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Hertford man faces drug charges, tax bill

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A Hertford man was arrested earlier this month after law enforcement officers found 118 grams of crack and cocaine and almost \$3,000 in cash at his residence.

Marcus Orlando Forehand, 35, of 312 Market Street, was arrested by the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Drug Task Force and

charged with possession with intent to sell and deliver crack/cocaine, possession with intent to sell and deliver marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of selling/delivering a controlled substance, according to Perquimans Sheriff Eric Tilley.

Both the drug task force and Perquimans Sheriff's

Department had received information that drugs were being dealt from Forehand's home, Tilley said. Working together, the agencies were able to get sufficient information to secure a search warrant. Officers from both departments raided Forehand's home on July 2 at around 7:30 p.m.

Tilley said Forehand was cooperative when officers

arrived. Cocaine, marijuana, cash and drug paraphernalia such as scales were confiscated during the search.

Also found on the property were several guns, Tilley said. No weapons charges were filed at the time of the search, but federal authorities have been contacted and federal charges are possible, the sheriff added.

In addition to the drug charges, Tilley said Forehand will also have to deal with a tax bill of about \$7,000 stemming from the arrest. The sheriff said that the state of North Carolina classifies a drug dealer as a business person, and levies income taxes on seized drugs based on the street value of what is confiscated. If funds are not available to pay the tax

bill, Tilley said the state may take property such as cars, jewelry and electronics to cover the bill.

The tax money is put into a Drug Tax Fund and sent back to the county where the drugs were seized to be used to fight drugs and investigate drug cases.

Tilley said no one else was arrested in connection with the case.

HOME AT LAST



Tammy Moore accepts the keys to her new home in Snug Harbor Saturday, built by the Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity. Moore and her three teen children, Ashley, Anthony and Brian, celebrated the completion of their new home with Habitat volunteers. Although slowed by weather and material delivery delays, the four bedroom Coastal cottage was completed just two weeks behind schedule.

Five run for three seats on local school board

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Two incumbents and three challengers will be on Tuesday's board of education ballot.

Incumbents William Byrum and Helen Thompson Shaw, who now serve as chair and co-chair of the board, respectively, will be joined on the ballot by political newcomers Gail Vaughan Hill, Ralph Hollowell and Thomas C. "Tommy" Jones. The five will run in a non-partisan election for three available seats. Two of those seats are held by Byrum and Shaw; the third was vacated by the death of Iris Byrne this spring. With an election imminent, the board opted not to fill Byrne's seat after her death.

Each voter will be able to choose one candidate on the ballot. The three who get the most votes will be seated on the board at the board's July meeting.

Each candidate spoke with The Perquimans Weekly by phone, and were asked the same questions. An overview of their interviews follows in alphabetical order.

William Byrum, 65, has served the past four years on the board after spending his career in education. A graduate of Perquimans County High School, Byrum earned his bachelor's degree at East Carolina University before returning to his alma mater as an English teacher. After three years in the classroom, Byrum served as principal at the school for 30 years, then moved to the central office as testing coordinator for four years before retiring. During his career, he earned his masters in educational administration from ECU.

Byrum's three sons attended Perquimans County Schools, and he presently has a grandson, age 13, who is a student here.

The veteran school administrator is seeking another four-year term, where he will bring his experiences in education to the table.

The school system's greatest challenge, Byrum said, is finding funds for facilities needs. Dealing with that challenge requires continuing to work with the board of county commissioners to

find funds to implement the school system's long-range plans.

The system's greatest resource is its employees, he said.

The present board is composed of hard workers in Byrum's view.

"I think the board is doing a very good job working with the administration and the community," he said.

Gail Vaughan Hill, 53, attended Perquimans County Schools and went on to earn a bachelors in Bible and theology with a Christian education minor from Roanoke Bible College. At present, she owns and operates a transportation company.

Hill had one child to graduate from Perquimans County Schools, while her second child started here, but finished in Camden.

Her concern for reaching all children is her reason for running for school board.

"I have a concern about the mass production of children, classification of children and lack of motivation," she said.

Hill said the school system's greatest resource and

great challenge are twin themes: Teachers must present the curriculum in ways that reach all children so that none are left behind.

Her background in Christian education gives Hill knowledge of brain-based learning, which states that all children can be reached if properly attended. All children can learn if curriculum is presented in the way that meshes with their learning style.

Hill said she did not feel she could rate the job the present board is doing.

Ralph Hollowell, 37, is interested in the school system both as a parent and the husband of a teacher. Hollowell has a son in the fourth grade, and a toddler who will one day attend Perquimans County Schools, just as his wife did. She now teaches at Central School.

The Environmental Health Director at Albemarle Regional Health Services for 15 years, Hollowell graduated from Albemarle School before earning a bachelors degree in science from N.C. State University.

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Summer coming to close for local students, teachers

Dates set for class assignment notices, fall sports try-outs

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Summer is more than half over for students and teachers in Perquimans County Schools. In less than a month, another school year will begin.

Teachers will report Aug. 2 for workdays, while students will attend classes on Aug. 5.

Students scheduled to attend Perquimans Central and Hertford Grammar schools this year will get letters the week of July 19 providing the name of the student's teacher and a list of needed supplies.

Letters will be sent to students at Perquimans Middle School next week detailing dates and times students may visit the school to obtain class schedules and a list of needed supplies.

Juniors and seniors may pick up schedules at Perquimans High on July 19, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m., while freshmen and sophomores may pick up schedules during the same hours on July 20.

July 21 has been designated for juniors and seniors to discuss schedule changes with counselors. Freshmen and sophomore may discuss the same on July 22. Hours will be 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Try-out dates for fall sports are also set. At the high school, try-out dates are as follows:

Football (varsity and JV): July 28, 5 p.m.

Cheerleading (varsity and JV): Aug. 2, 4-6 p.m.

Volleyball: Aug. 2, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Cross country: Aug. 5, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Soccer: Aug. 9, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Tryouts for football, soccer, cheerleading and volleyball at the middle school will begin Aug. 16 at 3:30 p.m.

All student athletes must have a current physical and drug test before reporting for tryouts.

High school students who plan to drive to school may park on campus in the

designated parking lot on the corner of Edenton Road and King streets after receiving a parking permit. Students who violate parking regulations or who leave campus without authorization may lose their parking privileges.

Students should never park in the faculty or visitor lots, the grassy triangle or areas located near the baseball field or bus garage. Any cars parked in unauthorized areas or illegal spaces are subject to towing at the owner's expense.

The school is not responsible for theft or vandalism while the vehicle is parked on campus.

Students should not loiter in or visit the student lot during the school day.

Students parking on campus must be licensed and insured.

Student vehicles are subject to search if school administration has reasonable suspicion that drugs, alcohol or other contraband may be located inside the vehicle.

Students will be off on Sept. 3 and 6. There are teacher work days scheduled for Oct. 11 and 12, the end of the first nine weeks grading period.

May 25 is the final of the 180 days of the 2004-05 school year, barring the need to make up time for inclement weather days.

Days designated as make-up days in the event of inclement weather are Sept. 3, Oct. 11, Feb. 14, Jan. 3 and May 26.

School calendars must meet criteria set by North Carolina General Statutes and State Board policy.

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THURSDAY
HIGH: 91
LOW: 71
SUNNY

FRIDAY
HIGH: 89
LOW: 71
SUNNY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 90
LOW: 74
SUNNY