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Hoffler wants vets memorial

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A local veteran wants to create a memorial in honor of Perquimans County veterans.

Jack Hoffler presented a sketch of the memorial to Perquimans County Commissioners in a meeting Monday afternoon. Hoffler said he would like the memorial to be placed at the Perquimans County High School's Memorial Field. Memorial Field was originally a baseball field only, and was constructed in honor and memory of local veterans.

The memorial's design would consist of a large piece of granite with a 36 inches by 36 inches bronze plaque. The bronze plaque will display a dedication, dates and emblems of all the armed forces. Hoffler said the granite has already been donated, and he will retrieve it from the mountains where it is located.

The Commissioners said that the local Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion should be contacted before they consider approving the memorial, which Hoffler is personally sponsoring.

The Commissioners told Hoffler that they would schedule a meeting with him later in the month to discuss the memorial after they have a chance to contact the organizations.

Hoffler said he will make a presentation before the Perquimans County Board of Education to ask them to approve the memorial's location at the high school.

Board okays dual enrollment

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Earn college credit while attending high school.

That is the opportunity afforded to Perquimans County High School students who take dual enrollment courses. The college-level courses are offered at the College of the Albemarle at the Elizabeth City campus.

School Board members agreed to continue offering dual enrollment courses with COA in a meeting last Tuesday.

Last year, four students were enrolled in a Political Science class, and 15 students were enrolled in a public speaking class at the college, said Superintendent Gregory Todd.

The tuition needed for enrollment at COA, and the books required for the classes are all funded by the Perquimans County School System, said Todd.

Most of the classes are scheduled in the afternoons and evenings, according to school officials.

Students provide their own transportation to the classes.

There has been no problem in the past with students not being able to find transportation to the Elizabeth City campus, according to school officials.

For more information about dual enrollment courses, call the Perquimans County School Systems Central Office at 426-5741.

4TH OF JULY FEST



Daily Advance photo

Old-fashioned celebration welcomes 4th

Missing Mill Park comes alive with gala atmosphere

Barbecue, hot dogs, ice cream, lemonade, watermelon, sack races and fireworks — Perquimans' Independence Day celebration featured all the elements of an old-fashioned festival.

Just after 5 p.m., folks started arriving at Missing Mill Park to enjoy small-town life at its best, with festival foods and beverages, games and novelties.



The event was organized by the Chamber of Commerce. It was opened with a members of the local drum and fife corps presenting the colors and those present repeating the pledge of allegiance.

The Phabulous Phelps Boys, a local D.J., provided music throughout the event.

The park was littered with people and boats were scattered in the river for the festival's climax, the fireworks show. The show was sponsored by American Legion Post 126 and was shot by volunteers from Perquimans and Chowan counties.



Perquimans celebrated Independence Day with a festival in Missing Mill Park Monday evening. The event's finale was a fireworks show (top) which lit up the sky. The dunking booth attracted lots of dollars, with one of the most popular riders being Winfall Mayor Fred Yates (above). Cody Lamb and John Lassiter (left) were among those who entered the watermelon eating and seed spitting contests.

Sheriff collects phones for violence victims

Calling 9-1-1 may get easier this fall for some of North Carolina's victims of domestic violence.

Through a program known as "Call to Protect," businesses and individuals can donate wireless phones to the Wireless Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association. The phones will be refurbished and reprogrammed to dial 911 and one non-emergency number. The phones will be distributed to domestic violence victims and shelters in October, which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

"Stopping domestic violence can be a matter of life and death, and if even one abuse victim uses a wireless phone to call for help, this effort is worthwhile," said State Senate President Pro Tempore Marc Basnight. Basnight announced the statewide effort in Raleigh.

Sheriff Eric Tilley joins 76 sheriffs across the state who are allowing their offices to serve as collection points for phone donations. Unused phones may be taken to the Perquimans Sheriff's office in the courthouse annex Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Donors who leave their names and addresses with their phones will be mailed tax receipts for their donation.

At the kick-off ceremony, Sprint PCS donated 25 cellular phones. AT&T has pledged to donate 50 phones to the program.

"Domestic violence hurts its direct victims, it hurts families, and it hurts our communities," Basnight said. "Putting phones in the hands of those who need help and a sense of security is the right thing to do. I hope everyone who has an old wireless phone will put it to good use and donate it to this very good cause."

Call to Protect was created by the Wireless Foundation and the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence with a goal of collecting 1 million wireless phones nationwide.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 86
Low: 69
ISOLATED T-STORMS

FRIDAY
High: 86
Low: 70
ISOLATED T-STORMS

SATURDAY
High: 88
Low: 72
MOSTLY CLOUDY