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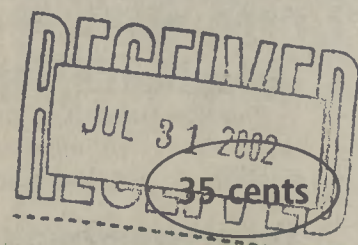
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# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY



## County off short list for landing strip

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Craven and Washington counties, not Perquimans, have been identified as the preferred alternatives for the siting of a new Outlying Landing Field for carrier-based aircraft landing practice.

The announcement was made in a news release issued Tuesday by the offices of Sen. Jesse Helms and Congressman Walter B. Jones.

The release states that the Navy has decided to deploy either two or four F/A-18 E/F Super Hornets to MCAS Cherry Point,

with the remainder stationed at NAS Oceana, Va. That would put between 24 and 56 of the 164 aircraft at Cherry Point.

Although the decisions are not final, Perquimans County Manager Paul Gregory said he is hopeful that the move will mean Perquimans will not find

itself home to an outlying landing field. The county will not stop is present joint efforts with other northeastern North Carolina counties to stop the landing field from being located in any of the counties, he said.

"We will continue to fight the landing field being

located in Washington County and support Craven County, which wants the landing fields," Gregory said.

The news release states that the decisions were included in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement that describes the benefits and potential

environmental impacts of the Navy's proposed action. The Navy expects to announce a final decision in early 2003.

Hearings will be held on the issue, but final dates have not been announced.

No one from Helms' or Jones' offices was available for comment at press time.

## Antique theft ring busted

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Two Plymouth men were charged in Perquimans, Bertie and Chowan counties in conjunction with what appears to be an antique theft ring.

Eric Andrew Peacy, 18, of 110 E. Main St., Plymouth and Douglas William Hewitt, 35, of 501 Wilson St., Plymouth were charged with second degree burglary by the Chowan County Sheriff's Department on July 11. The pair was subsequently

charged with four counts of felony breaking or entering, four counts of felonious larceny after breaking or entering and possession of stolen goods by the Bertie County Sheriff's Department. Perquimans charged Hewitt with felonious breaking and entering and felonious larceny.

As of Monday, both Peacy and Hewitt were being held in the Bertie County Jail under a \$100,000 bond.

Peacy and Hewitt are believed to be responsible for at least eight break-ins and larcenies in the three counties.

According to Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley, the suspects cruised rural areas in Perquimans, Chowan and Bertie counties looking for homes that appeared to be unoccupied. They allegedly entered the houses, stole antiques, then sold them to at least three dealers and a collector.

The case was broken by the Chowan County deputy Richard Ashley, who was killed in a plane crash in Tyner on July 16 while on a flight to search for marijuana. Chowan County Sheriff Fred Spruill said Ashley spotted intruders at a house in that county around 1 a.m. on July 11.

"Richard Ashley came by and saw them (suspects) at the house and was able to catch them," Spruill said. "He was able to hold them at bay until the other deputies arrived."

"Chowan County did an outstanding job actually catching somebody in a house," said Bertie County Sheriff Greg Atkins.

The suspects were questioned after being apprehended in Chowan County, and the investigation led to a break in the cases in all three counties.

"I was just pleased with the way that the agencies came together and cooperated," Atkins said.

Atkins added that cooperation across county and town lines is critical to effective law enforcement.

Antiques allegedly taken from the residences have been recovered in Plymouth, Jamesville, Windsor and Washington, Tilley said. While a complete inventory with values on the pieces is not available, Tilley said the value of the items stolen is "in the thousands."

Spruill said the most valuable piece recovered to date is worth \$30,000.

One piece recovered was a corner cabinet built in 1805 by slaves, Tilley said.

Tilley said the three dealers and one collector have not been charged in the incidents at this time. The dealers are cooperating with law enforcement agencies, he said.

While all of the pieces missing from the vandalized homes have not been recovered, the sheriffs said many have been, and they continue to follow leads on the missing items.

All three sheriffs said the case is still under investigation and they expect more charges to be filed.

## Calendar project

The Chamber of Commerce has agreed to be the lead agency in a calendar coordination project. Sylvia Wyatt will be responsible for maintaining the community calendar.

To promote local events and activities, the chamber will launch a quarterly published calendar of events beginning with the last quarter of 2002. The deadline for inclusion in the Oct.-Nov.-Dec. calendar is Aug. 15. Information to be considered for publication must be submitted in writing to the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, 118 W. Market St., Hertford, NC 27944, fax 426-7542, email chamber@perquimans.com.

Events will also be published in the chamber newsletter. The deadline for inclusion is the 10th of the month.

For information, contact Sid Eley, Chamber director, at 426-5657.

## FURNITURE SHOW



The Perquimans Arts League is hosting a show by county furniture maker Ben Hobbs through Aug. 10. Hobbs is known across the country for his quality reproduction pieces. He also teaches classes in furniture-making at his Bethel home, from which he and his wife, Jackie, operate Beechtree Inn bed and breakfast in a number of buildings collected, moved and restored by the couple.

## Roper man busted in county

SUSAN R. HARRIS

A Roper man made a big mistake when he sped past Perquimans County Deputy Nathan Zachary on U.S. Highway 17 South last Thursday.

Kerry Cabarrus Jr., 21, of 2335 Jones White Rd., Roper, was paced traveling in excess of 90 miles per

hour by Zachary, who was traveling south on Highway 17 heading towards Chowan County, according to Sheriff Eric Tilley. Zachary stopped the 1996 blue Dodge Neon around 12:20 p.m., recovering two grams of crack cocaine and 57 grams of marijuana after the stop.

Cabarrus was charged with possession with intent

to manufacture, sell and deliver a schedule VI controlled substance (marijuana), possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver a schedule II controlled substance (crack cocaine), and maintaining a vehicle for the purpose of selling/delivering a controlled substance.

The Neon, which was rented from a Virginia

automobile rental agency by another party, was impounded. Tilley said the rental agency was contacted and made plans to come pick up the car the same day.

Bond was set at \$12,000 secured. Cabarrus had his first appearance in court on the day of his arrest because court was in session in Perquimans County

## Festivals set for September

Fall is just around the corner, and with fall comes festival time in Hertford.

Saturday, Sept. 14 will find downtown Hertford, Missing Mill Park, the Hertford Municipal Center and the Newbold-White House filled with people and activities for the annual Hearth & Harvest and Indian Summer festivals.

Hearth & Harvest offers a step back in time at the historic Newbold-White House. Festival-goers can try their hands at traditional 18th century activities that could have taken place at this Colonial Quaker homestead. Activities will include creating a corn-husk doll, dipping candles, making butter, and playing 18th century games.

Artisans working on traditional crafts will be fea-

tured at the site.

Music will enhance the day's activities. On the lawn, open hearth cooking will be demonstrated throughout the day.

Hours are from 10 - 4 p.m. Cost is \$5 carload or \$1 person and includes admission to the historic Newbold-White House.

Food and beverages will be available.

The Indian Summer Festival offers games for the kids, river activities, an antique car show, traditional foods, crafts and live music.

Arts and crafts of all kinds will be available for sale and the food court boasts something for every taste. Take home a taste of the fair from the Farmers Market.

A variety of entertain-

ment is scheduled at the Courthouse Stage. A highlight of the day will be a performance by the United States Atlantic Fleet Band.

The Perquimans River is the focus of activities at the Hertford Municipal Center. Paddleboat rentals, guided tours of the Perquimans River, and boat rides to Winfall Landing Park are scheduled throughout the day. River activities are courtesy of Perquimans Heritage, Inc.

Missing Mill Park is the site of the Children's Pavilion, featuring rides, games, a children's singing contest, and other entertainment.

There will also be an antique car show at the park.

For more information, call 426-2021.

## WEEKEND WEATHER

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