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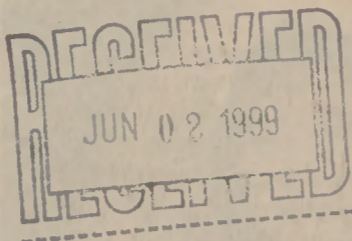
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## Rominger is Winfall postmaster

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 Editor

Every morning, Ken Rominger puts on his sea legs to navigate the wavy floors of the 100-year-old U.S. Post office building in Winfall.

The new postmaster weighs mail on an old, manual scale, which is calibrated by hand each morning. There is also a manual post-marking machine at the site, probably built between 1910 and 1929 from what Rominger has learned.

The service at the post office has maintained the personal touch customers have come to expect, while moving forward with a credit card machine and the latest stamps.

With 240 post office boxes and no delivery, one might think Rominger sits and looks out the window all day, bored with his job. Not so.

"For a small post office, we do big business," Rominger said. "It's great. It's fun to work here. We do a lot of business."

Rominger said it's convenient for employees at Winfall's two schools and parents of the students to drop by in the morning or afternoon. And his box holders generally stop by daily, so quite a bit of traffic is generated at the corner of N.C. 37 and Catherine Street.

Winfall native Shirley Yates said there's been a post office at the intersection as long as she can remember. The Perquimans County commissioner said before moving to its current home, the post office sat catty-corner in buildings no longer open.

Rominger has been digging through old records at the post office. He wants to piece together as much post office history as he can. Folks who might have information or photographs about the post office and town history are asked to contact Rominger.

The new postmaster is not new to Winfall or the postal service. Rominger married county native Barbara Dail and the couple moved to Winfall in 1994. Both have become active in the community. They belong to the local restoration association. Barbara is an Albemarle Hospital Volunteer, and Ken is a chamber member and chairman of the Winfall Planning and Zoning Board. They also enjoy spending time with family - Donald and Debbie Ayscue and sons Craig and Jonathan of Hertford, Beverly of Newport News, Va., and Ian and Suzanne Rominger and son Jacob of Newman, Ill.

The Air Force veteran was acting director of Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow, 1983-84. Rominger has over 13 years with the postal service.

He was officially sworn in by Tara Wesley, Post Office Operations Manager for this area of the Greensboro District, on May 20. Wesley said Rominger was chosen for the job in part because he felt that he was a part of the Winfall community.

"To me, it's a real privilege to have the job," Rominger said. He said his goal is to have the best post office in the state.

Winfall Post Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-noon and 2-4:45 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

## April Clean-Up/Fix-Up winners noted



PHOTO BY SUSAN R. HARRIS

Winners of the county's April Clean Up/Fix Up contest were awarded prizes donated by individuals and businesses last week at Farmers Feed and Seed. At the presentation were (left to right) Vicky Winslow, Tony Lane of Farmers Feed and Seed, Charles Ward, Jim Nodurft of Albemarle Plantation, Cheryl White, Mike White, Jane McMahon of Covent Garden Inn, Linda Morris and Shirley Yates.

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
 Editor

The spiffiest lawns in Perquimans earned accolades from the county recently.

The county sponsored a contest in conjunction with its April Clean Up/Fix Up Campaign. Residential lawns were entered for judging in the best kept or most improved category. Businesses were also judged. The contest was coordinated by Lewis Smith, Perquimans Cooperative Extension Director.

Winners were: Best Kept Residential - Vicky and Stanley Winslow, first place, Mike and Cheryl White, runners up; Most Improved Residential - Thomas and Linda Morris; and Best Kept Business - Covent Garden Inn (Jane McMahon).

Charles Ward gave a \$100 savings bond for the Best Kept Residential. Shirley Yates and Bert Hayes gave a \$100 savings bond for Most Improved Residential. Farmers Feed and

Seed gave a \$25 gift certificate for Best Kept Residential runners-up. Albemarle Plantation offered dinner for four for Best Kept Business. To all of the winners, Lyl Brown of Brown's Landscaping and Hauling gave \$25 in supplies or service.

The contest was approved by the County Commissioners at the request of Chairman Charles Ward. He said the contest was a way the county could encourage residents to spruce up properties so Perquimans could put its best face forward for visitors expected in May. He also volunteered to purchase a savings bond as a prize. During that discussion, commissioner Yates said the contest should include a most improved category. She and commissioner Hayes agreed to co-sponsor that prize. The businesses joined after hearing about the contest.

April was declared Clean-Up/Fix-Up Month by the county and both its municipalities.

## HERTFORD, HUNTER HIGHLIGHTED ON FOX Segment to broadcast Sunday



Hertford pharmacist Charles Woodard, a long-time friend of Jim "Catfish" Hunter (above), is interviewed in his Church Street drug store last Wednesday for a show about the pitching legend scheduled for Sunday on Fox Sports Network. Woodard's has become a sort of clearinghouse for ALS information. Ed Nixon and Pete Hunter (right) share memories of growing up with Jimmy and his friends with Keith Vaughan, minister of the Hertford Baptist Church in the booths in the back of Woodard's Pharmacy.



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## RELAY is success

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
 Editor

Over \$86,000 in research and education funds were donated to the American Cancer Society through the Chowan-Perquimans RELAY for Life in late May.

The most touching tribute to the importance of cancer research, according to Perquimans County RELAY contact Brenda Newbern, was the sight of 100 cancer survivors walking a victory lap during the weekend ceremonies.

Another moving highlight of the 24-hour fund raiser was the lighting of the 372 luminaries that lined the track at Edenton/Holmes High School, site of the annual event.

The Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation team claimed the Spirit Award. The Snooky Bond Award for best all around went to Layden's Day Care.

The walk featured a gold team, meaning at least \$400 per team member was raised; five silver teams, raising at least \$250 per team member; and seven bronze teams, raising at least \$150 per team member.

The total raised includes funds raised by teams, registration fees, business donations, luminaries and T-shirt sales.

## Dail Nixon is valedictorian of PCHS class of 1999



Dail M. Nixon



Andrew R. Harris



Ashley E. Hurdle

Two important dates are around the corner for the 102-member PCHS class of 1999.

Baccalaureate services will be Sunday, June 6 at 3 p.m. at Hertford United Methodist Church. Guest speaker for the service will be James P. "Pat" Harrell, superintendent of Perquimans County Schools when the class entered kindergarten in 1986. The PCHS chorus will sing under the direction of Lynwood Winslow. Several local ministers will take part in the program.

Graduation exercises are scheduled for Friday, June 11 at 8 p.m. at Memorial Field. Valedictorian Dail M. Nixon

and co-salutatorians Andrew Harris and Ashley Hurdle will be among those class members to speak during the ceremony. Nixon is the daughter of Fenton and Janet Cartwright. Harris is the son of Phil and Susan Harris. Hurdle is the daughter of Donald and Dina Hurdle.

In case of rain, the ceremony will be moved inside to the gymnasium. Each graduate will be allowed five admission tickets if the ceremony is moved inside due to space limitations. The decision will be made early on graduation morning, according to PCHS principal Elaine Pritchard.