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## Daneker withdraws alcohol sale request

Councilman acts in response to residents' concerns

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A town councilman withdrew his request to sell alcohol at Missing Mill Park.

During the Hertford Town Council's June meeting, Town

Councilman Dan Daneker said that a ban on alcohol sales should be lifted for the planned Perquimans Narrows Boat Bash. He also urged town council members to ask the opinions of their constituents before making a decision.

Daneker said he received input from many citizens who were concerned about alcohol sales at Missing Mill Park, and he withdrew his request Monday night.

"It is not something that is necessary," said Daneker.

During the meeting Monday

night, a letter written by Hertford resident and chairman of the town's Planning and Board of Adjustments Edgar Salvo Jr was read. The letter stated his opposition to the suspension or lifting of regulations that ban alcohol sales at Missing Mill Park.

"Those regulations were put into place by this Council so that the citizens of Hertford could have a family oriented park where we can take our families, and enjoy the park facilities and river views in relative peace and safety," wrote

Salvo.

Town Manager John Christensen said that the request by Boat Bash organizers to suspend the ban on alcohol sales is not isolated. The request has been made by organizers for other events, said Christensen.

"This issue keeps coming back," said Christensen.

Another issue keeps coming back before council was also discussed. Hertford Police Chief Dale Vanscoy reported that citations issued for speeding had risen during the past

quarter.

Vanscoy said there was a 110 percent increase in citations issued for speeding, and 115 citations were written during the quarter.

Town Council Member JoAnn Morris said that she has received several complaints from citizens about the number of cars that are speeding through Hertford's streets.

"It really is excessive speed," said Morris.

Vanscoy said it is difficult for police officers to catch people violating the speed limit as

they come over the bridge, because there is inefficient parking available. Many times police officers have to park in a person's yard in order to monitor traffic, said Vanscoy.

However, Vanscoy said the use of a speed gun, which allows a police officer to aim at cars in either direction, has made it easier to identify cars exceeding the speed limit.

The speeding citations and discussions was prompted by the presentation of the police department's quarterly report to council.



Jenna Lassiter participates in volleyball camps underway at Perquimans Middle School. The camp is just one of the activities keeping the schools' doors open this summer.

## Middle school not closed for summer

Perquimans Middle School is not closed for the summer.

While there are no longer hundreds of students pouring through the doors each week day, numerous summer programs have kept some students and staff in a learning mode. Summer Academy and other activities are in full swing.

Albemarle Literary Center Director Dana Hay is leading a creative writing workshop. Students participating in the Summer Academy Writers' Workshop have chosen pen names and staff positions on

the Academy publication Editorial Board. With pen names such as "J. Dog," "Baby Kay," "Matthew" and Britt Britt 2000," students are learning the responsibilities of publisher, editor, copy editor, art director and staff photographer.

Making decisions through consensus, the students have chosen to publish an anthology of their prose and poetry. They decided to feature informative and imaginative work about the past, the present, and their hopes for the future. They chose "A Collection of Time" as the name for their publication. The Albemarle Literary Center served the nonprofit sector with the mission to encourage excellence in writing in Northeastern North Carolina for people of all ages, abilities and cultures. Programs include reading, conferences, lectures, workshops, publications, awards and research.

For information about programs sponsored by the Center, call 426-3714.

Enhancing reading skills is also a component of summer activities at the middle school. The school's media center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. for student and community use.

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## DINING IN SOYAF



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Joe and Mary White hosted an 18th century feast for 10 recently at the Newbold-White House. Candlelight, period music and servers in traditional 18th century dress enhanced the mood for the evening. Docent Heather Webb (above) prepares to serve the Whites and guest Lynwood Winslow (left) during the evening. Entertainment was provided by the Perquimans Pipers (below).

## Whites host period dinner

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Mary White would love to do it again.

She and her husband, Joe, hosted an 18th century dinner at the circa 1730 Newbold-White House recently. And everything about the experience was wonderful, according to Mrs. White.

"My dinner was fantastic," Mrs. White said. "It really was. It was quite a treat. Everything about it was just incredible, the food, the music, the servers, being in the house."

The Whites were the winners of the Perquimans County Restoration Association raffle for an 18th century dinner for 10 at the historic site. The evening featured servers in period costume, a menu of foods that could have been served in the home in the mid-18th century, period toasts, music by the Perquimans Pipers and a visit from an 18th-century neighbor sharing what could have been the latest gossip of the time.

Dinner was a multi-course affair with food and beverages



prepared by Nancy Hagan of Waterman's Grille. Diners enjoyed oyster fritter Salisbury; molasses marinated chicken drumettes; cream of yellow squash soup; mixed greens with goat cheese, pears and raspberry vinaigrette; fresh shrimp creole with roasted onion, zucchini, and red and yellow peppers over rice topped with sundried tomato basil chips; cheddar corn muffins; summer bread pudding and cheese and fruit.

The menu was inspired by foods that would have been available during the season, and on recipes from 18th century cookbooks and other historic research done in places like Colonial Williamsburg, according to Newbold-White House Site Manager David Webb.

In addition to enjoying a delicious meal, participants learned about how a dinner in the 18th century colonial style would have been prepared and

served. Organizers provided 18th-century toasts for the hosts and guests to use during the meal. The Perquimans Pipers provided period recorder music.

"I would call it food-ways education," Webb said. "The comments we received from the participants were very positive."

Mrs. White's comments were certainly positive. She said she hopes to have the opportunity to enjoy another dinner at Newbold-White.

"It was so much more than I expected," she said. "It was just so much fun. I would love to do it again. It really helped you to appreciate the history of house."

The dinner was the second raffled by the PCRA, and is becoming a popular fund raiser.

PCRA promotes the cultural heritage of Perquimans County and preserves the 18th century character of the Newbold-White House.

## School board eyes facilities needs

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School board members got a look at the new long-range facilities proposals composed by M.B. Kahn Construction Management at the board's June meeting.

Kahn submitted four plans for board review, calling for new buildings and renovations ranging from \$14.8 million to \$36.5 million.

The board continuously updates its anticipated long-range facilities needs as required by the state.

No action was taken on the proposals given during the superintendent's report.

Plan A, the most expensive and extensive, calls for replacing both the high and middle schools and about \$1.6 million in renovations at Hertford Grammar School. With land costs, Kahn estimates that a new high school would exceed \$24 million. The middle school would approach \$11 million. The total cost of plan A is about \$36.5 million.

Building a new high school and renovating the existing high school for middle school use brings the cost of Plan B to just under \$30 million. Plan B also includes the grammar school renovation.

Plan C, at just over \$22 million, would allow for extensive renovations at the high school, a new middle school and the grammar school upgrades. Included in the high school renovation would be additional instructional space and a new high school gymnasium/track.

The least expensive of the plans, Plan D, calls for renovations at all three sites, including the additions at the high school. At the end of the \$14.8 million plan is the notation that future plans would still call for a new high school and moving the middle school to the present high school building.

Plans C and D call for about \$10 million in additions/renovations at the high school.

A new Central Elementary School was completed about 2 years ago. Hertford Grammar School received additions and renovations during the same period. The middle school got a complete facelift in the early 1990s. The high school was last significantly renovated around 1984.

## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
 High: 83  
 Low: 68  
 Mostly Cloudy

FRIDAY  
 High: 83  
 Low: 68  
 ISOLATED T'STORMS

SATURDAY  
 High: 85  
 Low: 69  
 ISOLATED T'STORMS