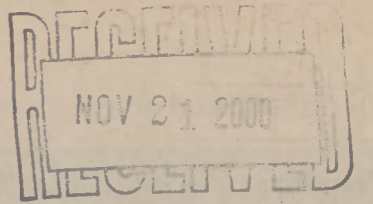


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Schools to add Tech Center

Both computers and computer education in Perquimans County recently received an upgrade according to county schools Technology Coordinator Victor Eure.

Eure said that in June, a Technology Center for Teachers will be developed and housed at Perquimans Central School. Central School's feasibility and state of the art electronic equipment were among the criteria considered when the site was chosen.

The Center, a training room, will be filled with state of the art equipment including 25 computers, printers, server and new furniture, but will not look like a computer lab. The Center will have mini-computer classroom simulations so teachers learn how to teach with what's in their classroom. The Center will be decorated in a North Carolina theme that will be filled with charts, posters and products.

ExplorNet, a non-profit organization, will fund the Center. With a mission to empower people through technology in education, ExplorNet partners with the NCDPI and is funded by the North Carolina General Assembly.

The ExplorNet Center will fulfill the need for a uniform, consistent, statewide professional development plan to help teachers meet state recommended teacher competencies and appropriately integrate technology into the classroom. A certified trainer will be on site to conduct staff training two days a week for local teachers as well as teachers from across the region.

The result will be a well-organized training plan and series of facilities designed to help teachers and administrators focus on NC core curriculum standards, use modern technology resources, implement new designs for teaching and learning, establish classroom management strategies, and, and generate best teaching practices.

Students at the high school who are enrolled in the ExplorNet program will assist with the Center by building the computers from components purchased by ExplorNet. The students in the CPR (ComPuter Recycling) class, now in its third year of operation, assemble new computers, refurbish old computers, salvage computer parts and assist with PC troubleshooting. Students in this class have built or refurbished more than 250 computers and salvaged parts from almost 100 computers. Businesses and agencies from Perquimans County and the Albemarle area have contributed to the program's success by donating used computers to the school.

Hands-on classes at PCHS are being expanded this year to include four computer networking classes. The high school, designed as a Local Cisco Networking Academy, will assist in cabling for the lab through these classes.

Holiday events planned

Parade to kick off Christmas activities

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The halls are getting decked as Perquimans prepares for Christmas.

Lights are twinkling and wish lists are being written as families, schools, churches and community groups get ready for holiday celebrations.

On Saturday, Dec. 2, the Chamber of Commerce will kick off the yuletide events with the parade. This year's theme is the Joys of Christmas Past. Applications to participate are available at the Chamber office.

The parade will feature bands and floats, and the favorite of every child, Santa Claus.

In addition to the traditional prize money given to winners in each category, The Perquimans Weekly will give a \$100 prize to the float judged to be the best overall.

The Extension and Community, Antique Dealers and Historic Hertford Business associations are organizing an evening of holiday activities on Thursday, Dec. 7.

Local antique dealers will start the events at 3 p.m. with the first annual Antique Shop Ramble. Eight shops will offer refreshments, special offers, discounts, and a mystery coupon redeemable at the next shop on the ramble. The coupons, one per visitor, no purchase necessary, will apply to the ramble day only, and may be good for deep discounts or a gift. Each shop will designate the value of the coupon when the visitor arrives and no advance information will be available — hence the mystery.

Dealers participating are Old Hickory Antiques, Country Flair, Blue Door Antiques, My Corner Antiques, Hertford shire Antiques, Riverwalk Gallery, Grandma's Treasures and Fancy That Interiors. The shops will be marked with special signs, and will be lighted and decorated for the season.

Call or visit any shop for more information.

Downtown events will get underway at 5 p.m. with carolers on the courthouse green and a Merchants Treasure Hunt. Adults may pick up trea-



Downtown Hertford is beginning to look a lot like Christmas with glittering lights, shimmering decorations, and whimsical displays. Mary White of the Wishing Well combines all these holiday traditions (above) in the display in front of her shop. Town of Hertford crews have the street decorations ready for lighting on Christmas parade day, Dec. 2.

sure hunt lists from downtown stores. Winners will be recognized throughout the night. Stores will be open until 8 p.m. for Treasure Hunt information, contact Mary White at The Wishing Well, 426-2021.

At 6:30, three homes and a church will welcome visitors for the Christmas Ramble. The tour will feature the homes of Vincent Stone and Teresa Cartwright-Stone, Frankie Eason, and Hoover and Peggy Bunn, as well as Burgess



Baptist Church.

Tourists should wear low-heeled shoes and take flashlights. Refreshments will be served at the church. Tickets are available in advance and at each stop on the ramble.

Proceeds will benefit youth programs and educational projects.

For tickets, tour brochures, and maps, contact the Extension Center at 426-7697.

A shuttle van will be avail-

able for the event. Contact the Senior Center at 426-5404 for information.

Schools holiday PTA and student programs are set for: Dec. 5, 7 p.m., Hertford Grammar School.

Dec. 10, 3 p.m., Perquimans High School Chorus and Band Concert.

Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m., Perquimans Central.

Dec. 14, 7 p.m., Perquimans Middle School.

NCHP targets danger spots for holiday

The N.C. Highway Patrol will put special emphasis on enforcing traffic laws on some of the state's most dangerous highways over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Working with the Department of Transportation, the Patrol has identified the highway corridors in North Carolina which have had the most crashes on them during the Thanksgiving holiday periods for the past five years. The Patrol has targeted those roads for selective enforcement during the holiday period.

The highway corridors where the Patrol will concentrate enforcement are: Guilford County I-40 and I-85; Mecklenburg County I-77, I-85, and US 74; Wake County I-440, US 64 and I-40; Durham County I-85; Rowan County I-85; Catawba County US 70; Cumberland County I-95; Cabarrus County I-85; Union County US 74; Forsyth County I-40; Duplin County US 117; Davidson County I-85; Randolph County US 4; Burke County I-40; and Haywood County I-40. From 1995 to 1999 during the Thanksgiving holiday period, there were 1,149 crashes, 729 injuries, and two fatalities on these roads.

During the Thanksgiving holiday, the Patrol will also be participating in the state's "Booze It and Lose It" anti-drunk driving campaign. Sobriety checkpoints are being held around the state this week.

The Thanksgiving holiday weekend officially begins at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22 and ends at midnight, Sunday, Nov. 26. Last year, there were 2,688 crashes, 1,842 injuries and 29 fatalities statewide during the holiday period.

Citizens can report highway problems to the Patrol by dialing *HP (*47) on their cellular phones. The toll-free call goes directly to the nearest Highway Patrol communication center.

County recycling center houses swap shop

Perquimans County now has its own community swap shop.

Located at the busy Center Hill Highway convenience center, the shop is one of many popping up around the state which help counties cut waste.

Thousands of pounds of household goods are being reused as some residents donate items to the swap shops and others take them home at no charge.

This is how the swap shop works: Those with no-longer

needed items that are in good condition may leave them at the swap shop. Anyone may stop by the shop to see if there are any items they need.

Items that have passed through shops in neighboring Chowan and Currituck counties over the past year include TVs, toys, beds, craft items, bikes, lamps, small kitchen appliances, computers, doors, a wood stove, sewing machines, picture frames, exercise equipment, plant pots, books, shelves, decorative

items, chairs, tables, dishes and much more.

"The idea is to dispose of less waste by reusing household items that are in good condition," said Anne Blind of Albemarle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority. "The shop provides the people of the community a place to drop off unwanted items instead of throwing them out. And, they get to enjoy finding a treasure of two."

The swap shop has a few rules that are listed on flyers

available at convenience centers. Rules include taking items for personal use only and taking no more than three items per family per week. Items left must be in good condition.

The swap shop was made possible through a grant awarded earlier this year by N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance to Albemarle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority.

Call 338-4458 for information.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 45
Low: 25
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
High: 47
Low: 33
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
High: 55
Low: 38
PARTLY CLOUDY