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Spring weekend is here

Southern hospitality highlighted

SUSAN HARRIS

Hertford's small-town charm and Southern hospitality will be showcased during the annual Spring Weekend May 18-20.

The mouth-watering aroma of pork cooking on the grill Eastern North Carolina style will bring diners to the courthouse lawn on Friday during Pig Out On The Green. Meals featuring the barbecue and all the fixings will be served 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$6 each and may be purchased at the Visitors Center, Woodard's Pharmacy, Simply Southern or any Historic Hertford, Inc. member.

Tables and chairs will grace the courthouse green to allow al fresco dining. Drinks and homemade desserts will be sold on site. Music will play in the background.

A 50-50 raffle is also on tap for the day.

Two historic Front Street homes and the beautiful Perquimans River will provide the backdrops for the annual Spring Garden Party sponsored by the Perquimans County Restoration Association Saturday evening.

Ladies and gentlemen in their Sunday best will enjoy fresh asparagus with lemon sauce, Danish shrimp with blue cheese, ham biscuits (Is there anything more Southern?), tomato dill sandwiches, bacon-wrapped apricots, salmon mousse cups, chicken florentine en croute, caviar pie, a chocolate fountain with fruit, assorted sweets and the table wine of the South, iced tea on the lawns of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stokes and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Reed.

Beginning at 5:30, the party will also feature a cash bar with champagne, mint juleps, wine and beer.

A musical program will be provided by the Outer Banks Chorale.

Tickets are \$30 and are available by calling 426-7567.

On Sunday, the weekend will wrap up as the famed Albemarle Chorale presents "Springtime Celebration," at 7 p.m. at the high school.

The Albemarle Chorale is directed by Lynwood Winslow and is composed of 60 experienced singers from across the Albemarle. Jacqueline Copeland will accompany the group.

The Chorale is sponsored by The College of The Albemarle.

Admission will be free. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

On the wild side



Licensed wildlife rehabilitator Elizabeth Hanrahan of Edenton released three turtles in the marsh beside the "s" bridge in Hertford last Thursday. Hanrahan rescued the turtles and 34 pigeons from 329 Market Street when Hertford Police officers removed nine pit bulls from the house and charged Shelma Miller Jr. with training and fighting the dogs. The case is still pending. Hanrahan got the pigeons adopted and nurtured the turtles, who were a combined weight of 694 grams in October and weighed 888 grams at release.



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

No drugs found at schools

SUSAN HARRIS

The Sheriff's Department put its new drug dog to the test at both the middle and high schools.

Following up on reports from school administrators and the resource officers at both schools that some students were in possession of drugs on campus, Investigator Shelby White took Boz, a yellow lab, into the middle school on Friday and the high school on Monday for random searches.

Tilley said Boz and White checked out random lockers and classrooms at both schools, and also sniffed around some cars at the high school. There was an indication at the middle school that drugs may have been stored in an area searched at one time, but nothing was found at either site.

Boz is the latest addition to the sheriff's force, and was procured through a canine school in Greenville.

"I felt like we needed a certified canine in the county since we don't have one," Tilley said.

Boz and White have both received training, Boz in sniffing out narcotics and White as a canine handler.

"You go to school to be trained as a handler just like you do to operate radar," Tilley said. "The officer and the dog take tests to be certified. You have to have the paperwork to back that up, to show that the dog does have training in narcotics. Both the handler and the dog should be certified."

Tilley said having certification helps to validate evidence at trial.

NCSU faculty coming to Winfall

Perquimans Central School will get a visit from 35 faculty members and administrators of N.C. State University Friday.

The visit is part of a bus tour to connect faculty and staff at N.C. State with people across North Carolina.

Through the "Connecting in North Carolina" tour, businesses and industries important to the state's economy will be toured to learn more about the state from citizens, business and community leaders. The program's goal is to show the faculty and staff how



research in impacting the overall quality of life.

The stop at Central School is to look at the IMPACT Center. Perquimans Central School earned a prestigious IMPACT grant to facilitate learning and teaching through effective use of technology. In 2003, N.C. State's Friday Institute was selected to evaluate

the effectiveness of the IMPACT model for North Carolina schools.

The team will seek to gain an appreciation for a pre-K through second grade exemplary public school; be exposed to the integration, utilization and impact of technology throughout the learning environment; and better understand the nature and importance of the relationship with the N.C. State College of Education.

The hypothesis that the team will be looking to validate is that the implementation of the IMPACT model of integrating technology into teaching and learning will make a significant difference in student achievement based on North Carolina End-of-Grace and

End-of-Course test scores.

Connecting in North Carolina is a faculty-staff development program jointly sponsored by the University's Provost Office, the Office of Research and Graduate Studies, and the Office of Extension, Engagement, and Economic Development with coordination by the McKimmon Center for Extension and Continuing Education. The tour will cover about 1,000 miles across 32 counties and more than a dozen cities and towns.

It is also hoped that the tour will increase faculty/staff awareness of where N.C. State students come from and return to from the university setting.

Peterson's venture into Winfall retail market

SUSAN HARRIS

Whether you're in the market for a shrimp basket or a hanging flower basket, you can find it at Winfall Market and Deli.

Steve and Patti Peterson purchased the convenience store on April 1, and last week celebrated their new business venture with a Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting.

Steve Peterson has a full-time job with the maintenance department in the school system, but he's never been one to sit still, always looking for business opportunities. The convenience store and deli is his



Steve and Patti Peterson recently purchased the convenience store on Winfall Boulevard, renaming it Winfall Market and Deli.

project to help educate his grandchildren.

"I'm not doing this for me," Peterson said. "It's for them."

Customer service is the focus at the Winfall store.

"We want to make everybody happy," he said. "We want to be more convenient to our customers than to ourselves."

And providing top customer service means to Peterson that the deli doesn't close — in fact, the fryers don't even get turned off — until the last customer leaves the store and the doors are locked.

Good products and services, fair prices and respect
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THURSDAY

HIGH: 65, LOW: 54

SHOWERS

FRIDAY

HIGH: 69, LOW: 53

PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY

HIGH: 74, LOW: 59

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