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Show a positive attitude.

Boswell dies Thursday

Clara Mason Boswell, educator, former Chowan County commissioner, U.S. Rep. Eva Clayton's area liaison, and Ruritan Albemarle District governor, died suddenly last Thursday night.

Boswell, a stalwart supporter of education and human services, died around 10 p.m. The cause of her death was not available by press time.

Boswell was well-known in Perquimans County in education, civic and political circles.

Boswell joined the staff of Rep. Clayton in 1993 as a liaison to the area. She was in touch with local government officials to assess the needs of the area on Rep. Clayton's behalf.

She was also known by member's of the county's growing Ruritan clubs in her role as Ruritan Albemarle District governor.

Boswell was a teacher and principal from 1954 to 1991, working in Perquimans, as well as Chowan and Pasquotank counties.

Rep. Clayton's spokeswoman Veda Lamar said Boswell was a dedicated employee and will be missed by Clayton's staff and the entire community.



PHOTO BY SUSAN R. HARRIS

The dining room of Julian Winslow was decked out for Christmas by Smith's Jewelry and Fine Gifts and Dozier's Florist for Tablescapes, a fall fundraiser for the Newbold-White House.

Tablescapes nets \$1,000 for PCRA

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

Over \$1,000 was raised for the Newbold-White House through Tablescapes last Wednesday.

Jewelers, gift shop owners and florists from Perquimans, Chowan and Pasquotank counties turned seven Front Street dining rooms into showrooms, showing just what their prod-

ucts look like when they are taken from store shelves and used in the home.

"We are thrilled with the turnout," said co-chair of the event, Mary Alice Brinn. "We had had a lot of people come from Chowan and Pasquotank counties in addition to those from Perquimans."

Each dining room was decorated with a theme. Themes included Weekend Brunch,

New Year's Eve Party, Cocitails at 8:00 and Morning After, Bridal Luncheon, Autumn-Thankingsgiving, Golden Wedding Anniversary and Christmas Holidays. Business participants were Bradshaw's Jewelers, Lynn James, Clown'N Around, Pritchard's Florist, Selig's, Belk, Jeffrey's Greenworld & Florist, Vaughan's Fine Jewelry and Gifts, Byrum Gift

Shop, Evans Florist, Smith's Jewelry & Fine Gifts, Dozier's Florist and Edenton Floral Company.

The event ended at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Parish House with a tea featuring the culinary delights of Elizabeth Ashley, Catering by Annette, Dram Tree Catering, Nancy Hagan, Kathy's Kreations and Soundside Grille.

School system joins education consortium

Collaborative program helps educate teachers, prospective teachers

Perquimans County Schools received approval recently to join the North Carolina Model Teacher Education Consortium, according to schools superintendent Randall Henion.

Henion was informed by Consortium Executive Director Jean P. Murphy of Perquimans' acceptance into the program.

The Consortium is a partnership of selected schools, five colleges and universities, three community colleges and the State Department of Public Instruction. Through the consortium, teachers and prospective teachers may further their educations through undergraduate and graduate college courses, undergraduate and graduate advising sessions, cultural immersion opportuni-

ties, and seminars. Special financial assistance is available during the student teaching experience.

"This is one of the best opportunities for teachers and staff that I have been involved with at the state or national level," Henion said. "I'm excited about the opportunities this will provide for employees of Perquimans County Schools."

The Consortium is a collaborative effort originated in 1989 to address the critical shortage of teachers in rural northeastern North Carolina. By making college courses both accessible and affordable, the Consortium is growing a pool of its own teachers who have very strong roots in the geographic area.

The Consortium is funded by the General Assembly, participating school systems, private foundations and government grants. Employees of Perquimans County Schools are eligible to participate and will learn more about the program at an information session on Nov. 13.

"Our board is committed to providing opportunities for

continuing education and staff development for faculty and staff," Henion said. "This is like a dream come true for our staff and I'm excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for employees that choose to participate."

Participating schools districts include Bertie, Gates, Granville, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton, Vance, and Warren county school systems, as well as Roanoke Rapids City and Weldon City schools.

The colleges and universities participating are Chowan College, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, North Carolina Central University and North Carolina Wesleyan College. Halifax Community College, Roanoke-Chowan Community College and Vance-Granville Community College are also participants.

From January 1990 through May 1997, 620 employees of the participating school systems have utilized the Consortium for undergraduate studies, while 855 have taken graduate

courses.

The financial assistance tied to the program has greatly helped relieve the economic worries of higher education. For example, undergraduate students taking Consortium courses pay \$40 tuition. The Consortium pays the remaining tuition and for textbooks. The Consortium also pays \$500 per month for three months plus tuition during student teaching. Students can take up to six semester hours per year of on-campus courses paid for by the Consortium.

According to its mission statement, the Consortium is a collaborative effort to provide affordable, accessible, high-quality education and training to aspiring and practicing educators in participating schools districts. The goal is to increase the number of highly qualified educators in northeastern North Carolina, and to increase the number of minority educators.

In 1996, the Consortium was recognized as a national model for its Pathways to Teaching program.

Child, 18 months, drowns in pond

By ANGELA FOREST
The Daily Advance

An 18-month-old boy drowned Wednesday morning after falling into a pond near his home.

Rudy Dale (R.J.) Cone Jr. died at 1:04 p.m. at Albemarle Hospital following an extensive effort by sheriff and rescue squad officials to revive him.

According to Perquimans County Sheriff David Lane, the boy was found by his mother, Kimberly Morgan Cone, floating in a pond a short time after he apparently wandered away from their mobile home on Red Bank Road.

Because there are ducks on the pond, Cone believes the child was trying to chase them when he fell into the water, Lane said.

When Lane arrived at the Cones' home shortly after 10:45 a.m., Kimberly Cone was receiving instructions on administering CPR to her son from Pasquotank-Camden Central Communications.

"When I saw him in the trailer, he was pulseless and breathless," Lane said. "He was also blue in color."

Lane himself began administering CPR until the Perquimans County Rescue Squad arrived about 11:10 a.m.

They transported the boy to the Perquimans-Pasquotank line where they were met by Pasquotank-Camden Emergency Medical Services officials, who transported him to Albemarle Hospital.

Lane praised all of the emergency officials who had worked to revive the boy, particularly Central Communications telecommunicator Ronnie Barefoot. Barefoot helped keep Cone calm and instructed her in CPR, Lane said.

The boy's death, which has been ruled accidental, was the first child drowning in Perquimans in three years, Lane said.

PAL to open Christmas gallery Nov. 29

The Perquimans Arts League will open its Christmas gallery on Nov. 29. The gallery will remain open for three weeks. The shop will feature handcrafted gifts of art. It will be open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays.

The gallery will be located on Courthouse Square next door to Riverwalk Gallery.

Call 426-5150 or 426-8390 for information.

Too much holiday cheer can lead to tragedy

The holidays are just around the corner. Perquimans County Sheriff David Lane said the plans of those who look forward to hosting holiday parties should include tips to keep guests from over-imbibing and driving.

Lane said there are steps party-givers can take to help insure traffic safety over the holidays.

Party-givers should always serve food if alcohol is served.

High protein and carbohydrate foods like cheese and meats are especially good. They stay in the stomach longer, which slows the rate at which the body absorbs alcohol.

Non-alcoholic beverages should always be offered as an alternative.

Guests should not be allowed to mix their own drinks. Use a bartender to control the amount of alcohol in each mixed drink. Use small

glasses for beer, wine or champagne so that guests must make repeated trips to the bar and alcohol consumption can be monitored. Never force drinks on guests.

Stop serving alcohol about two hours before the party is over. This will give time for the body to absorb alcohol. Serve coffee, non-alcoholic beverages and more food.

If a guest has had too much to drink, try to slow the guest's drinking by engaging the

guest in conversation, offering drinks with little or no alcohol, and serving high protein food. Offer to get the guest a ride home or have the guest spend the night. Only time can sober someone who has had too much to drink. Coffee, a cold shower and other methods will not make someone sober up any quicker.

Lane said parties are not really over until the last guest has arrived back at home safely.

Outside

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
High: 50s	Low: 30s	High: 50s	Low: 30s	High: 50s	Low: 30s
RAIN		RAIN		CLEARING	