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Let's try that again



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Perquimans High School student Bevon Miller (right) maneuvers through a slalom course while wearing goggles that simulate driving under the influence of alcohol. Kelly James of the N.C. ALE Division, District 1, sits at left.

PCHS students learn how to DWI

S. BRADY CALHOUN
The Daily Advance

This isn't your typical driver's education course.

Friday morning, local teenagers experienced the sensation of drunk driving — without the alcohol. North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement officers gave 33 Perquimans County High School students a chance to see just how much drinking can impair driving ability.

The students were encouraged to drive a golf cart while wearing goggles

that mimic the effects of being under the influence of alcohol. The officers also set up a straight line of cones for the cart to pass through. None of the students could drive in a straight line while wearing the goggles.

They laughed at each other as they bobbed and weaved through the course, but they got the message.

"I can't imagine anybody driving like that when you are under that kind of influence," said senior Bevon Miller. "If you are that drunk you are going to hit someone."

The drunk driving simulation is

performed with students all over North Carolina, said ALE Agent Kelly Jones.

"The program gives them the effects of alcohol in a safe and controlled environment," Jones said. "I haven't had one yet get off the golf cart and say they would drink and drive."

After driving the course, some of the students thought stricter laws should be in place.

"I hear people say they got their third DUI," said Senior Justin

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School board mulls religion policy changes

ANNA GOODWIN MCCARTHY
Correspondent

A Perquimans County commissioner wants to give fifth-graders at Hertford Grammar School the opportunity, if they so may choose, to receive Bibles from the Gideons.

Wallace Nelson asked members of the Perquimans County Board of Education to consider amending the system's "Religion in Schools" policy at the Board of Education meeting Monday night.

The current "Board Policy 5900" states: "Religious books, including Bibles, or religious symbols may not be given to students as an award for achievement and may not be generally distributed by religious groups to students at school."

"We would like this resource to be available for the students," said Nelson, a Gideon and former Perquimans County Board of Education Member.

Nelson said the Gideons would not hand Bibles to students, but they would be on a table in a location where students could voluntarily pick them up.

"There is no solicitation," said Nelson.

Nelson said the Bibles would

be available during scheduled dates and times with the permission of the school's principal.

The Bibles would contain the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs, said Nelson.

Nelson said the distribution of Bibles is permissible in Dare County.

While a policy that allows the distribution of religious material in schools might be a problem in large counties, it would not be a problem in Perquimans County, said Nelson.

School Board Member Charles Cheezum said he would like to see the policy changed so that there is a better understanding of our neighbors and their feelings. Cheezum said his opinion was motivated by the tragedy of Sept. 11, and the lack of knowledge about various religions.

School Board Chairman Walter Leigh said there is a "need to know what others are thinking."

"It's such a voluntary basis, I can't see a problem with it," said School Board member Iris Byrne, who is in favor of amending the policy.

Board Policy 5900 was on the Board's agenda as a consideration, with any action to be taken at a future date.

Tom White: If the King were still alive

HELEN KERR OUTLAND
The Chowan Herald

Elvis is alive and...well...sort of.

The Elvis, sort of, and Jessie Claus, that's Santa's brother from the South Pole, will be on stage Monday night April 1 to bring a little Country Rock and Roll and a night of very special entertainment to Rocky Hock Playhouse in Chowan County.

Tickets for "If the King were still alive" will buy a seat for the performance and a Prime Rib dinner at Nixon's Family Restaurant prior to the show.

The talent for the evening, both Elvis and Jessie Claus, are good friends with Tom White. "Big Tom White", that is. "I was always big," says White. "My birthday is December 11, 12, and 13."

If you ask the folks around here who Big Tom White is their first response is that he is the guy who sang "The Catfish Kid (Ballad of Jim Hunter)."

Hunter, who hailed from Hertford, North Carolina, was a Baseball Hall of Famer who pitched for the New York Yankees. White, Hunter, and the author of the song, Bobby Hollowell, were also friends. White was working selling cars for Hollowell at his Chevrolet dealership when they decided to write and produce the song. It was a hit.

On March 31, 1976 Hollowell and White signed a contract with CMH Record, Inc. Los Angeles, California owned by Christian Martin Haerle.

"The Catfish Kid", a ballad about Jim "Catfish" Hunter, has been received well locally

as a hit for author Bobby Hollowell and singer Big Tom White. However, the single is promising to go on to even greater heights," began an article in the Perquimans Weekly in April 1976. CMH Records was known as the world's largest Bluegrass music label at the time. Artists like Lester Flatt, the Osburn Brothers, and George Beverly Shay had recorded with CMH.

The record, cut on the Moon label, was considered a collectors item in '76.

"They're selling fast," said songwriter Bobby Hollowell in the same interview. The record was selling for over \$2 a piece in New York at that time. The two young artists went on to face a deluge of invitations to appear on TV

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Area Relay for life set for June 7-9

ANNA GOODWIN MCCARTHY
Correspondent

The Relay for Life, a fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society, will be held on June 7-9.

"It's one way you can get involved, and make a difference," said Brenda Newbern, registration chairperson for the Relay for Life.

Teams, consisting of 10 to 15 members, can register for the event. Thirty-one teams have already registered, said Newbern.

Teams are from churches, schools, civic organizations, government offices and families in Perquimans and Chowan counties.

Anyone from the general public who wants to participate can form a team, said Newbern. Children, accompanied by adults, are also encouraged to take part in the event, said Newbern.

Participants in the Relay for Life will begin arriving at John A. Holmes High School at 3 p.m. Friday, June 7. During this time they will set up their tents.

Cancer survivors will arrive at 5 p.m. Cancer survivors who have registered for the event will receive T-shirts and ribbons. The survivor lap will kick-off the relay at 6 p.m. The names of the cancer survivors will be announced as they take part in this ceremonial first lap.

The Luminary Ceremony is scheduled to take place Friday night. Luminaries can be dedicated to cancer survivors, or in the memory of someone who had cancer, said Newbern.

The luminaries will be placed around the track. The lights will be turned off, and the luminaries will be lit at 9 p.m. The names of the people, who the luminaries were dedicated to, will be announced at this time.

"It is very beautiful," said Newbern who has participated in the Relay for Life for the last eight years.

Luminaries can currently be purchased for \$10 each, and proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society, said Newbern.

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Perquimans youths receive 4-H awards

Perquimans County 4Hers and volunteers, recently observed their Annual 4H Achievement Night at the Perquimans Cooperative Extension Center.

Youth and volunteers received awards for 4H work completed over the past year. Madonna Garner, Mistress of Ceremonies, got things moving by calling the program to order. Mariza James welcomed 4Hers and their guest. Miss Garner provided the devotion, followed by presentation of the U.S. and 4H flags by Tykeisha Frierson and Latoya Garner. Tykeshia Johnson lead the pledges.

With preliminaries over, Madonna Garner and Juanita T. Bailey, Extension Agent,

Family & Consumer Education, 4H presented the following awards and recognitions.

District Presentation Winners:

Mariza James Peanut Foods, 1st place

Annieshia Overton Fruit & Vegetable Use, 1st place

Marcus Bailey Dog, 2nd place

Latoya Garner Science, 3rd place

Courtney Hunter Breads, 3rd place

Madonna Garner Public Speaking, 2nd place

Chardae Garner Photography, 3rd place

District Project Book Award Winners

Mariza James, 1st Place

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THURSDAY
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Friday
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LOW: 43
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Saturday
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