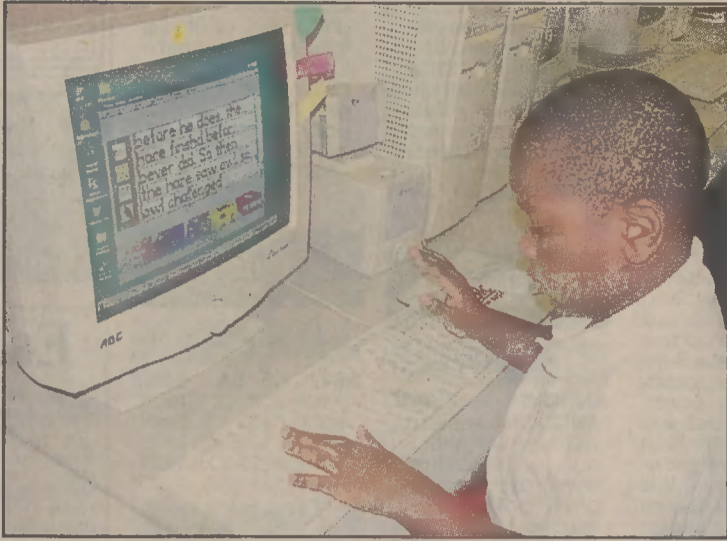


# Students attend Turtle Tech Camp

Perquimans Central School beginning second grade students had an opportunity to participate in a very exciting two week "Turtle Tech Computer Camp" that was held recently.

The students learned to visually communicate ideas and discover the world of art through digital photography and graphic design. Many other computer skills were offered in an interactive and hands-on environment.

"Computer camp allows our students to discover the many facets of technology," said Cynthia Stallings, Instructional Technology Specialist and Coordinator for Turtle Tech Computer Camp. "The more children understand, enjoy and respect computer technology, the better equipped they'll be for their future."



Students learned in fun ways during Central School's Turtle Tech Camp.

"Through thematic units, and project based learning, we provided activities that were attractive, fun and educational," she continued. "Through the means of integrating technology with the curriculum, we were able to expand the level of knowl-

edge whereby all children were successful. The students' enthusiasm for practical, usable knowledge of computers enabled them to enhance not only their technology skills but academic skills as well."

A diverse, professional staff collaborated to assist in teaching the classes. Technology mentors included Melissa Fields, Media Coordinator, Tracy Gregory, second grade teacher, and Lisa Hollowell and Urania Harrell kindergarten teachers brought a wealth of knowledge and experience to the camp.

The closing celebration included a PowerPoint presentation by the students and a video production showing activities from the week.

# POW-WOW AT BEACON



Summer campers at Beacon Academy enjoy one of the many planned activities. Blackfoot Indian Bill Darrow presented an educational program, Many a Tale of His Heritage! The campers, under the direction of Mrs. Pat Owsley, performed cultural dances and chants.

# Tournament canceled

The 9th Annual Martin County United Way Invitational Two Day Team Bass Fishing Tournament scheduled Aug. 2-3 on the Roanoke River, has been canceled.

Organizers made the decision due to continued high water and low oxygen levels in the Roanoke River and the low number of teams pre-registered. Water still covers the Wildlife Boat Ramp at the US 17 bridge, making it difficult for boats to get in and out of the river.

This is the first time the tournament has been canceled since its inception, having survived Hurricanes Floyd and Dennis in 1999 and a fish kill in 1995.

# NCDA warns consumers about supplements

RALEIGH - The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Food and Drug Protection Division <<http://www.ncagr.com/fooddrug/>> is warning consumers not to purchase or consume the following dietary supplements because they may pose possible health risks: SIGRA, STAMINA Rx and STAMINA Rx for Women, Y-Y, Spontane ES and Uroprin. These products, manufactured by NVE, Inc. of Newton, N.J. and distributed by Hi-Tech in

Norcross, Ga., are being marketed as over-the-counter dietary supplements that can increase stamina, confidence and performance. NCDA officials have not found a North Carolina distributor of these products at this time.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has determined the products contain the prescription drug ingredient tadalafil, the active ingredient in an approved European product to treat male erectile dysfunction. When com-

bined with certain prescription drugs containing nitrates, such as nitroglycerin, tadalafil could cause a drastic lowering of blood pressure. Erectile dysfunction is a common problem associated with diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and ischemic heart disease. Many prescription drugs used to treat these conditions contain nitrates.

"Consumers need to be aware of the risks when shopping on vacation or accepting medicines from family and friends," said

Dan Ragan, NCDA drug administrator. "Anyone who has medical concerns and who has taken any of these products should contact a medical provider."

The Food and Drug Protection Division is working with the FDA to investigate this situation.

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# Woodland meeting set in Williamston

The North Carolina Forest Landowners Association (NFLA) is sponsoring an educational meeting for private woodland owners titled Cleaner Water and More Critters from Your Woodland Integrating Best Management Practices and Wildlife. The meeting will be held in Williamston on Thursday, Aug. 14 at the Martin County Ag Center on East Main Street. Although specifically designed for landowners, anyone interested in learning about preharvest planning, best management practices, and wildlife habitat management is welcome.

Event co-sponsors include the NC Cooperative Extension Service, NC Association of Consulting Foresters, NC Division of Forest Resources, NC Farm Bureau, and NC Wildlife Resources Commission.

The first part of the program will be "Preharvest Planning - Doing It Right From the Get-go." Consulting forester David Jeannette Jr., RF, ACF of Windsor will show participants things to do before a harvest that will help protect and enhance the land's long term productivity and water quality.

The second session is titled "What are 'BMPs' and Why Should I Give a Hoot?" Watershed Protection Forester Moreland Gueth, RF of the NC Division of Forest Resources, will detail what Best Management Practices (BMPs) are and how they help protect and enhance the state's soil and water resources.

The evening's final presentation will be "Helping Critters Along the Way." Chris Moorman, PhD,

Wildlife Specialist with the NC Cooperative Extension Service, will offer attendees cost-effective ways to integrate BMPs with habitat management for "critters" that are important to every nature lover.

Registration and a dessert social begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the program at 7 p.m. The meeting cost for Forest Landowner

Association members is \$10 and for nonmembers, \$15. Seating is limited and advance reservations are required no later than Monday, Aug. 11. Contact NC Forest Landowners Association Executive Director Stephen A. Whitfield at (919) 787-1220 or ncfla@earthlink.net to register or for more information.

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The Navy has completed the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Introduction of F/A-18 E/F (Super Hornet) Aircraft to the East Coast of the United States.  
The Navy expects that the availability of the FEIS will be officially announced in the Federal Register on July 18, 2003. Following the Federal Register notification, the Navy will issue a Record of Decision on the proposed action after completion of a minimum 30-day public review period. The Record of Decision will be published in the Federal Register, and a notice of the Record of Decision will be published in local newspapers.  
The FEIS has been distributed to various federal, state, and local agencies, as well as other interested individuals and organizations that have provided comment on the Draft EIS (DEIS).  
Copies of the FEIS and supporting documents are available for public viewing on the project website at [www.faircraft.ene.com](http://www.faircraft.ene.com) and at local libraries. A list of all libraries with copies of the FEIS is also on the project website. Due to the volume of the entire FEIS, only a limited number of bound copies have been published. The following libraries and other locations in this area have been provided a copy of the FEIS:  
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