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Education reform law affecting assistants

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Several local teacher assistants are already seeing the effects the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001."

Perquimans County Schools Superintendent Kenneth Wells said the legislation, signed into law by President Bush on Jan. 8, requires Title I Schools, which receive Federal funds, to re-evaluate the education qualifications of present and future teacher assistants.

Wells said every school in Perquimans County is a Title I School, so every teacher assistant in the system will be affected.

According to the new legislation, teacher assistants must have "completed at least two years of study at an institution of higher education," or "obtained an associates degree" or "met a rigorous standard of quality and can demonstrate, through a formal state or local assessment knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading, writing and mathematics, or knowledge of, and the ability to assist in instructing, reading readiness, and mathematics readiness, as appropriate."

Wells said he has met with the system's teacher assistants to discuss the new qualifications for teacher assistants that the legislation requires.

Wells said teacher assistants have four years to meet these qualifications. People who are applying for teacher assistant positions must have met these qualifications to be hired, said Wells.

Wells said at least 25 teacher assistants are going to pursue degrees.

"Our folks have taken this seriously," said Wells.

Wells said he was very

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PCHS to present 'Anything Goes'

The Perquimans County High School Drama Department is taking to the high seas with the crew of the S.S. America for the musical comedy, "Anything Goes."

This high-stepping romp across the Atlantic features the music of Cole Porter and a storyline originally written by P.G. Wodehouse, and is filled with all the classic elements of American musical theater: thwarted lovers, stow-aways, disguises, mistaken identity, and of course, a happy ending.

The cast of the show includes Maude White as the night club singing evangelist Reno Sweeney; Ashley McCleary as the debutante Hope Harcourt; and Bruce Park as the out of luck stockbroker Billy Crocker with whom they are both in love.

Brandon Woodard appears as Lord Evelyn Oakleigh, Hope's fiancé; Shara Krause as her mother and Josh Cram as Billy's boss.

Brandt Kime and Marie Krepps round out the principal cast as Moonface Martin (public enemy number thirteen) and his sidekick Erma. Reno's "Angels" and the passengers and crew of the S.S. America are played by Kelly Detmer, Katherine Beede, Felicia Vaughn, Erin France, Walter Clair, Kevin Gordon, Skylar Spence, Lavon Miller, Barrett Gibson, Amber Jackson, Anna Raisor, Amanda Daugherty, Martina Vaughn, Brandon Castelow, Brandon Callahan, Nick Hudson,



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The Perquimans County High School Drama Department will present the musical comedy, "Anything Goes" April 11 and 12 at the PCHS Auditorium. The show features the music of Cole Porter and a storyline originally written by P.G. Wodehouse.

Bobbie Simmons, Jonathan Castillo, Michael Everett, Edward Meadows, Jasmine Price, Tiffany White and Gillian Habeger.

The show will play Thursday, April 11 and Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the PCHS auditorium. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for students. Tickets are available from cast members in advance or may be purchased at the door.



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The cast of the "Anything Goes" from Perquimans County High School practices during a recent dress rehearsal (above, left). The musical promises plenty of thwarted lovers, stow-aways, disguises, mistaken identities, and of course, a happy ending.

Board tables hunting resolution

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A controversial hunting amendment was tabled Monday after the Perquimans County Commissioners couldn't agree on what was best for the county or its hunters.

"Until we can come to a consensus with the hunters in this county, there is no point in taking any action," said County Commissioner Charles Ward at a Board of Commissioners meeting Monday.

Commissioners were debating a resolution that lowered the minimum hunting stand

height to 6 feet. Presently, hunters must build their stands at least 8 feet high.

However, there was disagreement on

whether hunters would oppose the change.

"I'm tired of hearing about it," said County Commissioner Mack Nixon. Nixon said he could not even go to the store without someone coming up to him, and talking about it.

"They are all angry over it," said County Commissioner Ben Hobbs.

County Manager Paul Gregory said he had not received any calls about the amendment, but he had discussed it with hunters.

In some densely populated counties, the stand height is not a big issue, because rifle hunting is prohibited, said Gregory.

Gregory said that would be very unpopular in Perquimans County.

Ward made a motion to table the issue. Nixon agreed with tabling the motion but asked commissioners to consider and make a decision at their next board meeting.

Group to offer over 300 free car seats

TYNER — Wendy Jewett, Executive Director of the Chowan/Gates/ Perquimans Partnership for Children, announced last week that the Partnership will make more than 300 free car seats available for children in its tri-county service area.

"Within the next few weeks, the Partnership will receive a shipment of car seats to be distributed by Chowan County Emergency Services, the Family Resource Center in Gatesville, and Perquimans Police Department," said Jewett. "We collaborate with these agencies to distribute our car seats so parents are instructed on proper installation of the seats to ensure their children's safety. None of the car seats made available by the Partnership will be given without the receiving parent/guardian first participating in a training that demonstrates the seat's proper use and installation," continued Jewett.

The Partnership, which has already provided a combined total of approximately 400 car seats to children in Chowan, Gates and Perquimans Counties, will make available car seats to accommodate



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Brodie is now "riding safer" in a car seat provided by the Partnership for Children.

children up to 40 pounds, including those appropriate for premature babies. "It is not necessary that recipients of our car seats meet any eligibility requirements, other than proof of residency in the county from which parents request their seats," Jewett stated.

Any parent who would like to be put on the waiting list to obtain a car seat in Chowan

County should contact Patty Madry at Chowan County Emergency Services, 482-4365, where car seats are distributed by appointment on Tuesdays only. In Gates County, parents should contact Sheila Riddick at Gates County Regional Transportation in Gatesville at 357-4487 to be wait-listed for a car seat. Trainings in Gates, which take approximately four hours, are conducted by members of the Highway Department staff at the Regional Transportation Office on a by-appointment basis. Perquimans parents should call Betty Thornton at the Hertford Police Department, 426-5587, to request their names be put on that county's waiting list. Car seat distribution/information sessions for Perquimans parents are held on the last Friday of each month from 8 a.m. to noon at the Hertford Police Department.

The Chowan/Gates/Perquimans Partnership for Children can be contacted at 221-3030.

Donations to the Partnership can be made payable to "CGP/PFC" and sent to the Partnership at 123 Dillard's Mill Road, Tyner, N.C.

Habitat group seeks owner for next home

Habitat for Humanity is interested in hearing from families in the Chowan-Perquimans area who would like to become the owner of a Habitat house.

Habitat has completed two houses, one in the Edenton area and one in Hertford. The chapter will soon begin building its third house, which is to be located in the Edenton area. If you are interested in being considered for ownership of this house, or if you have questions, write to Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 434, Edenton, NC 27932 or phone 482-2579 or 482-2686.

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian ministry where Faith in Humanity is restored, with every nail and every board.

There are a number of important requirements

families need to meet to be considered including the fact that the partnering party (you) must currently reside in standard housing. The yearly income, for a family of four, must be about \$20,000 or less. It would be higher for a larger family.

The family that is chosen must agree to put in 400 hours of "sweat equity" working at the construction site. You may invite family members, friends, or church members to help with those hours. You must agree to participate in a number of courses relating to successful home ownership. After making a minimum downpayment, the Habitat families pay about \$250 a month on an interest-free mortgage, including taxes and insurance.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 58
LOW: 36
PARTLY CLOUDY

Friday
HIGH: 56
LOW: 40
PARTLY CLOUDY

Saturday
HIGH: 60
LOW: 40
PARTLY CLOUDY