However, if Krause is convicted of DWI, he would automatically lose his law enforcement certification.

County schools reopen Aug. 22

The countdown until the first day of school has begun. Students will return to class on Thursday, Aug. 22. Assignment notification methods follow:

- Hertford Grammar School: 8:30 a.m.-2:40 p.m. Teachers will call parents with classroom assignments beginning this week.

- Perquimans Central School: 8:30 a.m.-3:05 p.m. Letters will be mailed this week with classroom assignments and school supply lists.

- Perquimans Middle School: 8:20 a.m.-3:20 p.m. Homeroom/class and supply lists will be posted in the school lobby windows on Friday, Aug. 16.

- Perquimans High School: 8:05 a.m.-2:55 p.m. Freshmen may pick up schedules during orientation on Aug. 19 and 20 at 5 p.m. Schedules for all other students will be mailed this week.

Hertford sewer, water systems need major upgrade

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

Knowing that there are significant deficits in the town's water and sewer plants, the Hertford Town Council voted to take preliminary steps required to garner grants and/or loans to pay for system improvements.

Town Manager John

PCHS BAND/PHILADELPHIA BOUND



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Members of the 1996-97 Marching Pirates Band learn this season's show, "Caribbean Holiday." The band will take the show on the road several times before Christmas, including

a trip to the 77th Channel 6 Thanksgiving Day parade in Philadelphia, Penn. The band is directed by David Ziemba. Drum majors are Melissa Elliott and Summer Warden.

Marching band honored with invite

Marching Pirates to perform in Philadelphia

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

What do turkeys, Santa Claus, the Liberty bell and the Perquimans County High School Marching Pirates have in common?

All four will spend Thanksgiving Day in Philadelphia.

The Marching Pirates have accepted an invitation to perform in the 1996 Channel 6 Thanksgiving Day parade. Parts of the 77-year-old parade will be televised on ABC.

Band Director David Ziemba said the band was invited to apply to participate in the parade. The appli-

cation process included submitting videotapes, newspaper articles and photographs of the band. He began the application process last spring, and was rewarded with an invitation earlier this summer.

"I'm very thrilled about our invitation," Ziemba said. "Any time you participate in a major event like this you bring a lot of exposure to the community and to the school. It's a real honor to be chosen."

Ziemba said parade officials probably got the band's name from the list of participants in the 1989 Presidential Inaugural Parade, when Perquimans performed for former president Ronald Reagan.

Ziemba and the Band Booster Club plan to make the three-day trip to

Philadelphia educational for the 84 band students, as well as fun. In addition to performing in the parade, the group will tour Independence Square and other places of historic and cultural significance, as well as attend the Broadway musical classic, "Hello, Dolly."

"This is probably one of the more educational trips we've ever taken, with the exception of the inaugural parade," Ziemba said.

This year's band show, "Caribbean Holiday," features music with a calypso rhythm. Band students are braving the elements this week to put the show together. On Friday at 1 p.m., the public is invited to the show's first performance of the season.

And it will be the first of many performances. In addi-

tion to home football games, the band will perform at the Indian Summer Festival, Bayside High School competition, Edenton Peanut Festival, Washington Colonial Classic and East Carolina University homecoming parade before traveling to Philadelphia. The next weekend will find them back in Hertford for the annual Perquimans County Christmas parade.

Last year, the band added numerous awards to its packed trophy case, and has consistently earned superior ratings at competitions.

Anyone interested in making a donation to help defer expenses of the Philadelphia trip may contact Band Booster co-presidents David and Celeste Gray, Booster treasurer Shirley Manley or director David Ziemba.

Town may recast bridge fishing ordinance

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

"Reconsideration had started before tonight," Hertford Town Councilman Erie Haste told a delegation opposed to the town's new ordinance banning fishing from the town's bridges at the council's Monday night meeting.

Responding to numerous complaints about problems with some bridge fishermen, council told Town Manager John Christensen in May to find out exactly what steps would have to be taken to ban fishing from the bridges. Christensen immediately called state DOT officials for information.

On June 11, the council voted to curtail fishing from the S-bridge, Skinner's bridge and Walter's bridge.

Christensen said no one showed up at that meeting to speak against the ban. Town attorney Walter Edwards did report that he had received telephone calls prior to the meeting asking that the bridges not be closed to fishing.

Monday night, Willie Felton and George Riddick presented council with a petition containing over 100 signatures requesting that the board reconsider its ordinance.

Riddick asked what problems had occurred to halt fishing from the bridges, and said he and other fishermen would be willing to help police the area to stop whatever problems had occurred. He said those fishing were taxpayers. People who can not afford to buy a boat have no other way to fish except to use the

bridges, he added.

Riddick also said there was insufficient notice regarding the decision to ban fishing. The Perquimans Weekly newspaper ran a front page story on May 16 about the town council authorizing Christensen to get information regarding not allowing fishing from the bridges. Action on the matter was not taken until June 11.

Mayor pro tem Billy Winslow told the group that there have been problems with fishing from the bridges for a couple of years.

"We have had problems, problems, problems with fishing on the bridges," Winslow said.

He added that council is "contemplating" the issue, but will make no changes for the next few weeks because the state will close the bridge for

repairs on Aug. 19. The renovation is expected to take 30-45 days. Winslow said council will reconsider at that time.

Those who had asked council to stop the bridge fishing had cited problems such as alcohol consumption, littering, parking on private property, public urination, loud talking late at night, children running freely on the bridges, fishing lines being cast into passing cars, fishermen walking into the path of traffic and people fishing from the side of the S-bridge with no sidewalk.

The reconsideration will include only the S bridge.

Council OKs B&Bs

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

Groans and grunts from the audience followed the Hertford Town Council's unanimous vote Monday night to approve the planning and zoning board's recommendation to allow bed and breakfast facilities in R-10 zones with conditional use permits.

Two residents of R-10 zones spoke against passing the ordinance.

JoAnne Morris said those opposed to the ordinance would not be so concerned if the town did not have such a poor track record of enforcing its ordinances. She cited five instances she said showed the town had been ineffective in forcing compliance with zoning ordinances.

The Market Street resident also charged that neither the application submitted to change the ordinance to allow bed and breakfasts nor the planning board followed the town's ordinances. She also said that the town has allowed people to use properties in violation of its ordinances.

But town attorney Walter Edwards strongly disagreed with Morris, backing his assertion with the town's ordinance book. He argued that council has the final say on zoning issues.

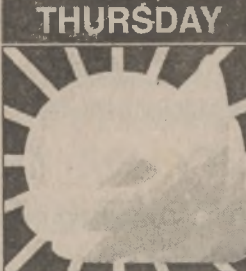


Morris said restrictions in the ordinance are too vague and should contain stricter stipulations. She also said there is no guarantee that facilities will be "upscale."

Mayor pro tem Billy Winslow said Christensen, in his role as zoning officer, would monitor bed and breakfast facilities. He said in the past the town did not have a zoning officer. Bed and breakfasts are also monitored by the health department, Winslow said.

Planning and zoning board chairman Carlton Davenport said the board acts with "good and honorable intentions." He said board members realize that their actions have economic and social implications, and take their responsibilities seriously. If the July 25 hearing was not valid, Davenport offered to hold a second hearing on the issue. Edwards said he saw no legal problems with the hearing or the board's actions.

Councilman Erie Haste prefaced his motion to accept the planning board's recommendation with support for the planning board. Haste said council carefully selects board members. He said when board members study an issue and have "sincere recommendations," council should review the recommendations positively.

Outside

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