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## LAND OF BEAUTIFUL WOMEN



Perquimans lived up to its "Land of Beautiful Women" moniker Saturday evening when the Perquimans County Athletic Boosters sponsored a womanless beauty pageant. Contestants included (left to right, front) second runner up Lee Tunnell, queen Ed Walker, first runner up Mark Winslow, (back) Steve Baker, Sid Eley, Todd Hunter, Fred Yates and Alan Gibson, Miss Congeniality. At left, the winner, Miss Starlite, takes her bows after being crowned.

## State of the School meeting called

Hans Lassiter assumed the leadership position at Perquimans High School less than six months ago. In conjunction with Parent Involvement Day in November, he has called for the first State of the School Meeting.

Parents want and need information about what's happening in their child's classroom and how they can help. Teachers likewise want and need the involvement of parents in their children's education. The State of the School Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 20, in the PCHS auditorium at 7 p.m., will provide such an opportunity.

The meeting, being held during American Education Week, is designed to inform parents of all aspects of operations at PCHS. Topics that will be covered include, but are not limited to:

- Teacher Credentials (part of the "highly qualified" mandate)
- Discipline information and statistics
- Academic information
- Attendance information
- Graduation requirements
- ABC information
- NCLB information
- Presentation of School Improvement Plan focusing on academic achievement
- Community Forum - Q & A session by parents/audience members

"It is my desire that this event will be well-attended," Lassiter said. "The success of our public schools rests in part on the ability of parents and teachers to work together to create a learning environment in which all children can be successful."

For more information on the upcoming meeting, you may contact Brenda Lassiter at 426-5741 ext. 239 or Hans Lassiter at 426-5778.

## Grand illumination set for parade day

Join in a holiday celebration that will light up the town when Hertford's new historic lighting and streetscape elements are unveiled during the Illumination Celebration, Saturday, Dec. 6.

The event will begin immediately after the Christmas parade, at approximately 3:30 p.m. and will feature seasonal festivities that will entertain folks of all ages.

At 5 p.m. the ceremony will begin and will honor those that made this project possible. The festivities will culminate in the "flick of the switch" at 5:30 when the new lights will be turned on.

The celebration marks the completion of Phase I of the Historic Hertford Streetscape Enhancement Project that was started in June. In addition to new lighting, brick paving, underground wiring and a new public plaza were paid for by a grant from NC Department of Transportation, matched with county funds and administered by Historic

Hertford, Inc. and the Town of Hertford.

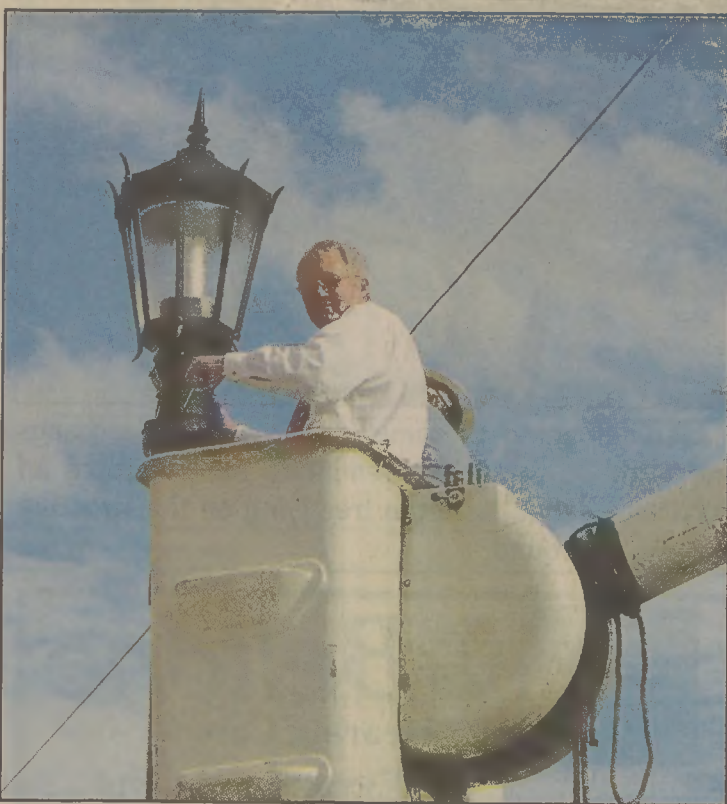
Phase II of the project has been approved, and preliminary work and bidding are underway. Phase II will add lights on North Church Street from the bridge to the downtown area.

Throughout the afternoon, Hertford will take on the air of an old fashioned Christmas. Merchants will host open houses and offer goodies and special free gift opportunities including gift certificates, haircuts, design consultation and other great surprises. Shops will remain open after the ceremony to allow some extra shopping time.

Santa will listen to the Christmas wishes of boys and girls at Inteliport.

Shoppers will be entertained by music, tap dancers and poetry readings, and serenaded by carolers. The Bootstrap players will add their talents to the activities.

Additional special events include an open house at Dotty's Bed and Breakfast, formerly the Gingerbread Inn, the grand



Hertford Mayor Sid Eley lends a hand with the installation of the period streets lights in Hertford. The lights adorn the S-bridge and Church Street business district. The new lights will be lit during an illumination ceremony to follow the Christmas parade.

opening of the cyber-café display at the 50s retro gas at Inteliport, a classic car station, the dedication of

the new plaza and a tag sale at Catholic Social Ministries.

A very special community book signing celebrating the publication of the pictorial history "Perquimans County, North Carolina," is set for 3-5 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish House.

The Illumination Celebration is sponsored by Historic Hertford, Inc. in collaboration with the downtown merchants, the Perquimans County Library, the Perquimans County Restoration Association, the Bootstrap Players and Catholic Social Ministries. For information, call 426-1425.

The Christmas parade, this year themed "Christmas Is..." is being organized by the Chamber of Commerce.

Cash prizes are offered in several categories, including The Perquimans Weekly Best in Parade Award of \$100.

Entry forms and information are available at the Visitors Center on Market Street, or call 426-5657.

## Wallace, Mulkey fill their nooks and crannies with variety of treasures

Lorelei Wallace and Barbara Mulkey have filled Our Nook and Cranny Craft and Gift Shop with a variety of lovely items just in time for Christmas.

The shop carries hand-made wooden crafts and also offers made-to-order pieces. Some items feature stain, others are hand-painted, and there are both new and old treasures in stock.

In addition to the wooden offerings, Our Nook and Cranny carries Bake Shop candles, Yankee candles,

porcelain dolls, collectible knives and swords.

"We are a small business in a small town that we love and would like to see grow," owners Wallace and Mulkey said in a news release about the new business. "We hope to bring some business into our town and hope the people will help us grow also."

As is the tradition in Perquimans County, Our Nook and Cranny will offer friendly, small-town service.

"We will greet our cus-

tomers with respect and a smile and hope that we can meet some of their wants and gift needs. We will strive to have a variety of usual and unusual items."

The shop is open Wednesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Visitors may also check out the shop on the website at [www.ournookandcranny.com](http://www.ournookandcranny.com), which features a guest book and an opportunity to provide feedback.

Wallace and Mulkey look forward to serving their customers and meeting



The Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting in honor of the grand opening of Hertford's newest business, Our Nook and Cranny Craft and Gift Shop, operating in Hall of Fame Square on Church Street.

new friends.

A grand opening was held Friday, complete with

a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
High: 66  
Low: 38  
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY  
High: 60  
Low: 38  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY  
High: 60  
Low: 44  
PARTLY CLOUDY