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PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Friends of Perquimans History member Nancy Rascoe gives TV news personality Bob West a history lesson in Hertford last week. West was in town filming a segment for his series "Points West." In addition to a cameraman, Rascoe and West were accompanied on Hertford's historic walking tour by those who helped update and expand the tour this summer.

Historic Hertford to be on "Points West"

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

Bob West meandered through Hertford last Wednesday, taking in the sites along the path of the walking tour of historic Hertford.

West, host of the television news spot "Points West," came at the invitation of Nancy Rascoe, co-owner of 1812 on the Perquimans and a member of Friends of Perquimans History. Rascoe said West called her to see if there was anything special happening at her Old Neck bed-and-breakfast, and she took the opportunity to invite West to highlight Hertford's walking tour.

The walking tour has been updated with new signs in front of historic buildings. It has also been expanded to include buildings significant to the town's history that did

not appear on the earlier tour.

The new emphasis on the walking tour was brought about through the efforts of the Friends of Perquimans History, The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and Perquimans County Schools.

Contributing to the updated tour guidebook and signage were Raymond Winslow and Dru Haley, researchers; Perquimans County Schools through the Learn and Serve America Program; Mrs. John Crawford, Mrs. Philip McMullan and Mrs. Charles Murry, editors; Joe Tunnell and Peter Rascoe, who made the markers; Mrs. Kenneth Waters, William Darrow and Mrs. David Gilbert, who lettered the signs; and The Perquimans Weekly, layout.

In addition to the walking tour, the Chamber of

Commerce through its Historic District Committee and the Town of Hertford have joined forces to establish a Hertford Historic District to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Architectural consultant Beth Keane has been retained by the Chamber to perform the research and complete the nomination. The \$9,000 project is being funded by the Chamber (\$6,500) and the town (\$2,500). As cultural tourism is one of the fastest-growing economic catalysts in the state, both the Chamber and the town hope that through National Register inclusion, the town will draw tourists.

West did not indicate when the segment will air. Rascoe said she will notify The Perquimans Weekly so the time and date can be published when West calls her.

Trick-or-treat time changes

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

The Town of Hertford wants more treats than tricks on Halloween this year.

The council unanimously moved Monday night to designate Saturday, Nov. 1 from 3-5 p.m. as the time for trick-or-treating in Hertford.

The effort to have children trick-or-treat during daylight hours was spearheaded by The Perquimans Weekly because of safety concerns. Last year, a child was seriously injured after darting out in front of a vehicle on Halloween night. The child was not supervised by an adult and was wearing dark clothing.

This year, Perquimans County High School will be observing homecoming on Halloween. A homecoming parade is scheduled for 4 p.m., with the football game at 7:30 p.m. The homecoming activities will increase traffic in town, and many of those drivers will be young and less experienced.

Law enforcement would also be stretched with officers covering the ball game and try-

ing to patrol the streets.

With these facts in mind, the newspaper began a campaign Friday to change the time children trick-or-treat for safety purposes.

"I think this would be a very prudent way to go," said Hertford councilman Sid Eley after hearing the newspaper's proposal. "I fully endorse this."

Also a member of the fire department and rescue squad, Eley said he knew first-hand how difficult negotiating Halloween traffic can be, and how dangerous.

Hertford's interim police chief Dale Vanscoy said he supported the safety initiative.

"I don't want to see another incident happen like last year," Vanscoy said referring to the traffic accident. "I think this is the safest way to go."

The Perquimans County Commissioners and Town of Winfall have endorsed the plan, and strongly recommend that everyone in Perquimans County trick-or-treat on Saturday from 3-5 p.m.

Fourteen other organizations endorsed the change.

Local teens killed in accident

By GINGER LIVINGSTON
The Daily Advance

Two teenagers died instantly on Oct. 7 when they were hit by a car while helping a friend who had fallen from the back of their pickup truck on the Camden Causeway.

The accident happened near the George Wood Park around 9 p.m. First Sgt. C.D. Gould of the N.C. Highway Patrol said.

The victims were Henry Vernon Edward Knighton, 19, of Okisko, and Karen Marie Devereaux, 15, of Winfall.

Gould said the teenagers had been at the park with two friends, a 23-year-old man and a girl believed to be 14 years old. The names of the victims' friends were not included in the Highway Patrol report.

Troopers could not determine if any of the four friends were drinking, but they did find evidence of alcohol in the back of the pickup truck.

The group left the park in a Ford Ranger pickup truck. Knighton was driving and Devereaux was in the cab with him. Their two friends were riding in the back, Gould said.

"The truck pulled onto N.C. Highway 158 into the westbound lane. The 23-year-old fell out of the truck," Gould said. Initially, the driver did not realize he lost one of his passengers. When the girl in the back got his attention, Knighton went back for his fallen friend.

He stopped the truck in the highway's eastbound lane.

The driver and the 15-year-old girl got out of the truck to assist the fallen man who was lying in the center of the highway, Gould said.

"At least one car stopped on the westbound lane shoulder to assist them," Gould said. But a passenger car driven by Edward Ray Hutchinson, 55, of Hertford, struck the two teenagers who were apparently stooping in the westbound lane to assist the friend.

It does not appear charges will be filed against the driver of the passenger car, Gould said. Evidence shows his vehicle was within the 45 m.p.h. speed limit and was in the proper lane, according to Highway patrol Sgt. M.B. Miller.

Firefighters educate students

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

Children are taught that firefighters are the good guys. But for some little ones already traumatized by having their home in flames, the sight of a firefighter in full turn-out gear can appear to be a character straight out of a horror movie.

To help children overcome that fear, members of the Hertford Fire Department showed Hertford Grammar School students step-by-step how firefighters put on gear, and why each piece is important last Thursday. The demonstration and safety lesson was held in conjunction with National Fire Prevention Week.

Hertford fire chief Sid Eley stood at the back of one of his department's fire trucks as he donned his turn-out gear, including air pack. He told the children exactly how he would look and sound if he had to visit their home to fight fire. Eley said the department felt the demonstration was important because in some cases, fear of firefighters in the turn-out gear has cost the lives of children.

Another common response to fire is hesitation.

"Too often, people don't react when a fire alarm sounds," said Meri-K Appy, vice president for public education of the National Fire Prevention Association.



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The Hertford Fire Department observed National Fire Prevention Week with an educational program at Hertford Grammar School. Fire chief Sid Eley demonstrated how firefighters put on each piece of turn-out gear and how a firefighter might look when called to the scene of a fire.

"Particularly in public settings, people tend to wait to see how others respond. We know from tragic fire incidents that a quick, decisive response is often what makes the difference between life and death in a fire."

This year's Fire Prevention Week theme was, "Know When to Go: React Fast to Fire!"

Eley strongly supports efforts to improve public

responsiveness, and stresses the important of escape planning in any location.

"No matter where you are, or what type of building you're in, if a fire breaks out, it's too late to start developing a plan," Eley said. "You've got to know how to respond immediately in a variety of situations, and take early warning signs of fire seriously."

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PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting last Thursday for Absolute Mirrors by Barbie, owned and operated by Barbara and Lance Powell on Harvey Point Road.

New business opens

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

Barbara Powell's small shop on Harvey Point Road is more than just an outlet for her crafts and grocery items. It's a testament to the memory of her father, Junious Zachary.

Powell and her husband, Lance, opened the shop, which is home to Absolute Mirrors by Barbie and a small grocery store, to offer residents in the community and campers at nearby Hertford Campground a convenient stopping point to pick up necessities. And in memory of Barbara's father, she will deliver within five miles of the store until 6 p.m. as a convenience to those who are shut-in or unable to drive

to her store.

Barbara has been handcrafting floral designs and mirrored plaques for several years. The opportunity to expand her business and offer more personal service took her to the new Harvey Point Road location.

Hattie Zachary, Barbara's mother, has had a great impact on her life, as did her father.

Ironically, Barbara's telephone number at the shop is 426-9111, easy to remember when one considers that 911 is the standard emergency number.

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting for the Powells last Thursday.

Outside

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