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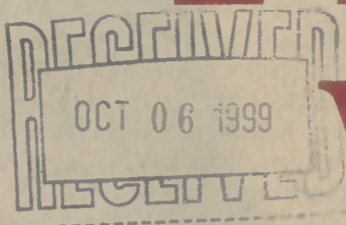
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## Hertford gets azaleas for town park

From Staff Reports

Volunteer efforts combined with those of town officials are paying off for the Hertford town park.

The town was one of only 145 non-profit organizations across North Carolina recently chosen to receive a special award from Keep North Carolina Clean & Beautiful, Inc. The award will provide 50 azaleas to frame the new tennis courts in the town's park on Academy Square.

The award came after the town applied for assistance through the KNCCB 1999 Azalea Celebration for the landscape project at the park. The project is chaired by volunteer Jo Ann Morris.

The park is almost completely free of vegetation after several large, old oak trees had to be cut down due to disease. Morris and other Hertford residents requested that the town take action to replace the trees. As a result, council appointed Morris to head a committee to restore the park's greenery.

In addition to the azaleas,



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The now-bare Hertford park on Academy Square will glow with color this spring as 50 azaleas from the Keep North Carolina Clean & Beautiful, Inc. Azalea Celebration program bloom. Landscape renovation committee coordinators are seeking donations of trees, needed materials and labor to upgrade the landscaping in the park.

committee members hope the park will become home to a variety of trees. Donations from individuals and groups in honor or in memory of someone are being accepted. Each tree will be marked by a plaque

indicating in whose honor it has been donated. The town is also seeking donations of funds to buy mulch, fertilizer and other planting needs. In addition, volunteers, either individuals or groups, are

being sought to help nurse the young plants along.

Hardy species indigenous to the area have been suggested for planting by horticulturists and others familiar with native plants. A list of species and prices is available at the town office from town manager John Christensen at 426-1969 or Morris (426-5309). The contacts will also accept cash donations and sign up volunteers to help with planting and/or maintenance.

About 11,000 plants were awarded this year to 145 schools, churches, youth groups, garden clubs, scouts and civic groups across North Carolina that work to enhance their cities, parks, and roadways for everyone's enjoyment. The Annual Azalea Celebration is administered by KNCCB, sponsored by WRAL-TV 5 and MIX 101.5 FM Radio, and funded in part by the A.J. Fletcher Foundation.

The one-gallon azaleas available through the program were grown from cuttings taken from the WRAL-TV gardens in

Raleigh 3 years ago. The gardens are a special project created by the late A.J. Fletcher, former president of Capitol Broadcasting Company and founder of WRAL. About 135,000 plants have been awarded to non-profits during the last 14 years of the Azalea Celebration.

Because the town received the award this year, it will be eligible to compete for the Fletcher award which will be given in 2002. This award goes to the non-profit that maintains its project best over the next 3 years. First place carries a \$500 cash award and another 100 azaleas. Second place is \$250 cash and 50 azaleas, and third place awards \$50 and 25 azaleas.

The oldest of the state's environmental education non-profit organizations, Keep North Carolina Clean & Beautiful, Inc. was founded by Governor and Mrs. Dan K. Moore in 1966.

For more information, write KNCCB, P.O. Box 12943, Raleigh, NC 27605-2943.

## Board hires writing facilitator for HGS

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 Correspondent

The Perquimans County School Board unanimously voted to hire a full time writing facilitator for Hertford Grammar School in regular session on Sept. 27.

The position replaces the Spanish teacher whose tenure had ended; therefore, the position does not require more money out of the school's budget.

"This position came about in lieu of the low writing scores," said Hertford Grammar principal Edward J. Williams. Less than 39 percent of fourth graders tested on or above grade level on the state end-of-course writing test last year. "The whole county is pushing writing," said Williams.

The goal is for 50 percent of fourth graders to test on or above grade level on this year's test.

"We're trying to meet the needs of our present students with our current resources," Williams said.

Linda Hawes filled the position two weeks prior to the board meeting. Hawes previously taught fifth grade in Pasquotank County Schools, and completed the Principal Fellows Program. She also taught first grade for many years in the Pasquotank system.

As writing facilitator, Hawes teaches the students in six-day intervals with large and small groups.

"We feel that if we have more large and smaller group instruction in writing, it should help our scores improve," stated Williams; however, this is not a program for teaching the test. Hawes is giving the students holistic instruction in writing. She is teaching the writing process, and, though the fourth graders will be tested on the narrative only, she is also teaching the other three domains of writing.

"The point is an educated and happy child," said Hawes. "It (writing) is one of the most valuable tools in the child's education toolbox. "It also has a profound cathartic value."

## Hertford house up for restoration

Another historic structure in Perquimans County is available for restoration through Preservation North Carolina.

Preservation North Carolina has an option to purchase the Darien P. Daughtrey House (ca. 1866) on the corner of West Academy and Grubb streets. The imposing two-story structure has served as the headquarters of the William Paul Stallings Post No. 126 of The American Legion since the mid- to late 1960s.

The house is located in the Hertford Historic District of the National Register of Historic Places. Because it has been deemed to contribute to the historic significance of the district, a purchaser of the property may be eligible for state and federal income tax credits based on a percentage of the purchaser's actual rehabilitation costs.

"The preservation of the Darien P. Daughtrey House in Hertford will highlight the advantages of the town having a Historic District on the

National Register," Rascoe said. "Hopefully many more restorations in the new district will follow as credits against income taxes are a definite advantage!"

The house is a three-bay, two-story house with attached hip roof porch built during the third quarter of the 19th century. The porch was formerly of double tier form. Although many changes have occurred to the exterior and particularly the interior of the house, it features many interesting stylistic characteristics such as door and window detailing with sidelights and symmetrical surrounds.

Other Preservation North Carolina historic properties restored in Hertford are the George Major Carriage House at 104 Dobbs Street and the Winslow-Elliott-Dozier House at 128 Market Street.

For information, contact Peter Rascoe or Claudia Deviney at PNC's Northeast Regional Office, 420 Elliott St., Edenton, NC 27932, 482-7455.

## PERQUIMANS STILL PERFECT



PHOTO BY JOHN E. ABERNATHY

Perquimans County junior Ashley Copeland delivers a spike during the Lady Pirates' four-set Northeastern-Albemarle Conference win over Williamston Wednesday. Perquimans' raised its unbeaten record to 10-0.

## MARCHING PIRATES WIN TROPHIES



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

The PCHS Marching Pirates collected seven trophies at the Peanut Festival in Edenton Saturday. Drum majors and senior captains proudly show off awards for first place parade, third place band in Class 3-A, first place drum majors, first place percussion, second place horn line and second place color guard. Perquimans also earned the Marvin Shaw award for overall high scorer in both the parade and field competitions. The band will travel to Jacksonville Saturday and to Snow Hill on Oct. 23.

## Farmers may qualify for crop loss funds

From Staff Reports

First it was dry, then it was wet. And local farmers suffered for it.

Perquimans farmers may qualify for both drought and flood disaster relief through programs administered by the Farm Service Agency.

On Aug. 25, the Secretary of Agriculture declared a major disaster area in North Carolina due to damages and losses caused by drought, which occurred March 1-September 11. All counties in the state are eligible for assistance.

Farmers in Pasquotank, Currituck, Camden, Perquimans, Chowan and Gates counties may apply for emergency loans for physical

and production losses through April 25, 2000.

President Clinton declared 66 of the state's counties a major disaster area due to damages and losses caused by Hurricane Floyd. Perquimans is among those counties.

Farmers may apply for Farm Service Agency emergency loans for hurricane damage losses until May 16, 2000.

Kent Sawyer is the contact person for information about emergency loans for both declared disasters. He is headquartered at the Farm Service Agency office at 512 South Church Street, Hertford, in the Albemarle Commission Building. The phone number is 426-5802.

## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
 High: 60s  
 Low: 40s  
 MOSTLY SUNNY

FRIDAY  
 High: 60s  
 Low: 40s  
 MOSTLY SUNNY

SATURDAY  
 High: 60s  
 Low: 40s  
 MOSTLY SUNNY