

Lady Pirates in playoffs

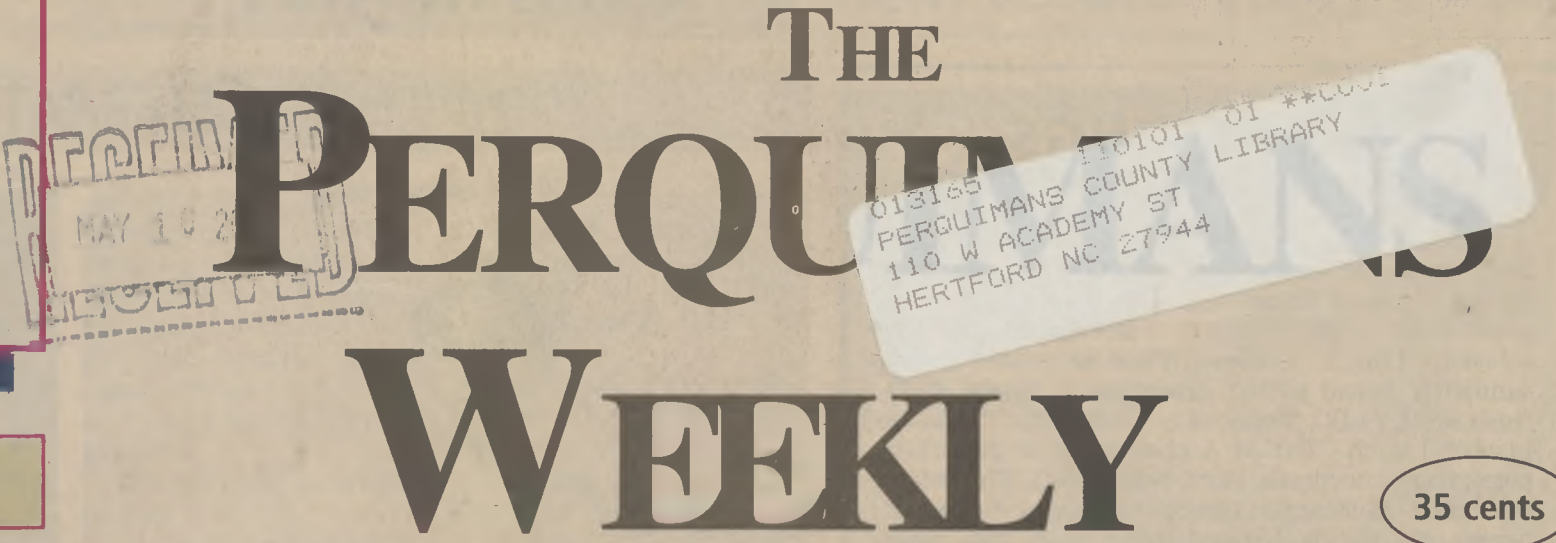
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Jordan is state track champ

PCHS senior wins 2 events in track meet

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Perquimans' Chad Jordan sprinted to two state championship finishes Saturday.

The senior took the 100

meters with a time of 10.97, then ran the 200 in 22.46. He added an eighth place in the long jump at the state meet in Raleigh.

Jordan provided lightning speed and agility on both the football and track teams during his tenure at Perquimans High. He was an anchor of the track team the past two years, where he dominated the

100-, 200- and long jump competitions.

Jordan's wins paced the Pirates, who placed seventh in field of 32 at the state meet.

Michael Everett was fourth in the 300 hurdles; Ben Godfrey, sixth in the 3200 meters and eighth in the 1600 meters; and Micah Felton, 12th in triple jump. The 4x100 relay team was

ninth and the 4x800 team, 15th.

The Lady Pirates placed 20th of 32 teams.

Ashley Brothers was fourth in the 100 meter hurdles and fifth in the 200 meter dash. Kia Jones placed eighth in 300 meter hurdles; Charlsie Perry, ninth in high jump; and the 4x200 relay team, 10th.

Memorial service set for Hayes

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The Daily Advance

A memorial service has been set for former county commissioner and Winfall Town councilman Elbert C. "Bert" Hayes.

Hayes' life will be celebrated at a service at 10 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. The family will receive friends after the service in the fellowship hall at Hertford United Methodist Church.

Though he was a native of Texas and lived around the world for much of his life, Hayes was remembered as a tireless advocate for Perquimans County and Albemarle Hospital.

The 67-year-old former county commissioner, Winfall town councilman and hospital trustee died May 5, apparently after suffering from heart trouble.

Although a staunch Republican, Hayes earned the admiration of members of both political parties as well as those he served with on boards and civic organizations.

"I have nothing but the utmost respect for him," said Winfall Mayor Fred Yates, who sometimes butted heads with Hayes when the two served together. "He cared about the whole community. He was genuine in his beliefs. He believed he really was helping people."

While the two may not have always agreed, Hayes took the time to explain himself and his opinions - and he always listened to what the other side had to say, Yates said.

"We wasn't bosom buddies," Yates said. "We certainly had our run-ins. But I respected his opinion and he respected mine. He was an important member of Town Council."

While Hayes may have been outspoken, colleagues say he was also compassionate, especially in his work as a member of the hospital Board of Trustees. Hayes began serving on the hospital board in March 1999, working on the strategic planning, master facility and by-laws committees.



Hayes

He also headed the physical relations committee.

"Bert was always one that would ask the tough questions.

He was not afraid to speak out," said Ernest Sutton, hospital board chairman.

Pasquotank County Commissioner Matt Wood said he worked with Hayes only a short time, but was impressed.

"I liked Bert," Wood said. "He always said what was on his mind. He very aggressively represented his constituents, made sure Perquimans County was represented on the hospital board."

During Hayes' 25-year career in the U.S. Navy, he specialized in the management of health care facilities. Don Witosky, the hospital's vice president of financial services and interim president/CEO, said that experience made Hayes a valuable hospital board member.

"Although he was very active in other community organizations, he took his hospital responsibilities very seriously," Witosky said.

Because of his heart trouble, Hayes also spent a lot of time in the hospital's cardiac rehabilitation unit. It was a unique position that allowed him to also view the hospital's operations as a patient, Witosky said.

"He was an acutely observant person," Witosky said. "From the board perspective, he was our eye out there."

Hayes was also a volunteer for the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce, the Newbold-White House and the Meals-on-Wheels and Tri-County Hospice programs. He was also involved with the Hertford Rotary Club and the Parkville Ruritan Club.

He is survived by his wife, Jimmie, and three daughters.

OLD TIMERS VICTORIOUS

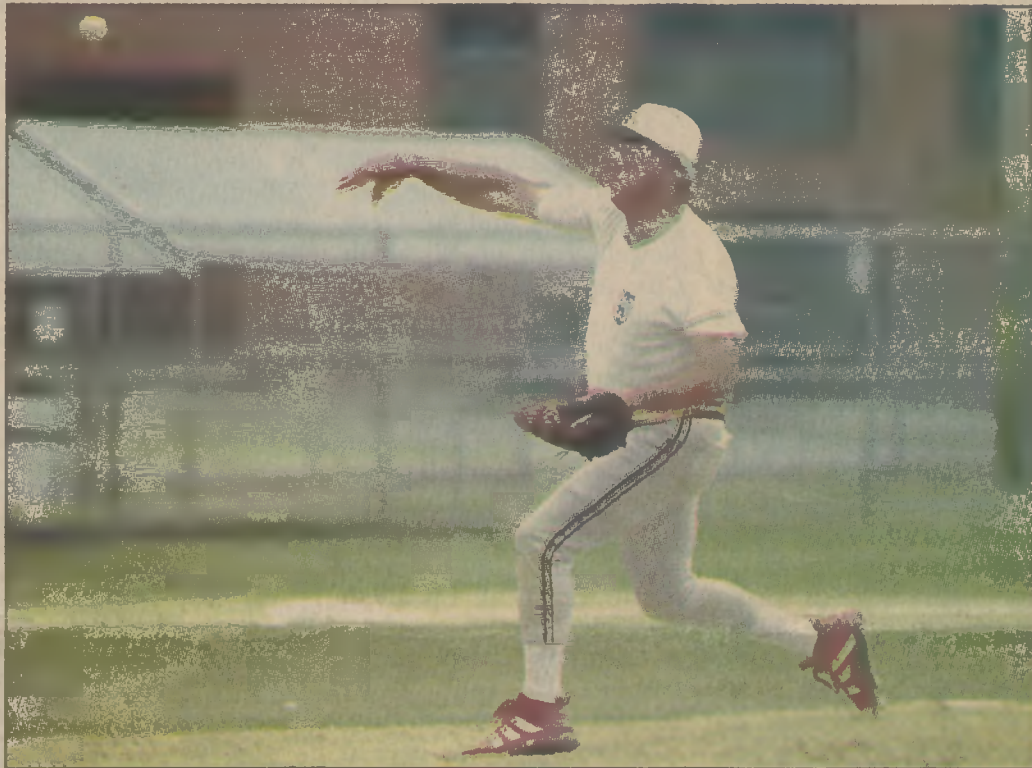


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Daily Advance photo

The Geritol crowd proved their mettle Saturday, winning the two Old Timers games played before lightning halted the action. The 1997 state champion softball team, with help from a couple of '96 grads and former coach Karen Booker, won 6-3. Old Timers took the JVs 6-5. Rob Woodard and John Nixon were winners in the homerun derby that raised \$560 for the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation. Downtown was alive with visitors for the annual Spring Fling, held in conjunction with Old Timers Day by the Historic Hertford Business Association. Merchants reported brisk sales.

Super search ceases

School board to announce new leader Monday

SUSAN R. HARRIS

The new superintendent of Perquimans County Schools will be announced Monday.

Board Chairman Walter Leigh issued a press release last week stating that the board will hold a press conference at 7 p.m. Monday at the school's administration offices on Edenton Road Street to make the announcement. The board is scheduled to hold its monthly business meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Board members began the search for a new chief administrator upon the resignation of Gregory Todd in November. Todd resigned as of Dec. 31 to accept the executive director's position with Habitat for Humanity in Tarboro.

The first order of business for the board was the appointment of James P. "Pat" Harrell as interim superintendent. The Perquimans native and former principal, assistant superintendent and superintendent has provided seamless leadership since Todd's departure.

Applications for the position were accepted through the office of board attorney John V. Matthews Jr. Board members reviewed application packages, then set interviews with top candidates in April.

The new superintendent is expected to begin work July 1.

New railroad signs put up

The N.C. Department of Transportation has installed new warning signals and automatic gates at three roadway crossings of the Chesapeake & Albemarle Railroad in Pasquotank and Perquimans counties.

The new devices replaced antiquated control systems and gate-arm mechanisms at Forest Park Road, at Church Street in Elizabeth City, and at Grubb Street in Hertford.

Installation of the new equipment at all three crossings cost \$334,596 with 90 percent provided by the federal government and 10 percent by NCDOT. The

railroad and the state will split the cost of maintaining the crossings protection devices.

The Chesapeake & Albemarle schedules two freight trains daily over the three crossings. The trains may operate at speeds up to 25 mph.

The three projects were done as part of a comprehensive statewide program to enhance highway safety by adding or improving signals and gates at public railroad crossings. Mechanical warning devices of some sort are in place at more than 2,200 of North Carolina's 4,400 public crossings.

APPRECIATING LOCAL HISTORY



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Four tourists from Brazil visited Hertford Friday, stopping at the historic Newbold-White House for a tour. The visitors are members of a Rotary Club in Brazil, visiting an Albemarle-area club. While here, they took in the rich history and beauty of the surrounding countryside.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 76
LOW: 61
SCATTERED SHOWERS

FRIDAY
HIGH: 80
LOW: 62
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 83
LOW: 61
PARTLY CLOUDY