

Seniors prepare for first senior projects

PCHS adds project to graduation requirments

Something new has been added to graduation requirements this year at Perquimans County High School. All seniors will complete a comprehensive career development project which will help use and develop skills in all areas of learning.

The Senior Project is a year long project which began with the Senior Orientation meeting last Thursday. Parents and students were provided an explanation of the requirements and timeline of the project. The project is housed in the English Department. In order for a student to receive credit for Senior English, each of the four components for the Senior Project (the research paper, the project, the portfolio and the presentation) must be successfully completed.

Seniors will be assigned an advisor and are encouraged to select a mentor in the career area of their choice, who will provide guidance and support in the Senior Project process. With the guidance of the English teacher, the advisor and the mentor, each student will select a topic to research that is related in some way to



Parents and students were informed of requirements for senior projects at Perquimans County High School during Senior Orientation Night.

the career which he or she plans to pursue.

The Perquimans County High School's Mission Statement states in part that "the staff believes that all graduating students should be prepared to meet the challenging demands of the approaching millennium. Students will demonstrate their ability to be self-directed, active, independent learners and role models by successfully researching, producing, and presenting an extended research project."

During senior orientation night at PCHS, parents and students were enlightened on one way the staff at PCHS proposes to implement the mission statement through Senior

Projects. In addition, parents and students were informed of the requirements for Senior Projects at PCHS.

The Senior Project Steering Committee at PCHS, upon the recommendation of the NC Education Standards and Accountability Commission and following Medford Oregon's Senior Project pilot program, has developed the following guidelines for Perquimans County High School's Senior Project program. The PCHS Senior Project is based upon NC Education Standards and Accountability Commissions belief statement: *The future of North Carolina rests in great part on the quality of its educa-*

tional system. The commission, therefore, has developed the following guiding principles:

- All students can learn and can achieve higher standards, especially if they know that greater effort and achievement are expected of them, and that there are consequences for nonperformance.

- The academic curriculum for all students must be rigorous and relevant to the workplace, higher education, and the real world.

- Rigorous and relevant assessment is essential, because it drives curriculum design and instruction.

- Performance benchmarks through the school years must be established at a high level and must measure progress on a continuous basis.

For additional information on Senior Projects, please feel free to contact Kay Whitley at 426-5778 or 426-7769.

Other members of the PCHS Senior Project Steering Committee include Earl Willis, Georgia Stallings, Robin Ward-Dassler, Kim Tyson, Heather Ickes, Wendy Stover, Tonya Little-Williams, Margaret Brothers, and Sandy Meads.

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Teaching Fellows applications here

Students considering a career in education can get financial assistance through the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program.

Students selected as Teaching Fellows receive a \$20,000 scholarship loan from the state, payable in \$5,000 annual increments. The full loan is forgiven after the Fellow has completed four years of teaching in North Carolina public schools or three years of teaching in a system designated as low performing on warning status. In addition to the financial assistance, Teaching Fellows take

part in unique academic and summer enrichment programs during their college career.

"In order to meet the increasing demands for top quality teachers for North Carolina's public schools, the (Teaching Fellows) program was created by the General Assembly in 1986, upon the recommendation of the Public School Forum of North Carolina," said Jo Ann Norris, Associate Executive Director of the Public School Forum and administrator of the Teaching Fellows Program.

Since its inception, the program has become known as

the top teacher recruiting program in the country.

The goals of the program is to attract top high school seniors to become education majors and ultimately public school teachers. Fourteen institutions participate in the program.

A Fellow may also repay the scholarship through service as a social psychologist, school social worker, school counselor, speech pathologist or media specialist.

For information about the program and applications, see PCHS guidance counselor John Wells.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BOND ORDER AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWN OF HERTFORD, IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$4,800,000 TO PAY CAPITAL COST OF PROVIDING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hertford, North Carolina (the Town) by resolution adopted August 10, 1998 stated its proposal to issue general obligation bonds.

WHEREAS, the Town has applied to the North Carolina Local Government Commission the ("LGC") for its approval of such bonds, and the LGC has notified the Town of its acceptance of such application;

BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hertford, North Carolina, as follows:

1. There are hereby ordered to be issued general obligation bonds of the Town to pay capital cost of providing water system improvement, including without limitation facilities for the supply, storage, treatment and distribution of water, and wastewater system improvements, including without limitation facilities for the treatment and collection of wastewater. The bonds issued for this purpose may be combined for the sale with bonds authorized for similar or different purposes.
2. The maximum aggregate principal amount of the bonds issued for such purpose shall be \$4,800,000.
3. Taxes will be levied in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds so issued, to the extent other funds (such as utility charges) are not otherwise available and appropriate for such purpose.
4. A sworn statement of debt prepared by the Town Manager has been filed with the Town Clerk. Such sworn statement of debt is hereby accepted by the Board and is available for public inspection.
5. The actions of the Mayor, Town Manager, and the Town Clerk in filing an application with the LGC for its approval of the issuance of such bonds are hereby ratified confirmed and approved. The form of such application, a copy of which had been made available to the Board at this meeting, is hereby approved.
6. This Bond Order shall take effect when approved by voters.

The foregoing order has been introduced and a sworn statement of debt has been filed under the Local Government Bond Act showing the appraised value of the Town of Hertford, North Carolina, to be \$9,060,151 and the net debt thereof, including the proposed bonds, to be \$4,955,077. A tax may be levied to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds if they are issued, to the extent other funds (such as water and sewer utility charges) are not available and appropriated for such purpose. Anyone who wishes to be heard on the question of the validity of the bond order and the advisability of issuing the bonds may appear at a public hearing or an adjournment thereof to be held at the Municipal Building, Hertford, North Carolina at 7:00 p.m., on September 23, 1998.

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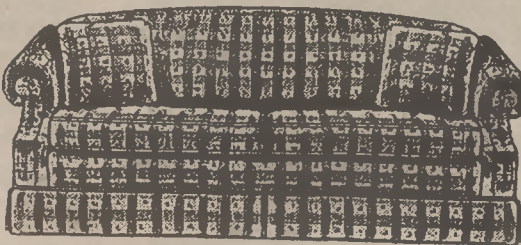


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