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Terrorists attack U.S.

Bank finds fake 20s

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It started like a normal Tuesday, with American adults preparing for a day of work and students for a day of school. But before lunchtime, nothing was normal and even normal itself has changed in the



Perquimans County High School students had a larger group than usual early last Wednesday morning, the day after the terrorist attack on the U.S., for prayer around the flagpole. Students remembered the innocent men, women and children who lost their lives on airplanes, at the World Trade Center, at the Pentagon, and on the streets of New York.

Centura Bank officials reported receiving two counterfeit 20-dollar bills in deposits from local businesses recently.

Sheriff Eric Tilley said one fake bill was passed at One Stop Convenience Store on Sept. 6 and a second at Food Lion on Sept. 11.

Bank officials noted that the bills carried the same serial number, had no watermarks and had other abnormalities on the fronts. The backs were obviously distorted.

The sheriff warned residents to inspect cash received and report any suspected counterfeit bills to his office.

Holiday parade planned

The dog days of August have turned to Indian Summer, and before long, Christmas will be coming!

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the annual Christmas parade on Saturday, Dec. 1 through the streets of Hertford.

The theme of this year's parade is "Christmas on Main Street." The theme was chosen in recognition and support of the work being done to revitalize the downtown business district and with it, the local economy.

Entry forms and parade rules may be picked up or requested from the Chamber office at the Visitors Center on Market Street, phone 426-5657, email chamber@perquimans.com beginning Monday, Sept. 24.

The Perquimans Weekly will again give a \$100 cash prize to the float judged Best in Parade.

Countywide service of prayer and remembrance: Sunday, 5 p.m. PCHS Memorial Field

American psyche.

Americans were dumbfounded as terrorists crashed two hijacked planes into the World Trade Center in New York, toppling the famous 110-story twin towers that rose over the country's financial center. In minutes, a third hijacked airplane exploded into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. A fourth hijacked plane, evidently taken back over by its passengers, crashed in a Pennsylvania field rather than hitting its suspected target, the presidential retreat in Maryland, Camp David.

The country watched as television stations broadcast 24-hour, uninterrupted coverage of the horror and devastation visited upon it by terrorists, and newspapers scrambled to publish special editions. Stories of loss and sadness, of death and destruction, ran side-by-side with stories of heroism and the kindness of the American spirit.

The fiery crashes were followed in New York by the awesome sight of the towers, just minutes apart, crashing in upon themselves, burying those inside, including about 300 rescue workers.

A cloud of smoke and crash residue continues to hang over Manhattan a week after the horrible incidents.

President George W. Bush, in Florida reading to children in a school, was notified and quickly whisked away. As a security precaution, he was flown first to Louisiana, then Nebraska before being flown back to Washington, D.C. on Air Force One.

Federal buildings were evacuated, and the President and Vice President Dick Cheney taken to separate secure environments.

As days passed, it became evident that the White House had likely been the target of the plane



Just before the national anthem was played at Friday night's football game, there was a time of reflection on the attacks. The cheerleaders held up an afghan with a flag motif and released red, white and blue balloons with one black balloon signifying the nation's loss.

that hit the Pentagon.

The lead suspect as the man behind the horrific attack is Osama Bin Laden. President Bush has declared that Bin Laden will be taken dead or alive. It is not clear exactly what type of military response is imminent, but the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives have both pledged to support Bush in his response to the terrorist attacks. The President is seeking support from other nations of the world.

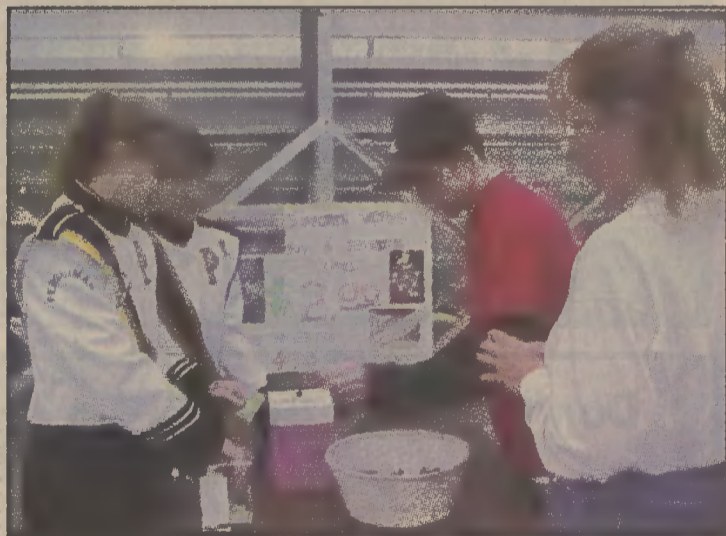
One week after the attacks, about 180 people had been confirmed dead in the Trade Center, with over 5,000 missing.

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Registers available

Swindell Funeral Home is providing three register books in memory of those who died in the Sept. 11 terrorist acts in New York City; Washington, D.C.; and Pittsburgh, Penn. and in honor of the emergency professionals who have worked and continue to work so hard in the recovery effort. At the appropriate time, these books will be sent to the proper locations.

Donations towards the relief and recovery operation are also being accepted at Swindell Funeral Home as part of National Funeral Directors Association 9-11 Relief Fund. These funds will help support the extensive effort of recovery that is now taking place in these three locations. For anyone wishing to send donations directly to this fund, the address is: National Funeral Directors Association, NFDA 9-11 Relief Fund, P.O. Box 1451, Milwaukee, WI 53201-1451.



At the gate, students sold red, white and blue label ribbons for \$2. The proceeds will go to relief efforts.

October brings farm tour, jollification, antique show

Gather friends and family and head out to the country for the Perquimans County Farm Tour, Oct. 6 and 7. From cotton to peanuts and horses to show pigs, some of Perquimans County's finest farms will open their barns and fields for the special weekend. This year's tour will also include a riverside demonstration of the commercial fishing industry. Local farmers will lead tours and will be on hand to answer questions.

Featured on the Perquimans County Farm Tour will be tractor rides out to cotton and peanut farms to watch the harvest. Also on tour will be live-

stock farms, including cattle and show pigs, and Ward & Nixon Cotton Gin. A highlight of the Perquimans Farm Tour will be Perry's Perquimans Peruvian Horses, the largest collection of Peruvian horses in North Carolina. Demonstrations are scheduled during the day. Early farming equipment - including horse and mule-drawn equipment - will be exhibited at Riverside Plantation. Riverside Plantation dates to 1815. The Hertford town docks will be the site of commercial fishing demonstrations.

"While many regions of this country are experienc-

ing a decline in agriculture, Perquimans County remain a primarily agriculture county," said Lewis Smith, extension agent for Perquimans County. "This weekend gives the general public an opportunity to learn about the farming communities and to experience both the beauty and hard work found on the farm."

Farm tour tickets are available for \$20 per carload. Hours of the farm tour are Saturday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 7, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Registration headquarters is the Newbold-White House Visitors Center. Tickets are avail-

able in advance or the day of the tour. The event is presented by the Perquimans County Extension Center and the Perquimans County Restoration Association. Proceeds benefit the Perquimans High School Agricultural Program. For tickets and information, call 426-5428.

Also scheduled on Oct. 6 is the Hertford Heritage Antiques & Crafts Show and Sale. Sponsored by the Antique Dealers Association of Perquimans County, the show features fine antiques, collectibles, heirloom crafts, silk and fresh floral arrangements, and much more.

Perquimans High School is the site of the show and sale.

Saturday will conclude with Jollification, a favorite Perquimans County event. This year's Jollification features a barbecue chicken dinner and live bluegrass music. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. and reservations are required. Contact the Perquimans County Restoration Association at 426-7567. Tickets are \$25 per person and proceeds from Jollification benefit the Perquimans County Restoration Association and the historic Newbold-White House.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 81
LOW: 65
ISOLATED T-STORMS

FRIDAY
HIGH: 79
LOW: 63
ISOLATED T-STORMS

SATURDAY
HIGH: 79
LOW: 63
PARTLY CLOUDY