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Boat show draws 300 to Hertford

Numbers down, but buyers serious at 2nd annual event

MARGARET FISHER

The numbers aren't all tallied, but the 2nd annual Northeastern North Carolina Boat Show drew in less proceeds and visitors than its first year.

About 300 people, compared with about 800 last year, showed up at the 3-day event held at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.

The event, sponsored by Seatow of the Albemarle, grossed about \$1,500 in ticket sales, but vendor site rental fees were not tallied before deadline. Last year's show netted about \$13,000 for Communities in Schools of Perquimans County.

This year, CIS may not clear any profit, but executive director Nancy Barrow said that the economic impact in the community is helping to build a better future for students.

"Luckily, those 300 people (who attended) were very interested in boats," she said. The boat dealers were pleased with their sales and sold more boats than they would have on their lots, she said.

DB Marina, Cypress Cove Marina, Causeway Marina, Carolina Classic and Albemarle Boats all had boats on display for sale.

"The people who came were serious about buying boats," said Barbara Gustafson, for-



PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

Phyllis Jones of Columbia found just the right boat — roomy and well organized — at last weekend's 2nd annual Northeastern North Carolina Boat Show. Now, if she can just convince her husband, Larry, to buy it.

mer CIS director who helped organize the event. "I've got one picked out," said Phyllis Jones of Columbia. The only thing remaining was to convince her husband, Larry Jones, that

it's the right boat to get.

"The dock is calling us," said Connie Miller. She and her husband, Larry Miller, moved to Hertford in December, but weren't sure wheth-

Child makes PCS bomb threat

MARGARET FISHER
and
SUSAN HARRIS

Perquimans County Schools' administrative office received a bomb threat last Friday called in by an 11-year-old student.

The call came in to the superintendent's office at about 3:15 p.m. The caller stated over the phone, "It's a bomb threat, ha, ha," said Superintendent Kenneth Wells.

The caller hung up and the receptionist immediately carried out the school system's call trace plan. Wells contacted the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office within two minutes, said Sheriff Eric Tilley.

Embarq called the school to inform them that the trace was good and they had located the caller, a male student at his residence in Hertford. In less than 30 minutes, the phone company provided the phone number of the caller to the Sheriff's Office.

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Rotary sponsors Korean visitors

MARGARET FISHER

When Rotarian Ja-Hyo Yoo, also known as J.H., brought four other Koreans to visit eastern North Carolina towns for a month, he was surprised by the number of family photos that decorated his host's house.

"So many Americans are proud of their family," he said. "There are many pictures on the wall of family — even up to the great-grandparents."

In Korea, one would expect a large painting and one or two posed photographs, but not snapshot photos of numerous family members, including the family pets. He said that he is impressed that Americans place such an emphasis on family.

J.H. led a group of exchange professionals from Korea as part of Rotarian International's mission to provide intercultural experiences that pro-

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Faulty light causes wreck

MARGARET FISHER

A faulty traffic signal caused a two-car accident at the intersection of Church Street, Harvey Point Road and U.S. Highway 17 last Thursday.

The signal had malfunctioned early Wednesday morning causing it to switch over to flashing red and yellow lights. Close to 8 a.m., the lights flashed again.

A representative from the N.C. Department of

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Johnson named Central principal

Sylvia Gibson Johnson, an educator for nearly three decades, is the choice of the Perquimans County Schools Board of Education for the position of principal at Perquimans Central School.

"Mrs. Johnson will be an asset to our school district," said Superintendent Dr. Ken Wells. "She is an elementary educator at heart, has a passion for children, and exemplifies the values that we expect of all Perquimans County Schools' staff and administrators. Mrs. Johnson is delighted to be returning home to Perquimans and we are fortunate to be able to offer her the position of principal at Perquimans Central School."

Johnson was a classroom teacher at Hertford Grammar School before accepting a post as assistant principal at D.F. Walker School in 2002. She has been with Edenton-Chowan Schools since that



Veteran educator Sylvia Johnson was named principal at Perquimans Central School at Monday night's school board meeting.

time.

Johnson was on hand at Monday night's board meeting.

"It is so good to be returning to Perquimans County," she told the board. "I love this school district and realize that Perquimans Central is a school that is progressive and on the cut-

ting edge. I am ready, willing and equipped to take Perquimans Central to the next level."

She replaces Billy Stallings, who retired in January. Retired Edenton-Chowan Schools administrator Mary Nixon was appointed to serve as interim principal to provide

Rock'n roll era diner opens in Winfall

MARGARET FISHER

Andy's Cheesesteak opened its doors in Winfall on April 3 and celebrated a grand opening Saturday.

Owners Chris and Miranda Craft, Jacksonville natives who also own an Andy's in Moyock, gave out free food during their first week of opening.

"I have been working towards (owning) this store since I was 16," said Chris Craft, now 23.

His wife, 25, said that she hopped around jobs before landing at Andy's three years ago.

"This is the longest job I've ever

held and I love it — the fast pace, the atmosphere and the philosophy," she said.

Andy's, or rather its founder Kenny Moore, believes that people will work harder for themselves than for other people. So he provides the building and allows entrepreneurs to own their own business without having to fork out the capital outlay.

Moore also believes in what Jesus Christ taught when he washed his disciples' feet — that leaders have to serve others.

"Andy's teaches that if you want your employees to work, then you

have to work harder than them," Miranda Craft said.

The payoff for the Crafts was being number one in sales out of all the Andy's restaurants in their second week and number two in their first and third weeks. The restaurant chain, headquartered in Mount Olive, is known for its 1950s décor and music and enthusiastic employees. It's also known for its thin-sliced cheesesteaks, chili cheese fries and fresh-squeezed lemonades and orangeades.

"Nothing is pre-made down to the

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WEATHER

THURSDAY

HIGH: 67, LOW: 53
SHOWERS

FRIDAY

HIGH: 67, LOW: 53
FEW SHOWERS

SATURDAY

HIGH: 72, LOW: 52
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