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Farmers market to begin May 26

Mid-week market set for Missing Mill

By CATHY WILSON
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The Perquimans Farmers Market will be held on Wednesday afternoons at Missing Mill Park, beginning May 26.

Denise Richards, an independent contractor who manages the Downtown Waterfront Market in Elizabeth City, will also direct the new market venture in Hertford. She is excited about the prospect of a mid-week farmers market in Hertford that will not only draw new farmers and vendors from this locality but allow seasoned vendors from the neighboring market in Elizabeth City to participate as well.

"It's not competition," Richards said of the two markets. "Both markets have their own unique identities. The Perquimans Farmers Market is clearly different from the market in Elizabeth City. In Hertford, we will focus on the farming communities, big or small, even the grower who has a large back-yard garden who wants to sell their fresh vegetables. Our main goal here is to help farmers make more money to help them stay in business."

The local market will operate from 2-6 p.m. and have 12 vendors including eight selling farm products, two selling baked goods, and two others that will vary from week to week, Richards said. Among the

possibilities are area restaurants offering delicious food samples, or free entertainment showcasing the area's unique talents.

Tents will be provided for the vendors, Richards said, but they must bring their own table and chairs as well as signage.

The market is funded through a \$30,000 grant to the Perquimans County Restoration Association from Rural Advancement Foundation International (RAFI-USA) to fund the project for one year. RAFI-USA, according to its website, is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sustaining family farms, rural communities and food security. RAFI cultivates markets, policies and



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Pat Clark of RAFI-USA is shown with Glenda Maynard as the women celebrate plans for the opening of The Perquimans Farmers Market, to be held Wednesday afternoons starting May 26.

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Men safe after canoe flips over

By CATHY WILSON
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Two men and a dog swam safely to shore after their canoe capsized Friday night near Castleton Creek.

Members of the Hertford Police Department responded to a report of a boat sinking near Stokes Park on White Street around 7 p.m.

At the park area, Patrolman Josh Turpin saw two men wearing life vests and a dog resting on a partially submerged object out in the water, then padding for shore near the southern end of Front Street.

Turpin went to the landing at the end of Cypress Lane to get a better view, but was not able to see the men.

He placed EMS and the Perquimans Rescue Dive and Recovery team on standby.

Bobby White, of Cypress Lane, offered to carry Turpin by boat into the mouth of the creek to find the canoeists, police reports state.

They found the men clinging to a dock just around the northern point of White's property.

Both men declined EMS, police said. Police helped the men onto the dock area and they walked home. Turpin and White secured the overturned canoe and towed it to shore.

Sgt. Kevin Worster responded as well.

Battle for first place



STAFF PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

Field Day was held at Hertford Grammar School last week with students and teachers competing in a variety of field activities. Events on Field Day included meter dashes and the sack race.



Two face separate felony charges

Man, woman face child sex charges

From staff reports

A Snug Harbor man and a county woman face multiple felony charges in connection with alleged separate sex incidents involving three different children.

Perquimans Sheriff Eric Tilley said the Snug Harbor man, Frank Kosma, faces seven felonies alleging illegal sex acts with two girls, aged 16 and 9.

Kosma, 46, of the 100 block of Iowa Trail, faces six counts of sex offense, and one count of indecent liberties with a child. Police said the allegations occurred between August 1, 2007 and April 1, 2009. Kosma was taken to Albemarle District Jail and held under a \$67,500 secured bond, Tilley said.

Sharon Wood, of the 200 block of Hurdletown Road, faces one felony charge of aiding and abetting indecent liberties with a minor, and another felony charge of aiding and abetting statutory rape in connection with a 14-year-old girl having sex with a man in Wood's home, Tilley said. Wood, he added, knew the age of the girl and allegedly allowed the encounters to occur with Issac Stanley White, Jr. between July 1, 2008 and April 30, 2009. White, of the 1100 block of Don Juan Road, faces two

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WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY
HIGH: 79 Low: 59
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 76 Low: 55
MOSTLY SUNNY

SUNDAY
HIGH: 74 Low: 54
SUNNY



Relay for Life begins with praise and worship

Birthdays to be celebrated May 6

From staff reports

The Chowan/Perquimans Relay for Life celebration will begin May 6 with a Survivor Praise and Worship Service, a birthday party, and a luminary ceremony.

Faith Pentecostal Holiness Church in Edenton will host the Thursday night worship service start-

ing at 7 p.m. Pastor Danny Gurganus will lead the service and area churches are providing music and drama including Called Out II, Whosoeverwill CGIC, Great Hope Baptist, and Faith Pentecostal.

The guest speaker is Jason Lineberger, pastor of Ignite Church in Greenville. Pastor Lineberger and his Praise Band will bring a message of hope and encouragement.

Following the service, a birthday party celebrating

another birthday for cancer survivors will be held in the fellowship hall at 8 p.m. Participants will be treated to birthday cake and homemade goodies.

The evening will conclude with a Luminary Service on the front lawn where cancer survivors will be honored.

The actual Relay for Life overnight event will be held May 14 and 15 at the John A. Holmes High School Athletic complex.

Opening ceremony be-

gins May 14 at 6 p.m. featuring guest speaker Renee Clark from Perquimans County.

Cancer survivors will walk first recognizing another year of beating the horrible disease. The lighting of the luminaria remembering or honoring those with cancer will be held that night at 9 p.m.

Events continue throughout the two days including a silent auction featuring items such as a family pack of NASCAR tickets, a half

day off-shore fishing trip from Wanchese, golf passes at Albemarle Plantation, a handmade birdhouse, sewing machine, stationary exercise bike, gift basket of hairbows, an original painting, and tickets to the Chowan County Fair.

Relay's closing ceremony is slated for May 15 at noon.

The 2010 Chowan/Perquimans County Relay for Life features 25 teams, including five from Perquimans County.