

**Happenings**

**❖ School menus**

Menus for Perquimans County Schools for Sept. 7-11 are as follows:

- Monday - Labor Day Holiday
- Tuesday - Breakfast - Cinnamon triangle. Lunch - Cheeseburger or hot dog, potato wedges, baked beans, green beans, fruit cup, milk.
- Wednesday - Breakfast - Steak biscuit. Lunch - Beef sizzler or chicken fillet sandwich, fries, lima beans, managers choice vegetable, fresh fruit, milk.
- Thursday - Breakfast - Pecan spins. Lunch - Deli turkey & cheese sub or barbecue sandwich w/slaw, greens, okra, sweet potatoes, applesauce, milk.
- Friday - Breakfast - Sausage biscuit. Lunch - Sloppy Joe or beef rib sandwich, potato rounds, peas, corn, fruit, milk.

**❖ Senior nutrition site menus**

Lunch menus for the Nutrition Program for the Elderly at the Perquimans County Senior Center for Sept. 7-11 are:

- Monday - Labor Day.
- Tuesday - Smoked sausage, steamed cabbage, melon balls, potato salad, bread, jello, milk.
- Wednesday - Chicken salad, beets, applesauce, bread, cake, milk.
- Thursday - Beef tips w/gravy, vegetable medley, tossed salad, rice, roll, gravy, cookies, milk.
- Friday - Fried chicken, turnip greens, juice, sweet potato patties, roll, cake, milk.

**❖ Clinic schedule**

The Perquimans County Health Department announces its schedule for Sept. 7-11 as follows:

- Monday - Holiday
- Tuesday - Prenatal in the morning, DEC in the afternoon.
- Wednesday - Child health all day.
- Thursday - Immunizations 5-7 p.m.
- Friday - General health in the afternoon, pills/problems all day.

**❖ Midget football registration**

The Recreation Department is accepting sign-ups for Midget League football players through Friday, Sept. 4. The cost is \$20 and the restrictions are as follows: Age determined as of Oct. 15, 1998, 9 years old must weigh at least 85 pounds, 10-12 years old must weigh between 70 and 130 pounds, 13 years old must weigh 100 pounds or less.

**❖ Insulin users clinic**

There will be a clinic for insulin users at the PPCC Diabetes Care Program located at Day Break, Edgewood Shopping Center, Elizabeth City, on Sept. 9, 6-7 p.m. RSVP to 338-4370.

**❖ 1999 Birthday calendar**

The Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department is taking orders and listings for the 1999 Perquimans County Birthday Calendar. Deadline to order is Thursday, Oct. 1 Call Jennifer Layden at 297-2901, Carolyn R. Winslow at 297-2853 after 5 p.m. to order. One calendar with up to 4 listings is \$5 each, additional listing is 50 cents. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new building.

**❖ Pesticide container collections**

Rinsed pesticide containers will be collected for recycling by PCG Solid Waste Management at the convenience sites in Perquimans County at the following dates and times. Wednesday, Sept. 9, 8-10 a.m., New Hope site; 1-3 p.m. at the Hwy. 17 South site. Monday, Sept. 14, 8-10 a.m., Hwy 17 North site; and 1-3 p.m. at Center Hill Highway site. For more information about this program please contact PCG Solid Waste Management at 297-3300.

**❖ Fire department yard sale**

The Hertford Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary will hold a yard sale at the fire station on Saturday, Sept. 5. Anyone wishing to donate items for the sale should call Heather Vanscoy at 426-1881. Proceeds will benefit the Hertford Fire Department.

**❖ Bow hunting club to form**

A chapter of the Christian Bow Hunters of America is being formed in this area. A kick-off event for those interested is set for Sept. 4, 7 p.m. at the Elizabeth City First Pentecostal Holiness Church. Special guests will include Step of Faith and Dr. Wally Harder, CBA executive director. For more information, call Mark Matthews at 357-2517, David Harrell at 297-2430, Billy Briggs at 465-4146 or Barry Bridgeman at 221-8897.

**Writing is hard work**

Writing is hard work. I think we sometimes take good writing for granted, but every once in a while a book comes along that reminds me that the art of creating memorable characters take a great deal of effort, as well as creativity and skill.

The novels that recently caused me to consider the characteristics of good writing are two by Rebecca Wells, *Little Altars Everywhere* and *The Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*. Both are currently on the bestseller list and both will soon be in our collection.

Wells, an actress, playwright, and novelist, has drawn some very memorable characters. They have individual voices. The settings - Louisiana for the most part - serve as background for explorations of family relationships.

The young people who participated in our summer Writing Is Delicious! workshop probably agree with me that good writing is hard work. But the results can be most rewarding. Workshop leader Dana Hay is busy putting the finishing touches on the commemorative volume produced during the workshop. I'm looking forward to having copies available here in the library.

The Happy Bookers, the book discussion group that meets the last Monday of each month, are also interested in good writing. September's novel for discussion is *The*



**Snapshots**  
Jeri Oltman  
Perquimans County  
Librarian

*Weight of Water* by Anita Shreve. If you've read it and would like to participate in the discussion or just listen to others share their opinions, please plan to attend the September 28 meeting at 7 p.m. in the North Carolina room.

Good writing is no doubt the reason some of our newest acquisitions are so popular. *The MacGregor Brides* by Nora Roberts was cited by Waldenbooks as the Bestselling Original Contemporary Paperback at the 1998 Romance Writers of America conference. At that same conference, Kathleen Woodiwiss' *Petals on the River* was named Bestselling Original Historical paperback.

Other new books that may be of interest to you include: *Talk* by Laura Van Wormer; *The Rough Rider* by Gilbert Morris; *Fractured Fairy Tales* by A.J. Jacobs; *Backtalk: Four Steps to Ending Rude Behavior in Your Kids* by Audrey Rocker and Carolyn Crowder; *It's Only Too Late If You Don't Start Now* by Barbara Sher; *Religions Explained* by Anita Ganeri; *A County of Strangers: Blacks and Whites in America* by David K. Shieler; and *Kitchen Redos Revamps, Remodels and Replacements* by Jan Weimer.

**Recycle drink bottles**

Did you know that #1 PET plastic soft drink bottles are made out of oil and natural gas? These are the same raw materials used in the production of polyester fiber and many other plastic products. In fact, in 1996, 48.4 billion PET bottles collected in the United States were substituted for these raw materials in manufacturing.

Recycled PET bottles, including those collected in our local programs, go through some interesting processes to become a variety of products. The bottles are collected, ground into chips called "flake" and cleaned. These are three possible routes the flake may follow.

1. PET Flake can be melted and molded into new PET containers such as tennis ball containers, detergent bottles, car parts, pallet strapping, scouring pads, and cassette tape

**Waste Matters**

Anne Blindt  
Recycling Coordinator  
Albemarle Regional Solid Waste Authority

cases.

2. PET flake can be melted and spun into polyester fiber that may be used in carpets, T-shirts, sweaters, tennis shoes, caps, upholstery, and fiberfill for sleeping bags.

3. PET flake can be chemically purified and re-manufactured into new soft drink, juice, and water bottles, as well as other food containers.

The correct way to recycle PET bottles is to simply remove the lids, rinse, and flatten. You may get information from the National Soft Drink Association: [www.nsd.org](http://www.nsd.org). Or look up the National Association For Plastic Container Recovery: <http://www.napcor.com>.

**Check PC calendar**

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce keeps a calendar of county events. All organizations are asked to call the Chamber at 426-5657 as soon as dates are set for events. At the time of your call, the Chamber can tell you if something else has already been planned for that date.

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**PERQUIMANS COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE**

Except for the Sheriff's Department, Dispatch Office & Emergency Medical Services, all County Offices in the Perquimans County Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Social Services, Agricultural Extension Service, Perquimans County Library and the Perquimans County Recreation Department will be closed on Monday, September 7, 1998 for observance of Labor Day. The Water Department will be closed but emergencies may be reported to the Dispatch Office by calling 426-5751.

The Board of Commissioners Meeting scheduled for Monday, September 7th, has been changed to Tuesday, September 8, 1998, at 3:00 p.m.

N. Paul Gregory, Jr.  
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