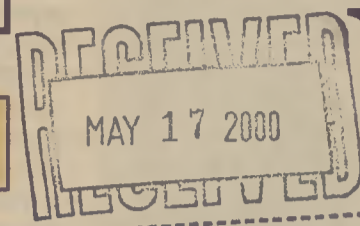


Lady Pirates to play for state championship

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Old Timer's Day draws hundreds to PCHS

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It was exactly what a day on the diamond should be: fun.

The annual Old Timer's Day games and activities brought out young and old alike to enjoy a day of baseball and softball, and raise money for the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation and the Perquimans County Athletic Boosters.

Hundreds of folks baked in the unseasonably warm sun Saturday as they watched a softball game, two baseball games and two homerun derbies at Perquimans High School.

Some who enjoyed the day got an early start, attending the 7 p.m. prayer breakfast at which the guest speaker was Clyde King. King, who lives in

Goldsboro, is a special assistant to New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner. The former major league pitcher and manager has had a interesting, long career in baseball.

Once the action moved to the ball park, it began to look as if PCHS was hosting a multi-year class reunion and family reunion in one. Brothers, sisters, father and sons, aunts, uncles and cousins picked up bats.

Because the Lady Pirates played Saturday night in the third round of the state play-offs, they could not face a team of Old Timer's at noon as scheduled. So two teams of former players, joined by several middle school softball players, faced off.

The high school homerun derby was for bragging rights

as teammates alternately taunted and cheered each other. Nick Proctor won the contest.

The open derby was a special event for winner Marvin Hunter Jr. The nephew of Catfish Hunter, Hunter played baseball at PCHS for four years until his graduation in 1978. The oldest participant in the contest, Hunter tied with Eric Byrum in round one before winning it in the extra round. His pitcher was his father, himself known throughout the area as an outstanding player.

"I'm telling you, I wouldn't take a million dollars for this," Hunter said as he shook Byrum's hand. "Having my daddy pitching to me and winning this, this is just something I'll never forget.

"Thank you for letting an old man win this," he said to Byrum.

The first baseball game pitted a team of players mostly from the 1970s and 1980s against the JV squad.

Before the varsity game, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Hunter, out of the dug-out for the first time during an Old Timer's Day game.

"And now, as he would have wanted, play ball!" announcer Mark Winslow said to end the tribute to Hunter.

For the headliner, players from the 1963 state championship team and other 1960s-era players faced off against the varsity team. In the later innings, some of the younger former PCHS stars entered the game.

The father-son tradition of Old Timer's continued as Justin Roberson K'd his dad,

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Daily Advance photo.

Former baseball players Jim Pagliaroni (left) and Steve Farris sign autographs for fans during Saturday's Old Timer's Day. Pagliaroni caught Hunter's perfect game for the A's, and now serves as marketing director of the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation.

Tour to highlight history

Perquimans is not only home to the oldest surviving brick house in the state, it is also the land of a treasure trove of distinctive, important architectural finds.

And while last year's spring homes tour drew hundreds of out-of-towners, many locals did not take advantage of the opportunity to tour these historically significant buildings. So Perquimans will welcome its guests this weekend, but organizers also hope that home folks will take in the county's rich history.

Tickets for Friday's supper on the courthouse lawn are \$5. A five-piece band will entertain on the green. They are available from downtown businesses.

Tour tickets are \$20 for Saturday and Sunday. Tickets can be purchased at the Newbold-White House on the day of the tour.

Tickets to Saturday evening's Garden Party to benefit the Restoration Association are \$25 each.

The antiques show and sale will be held Saturday and Sunday in the Morgan Building. Admission is \$3.

For more information, call the Newbold-White House at 426-7567.

Citizens replace stolen bicycle

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Bill Moore has wheels again.

The senior citizen is a familiar site in Hertford, as he cruises around

town on his three-wheeled bicycle. But a vandal put the brakes on Moore's riding last Tuesday afternoon when his bicycle was stolen from the bike rack on the corner of Market and Church streets. It was Moore's only means of transportation.

The Hertford Police responded to the stolen bike call, and have been searching in vain for the bike ever since.

Mary White, owner of The Wishing Well, said Moore was so forlorn just after the incident she knew she wanted to do something to help. She called the post office and other local agencies with employees regularly on the streets and asked them to be on the look-

out for the bike. Next, she called to see how much a replacement would cost.

In the meantime, Gaye Murray of Chimney Masters, Officer Trish Morgan of the Hertford Police Department and Frankie Eason of Frankie's Hertford Cafe also wanted to do something for Moore. White put up the first \$100. Murray

called Cycle World, told them the story of the stolen bike and asked if they could help. Cycle World offered a top-of-the-line bike with a nice key lock, bell, light and name plate, and assembled it for \$350. Morgan and Eason began collecting donations.

"When the community learned that we had replaced the bike, everyone wanted to help," White said. "It was so heartwarming. This was one of those times you're glad you live in Hertford."

Donations came from the staff at Woodard's Pharmacy, Hertford Hardware, Gregory's,

"This was one of those times you're glad you live in Hertford."

Mary White
Owner, The Wishing Well



Bill Moore is all smiles as he tries out his new three-wheeler purchased by businesses and local residents after his was stolen last week.

Smith's Jewelry, the employees of Dowd & Twiddy, the patrons of Hertford Cafe, Carolina Trophy, Inteliport, White's Dress Shoppe and Swindell Funeral Home.

On Friday, Moore was downtown, still moping over the loss of his bike. The downtown community gathered on the courthouse lawn to present him with his new, deluxe transport. Moore couldn't stop smiling as he tried out his new

wheels, and everyone else on the courthouse lawn couldn't stop smiling because they'd done something that made someone else so happy.

Moore's bike was found Monday afternoon in the 300 block of Market Street, according to Hertford Poolice Chief Dale Vanscoy. The bike had been stripped of its baskets and repainted. Vanscoy confiscated the bike and will return it to Moore.

Towns observe Safe Boating Week

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Every year approximately 800 people in the United States die in boating accidents, and eight out of 10 victims were not wearing life jackets, according to information provided by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The "Boat Smart From the Start: Wear Your Life Jacket" campaign will emphasize boating safety through education and promoting awareness of hazards that can be avoided when operating a water craft.

National Safe Boating Week is important because it brings attention to the need for safe boating through education, said Peter Wood, flotilla staff officer for public education.

Wood said it is not enough to just keep life jackets on boats.

"Life jackets don't work if you don't wear them," said Wood.

Hertford Mayor Sid Eley and Winfall Mayor Fred Yates both signed proclamations acknowledging National Safe Boating Week, said Wood.

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Local students prepare for end-of-year state tests

Students in Perquimans County Schools will take the famed state end-of-course and end-of-grade tests beginning Tuesday.

The tests are designed to measure students' understanding of the curriculum that is taught in North Carolina's classrooms. North Carolina is known as one of the most accountable states in the nation for student performance, according to the State Board of Education.

End-of-grade tests in reading comprehension and mathematics are given to students in grades 3-8. Those tests will be administered throughout the system on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Students in high school take end-of-course tests in certain subjects. The schedule for the high school tests is: VoCats, May 26; English I, U.S. history, ELP, May 29; Biology, chem-

istry, physics, May 30; algebra II, physical science, May 31; geometry, June 1; algebra I, June 2; make-ups, June 5.

High school students will take local final exams June 6-8.

The state tests are multiple-choice and generally take about two hours for each subject.

The report on each child's performance on the tests provides information on the reading and math achievement level of that child. Parents are given these reports by teachers at the end of the school year. Student performance is reported by levels. Level I performance means insufficient mastery; Level II is inconsistent mastery; Level III is consistent mastery (at grade level); and Level IV is superior mastery. Students performing at Level III and Level IV are considered to be at or above grade level.

In addition, students in

grades, 4, 7 and 10 have already taken the state writing proficiency test and are awaiting results. In order to continue to develop and practice writing skills, students at other grade levels also took practice writing tests.

Locally, students are expected to test at the proficient level on the state tests in order to move to the next grade or course level. The school board has policies in place for remediation and re-testing for those students who do not perform at expected levels. Ultimately, it is up to the principal to determine whether a student is ready to move to the next level.

Superintendent Gregory T. Todd said that while the tests are important means of gauging what students have learned, they are not the only measure schools use to determine student progress.

"Teachers judge student

progress throughout the year," he said. "The end-of-grade and end-of-course tests that are given at the end of the year are the final check to determine how well students have learned the curriculum that was taught during the year. We've seen teachers and students working diligently this year and have high hopes for much progress."

According to information received from Perquimans County Schools, parents can help make sure their children are prepared for the tests by having them get a good night's sleep the nights before the tests, eat a good breakfast the mornings of the tests, and understand the need to do as well as they can on the tests.

Lou Fabrizio, director of Accountability Services for the Department of Public Instruction, said that the most important way that parents

can help children do well on the tests is by encouraging their children to read, both at home and at school. Children need to read a lot and they need to see parents reading. Information collected from the end-of-grade tests indicates that children who read more outside of school score higher on the tests.

He recommended that parents talk with teachers about their child's reading level and skills and ask about ways the parent can help the child develop reading skills.

Performance on the tests is used in the ABCs accountability model. In August, the State Board of Education will release the results of the testing by school in the ABCs report. Based on these results, certified staff and teacher assistants in some schools will be eligible for financial bonus

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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 81
Low: 61
MOSTLY SUNNY

FRIDAY
High: 90
Low: 66
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
High: 93
Low: 66
PARTLY CLOUDY