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Rayburns create endowed scholarship

First scholarship for PCS Foundation Inc.

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

A donation of bank stock from a local couple has created the first endowed college scholarship for the Perquimans County Schools Foundation, Inc.

Walker and Marjorie Rayburn, of Hertford, recently donated 40-year-old RBC Centura stock, valued at \$100,000-\$125,000, to the foundation to create an endowed scholarship for Perquimans County High School seniors. The foundation converted the stock into funds and interest on the invested funds will be

used to provide a \$5,000 scholarship for four years (\$20,000 total) for a deserving senior.

Their special gift came from the heart rather than their checkbook. Their four children, three of whom graduated from PCHS, earned college degrees with the help of academic scholarships and enjoy careers as a teacher, engineer, editor, and construction designer. One son attended PCHS and later graduated from the North Carolina of Science and Math.

This gift is a way of helping other students enjoy the same educational opportunity.

"Our four kids got scholarships to help them

through school," said Walker, a retired environmental health specialist for Albemarle Regional Health. "Our intention was to use the stock to get our own kids through school, but they didn't need it. We wanted to help someone else have the same experience of receiving a good education."

The Walker and Marjorie Rayburn Educational Scholarship begins in June 2012, and must be used at a state supported four-year college or university that is located at least 70 miles from Hertford. The scholarship is based on financial need with a required grade point average minimum.

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STAFF PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

Susan Cox (left) president of the Perquimans County Schools Foundation, Inc., thanks Marjorie and Walker Rayburn for their gift of bank stock, which the foundation sold and used the proceeds to create an endowed scholarship for Perquimans County High School students.

Bus wreck has no injuries

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

No one was injured Tuesday morning when a school bus and a Crossroads Fuel oil truck side-swiped each other on New Hope Road near Cove Road.

Schools Public Information Officer Brenda Lassiter said side mirrors on the vehicles hit each other while traveling on the narrow two-lane road.

Both mirrors were shattered, Lassiter said, and one of the student passenger windows was cracked. Damage to the vehicles was minimal, she added.

Fifteen high school students were onboard Bus 128 which was driven by a substitute driver at the time of the accident. Students were transferred to another bus and transported to school.

The accident occurred around 8:45 a.m. Schools were on a two-hour delay because of inclement weather. Lassiter said weather conditions apparently did not contribute to the accident. Police were notified of the accident, but none reported to the scene because the accident was minor in nature, she said.

Minister of Music



STAFF PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

Earlene Sellers, 84, recently retired after serving area churches as minister of music for over 34 years.

Sellers answered the call for music

By CATHY WILSON
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At age 84, Earlene Sellers believes in the words of her favorite hymn.

"May the Works I've Done Speak For Me" by Sullivan Pugh is not only pleasing to the ears when sung by a choir, but the words also speak to the dedicated

spirit and life of service for the Woodville woman who recently retired after serving for more than 34 years as minister of music at area churches.

She's attended church, tickled the ivories, played the organ, directed the choir, and organized music and musical programs since she first joined church at the age of 12. For nearly 35

of those years, she has forgone extended trips to visit grandchildren in order to be at her place behind the church piano or organ every Sunday morning. This past December, however, she decided it was time to let someone else serve in that capacity.

"My children told me it was

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Juvenile center's fate in jeopardy

Officials awaiting state budget cuts

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

The fate of the local juvenile detention center may be in jeopardy when the state legislature begins the 2011-2012 fiscal budget process next month.

A state official has confirmed that possible state budget cuts for next year could determine whether or not the Perquimans County Juvenile Detention Center (PCJDC) remains open.

William Lassiter, director of communications for the state Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (DJJDP), said the Perquimans facility could be closed if the department's budget for 2011-2012 is cut by 10 percent or more.

With the state facing a \$3.7 billion budget shortfall for 2011-2012, the state Office of Budget and Management asked each department to determine where cuts could be made if the department's overall budget faces cuts of 5 percent, 10 percent, or 15 percent. Closing the Perquimans facility was listed among the possible actions

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ICPTA receives state funds

From staff reports

The N.C. Board of Transportation recently awarded \$10,253 in state funds for two local transit projects at its meeting last week in Raleigh.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY
HIGH: 38 LOW: 22
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 43 LOW: 29
MOSTLY SUNNY

SUNDAY
HIGH: 48 LOW: 33
PARTLY CLOUDY



Monday parade, service honor King

From staff reports

The Perquimans County NAACP will host a Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration on Jan. 17 with a parade and church service.

The celebration will begin with a motorcade/parade at 11 a.m. The church service follows at 1 p.m.

Grand marshal for the



King

rated church vans, floats, cars, and marching units

will parade through Hertford in an effort to bring a sense of awareness to what MLK Day involves, said Tammy Miller-White.

"We're trying to educate the children what the special day involves," she said. "By having a parade, we're opening the door so it will be a lot more inclusive of the community as a whole: young, old, black,

and white. We want to give the people the opportunity to get involved."

The motorcade/parade will begin at Perquimans County High School, travel down Edenton Road Street to Grubb Street, through Church Street to King Street, and end back at the high school.

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Thursday, January 20, 2011

Cocktails 6 PM

Dinner Buffet 7 PM

CHOWAN COUNTY

American Legion Post 40

Catering provided by Edenton Bay Oyster Bar & Seafood

Tickets are \$50 and include buffet and membership, and will be available at door.

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Door prizes, Gun Auction, Prints, Decoys and More!

Prime Rib | Shrimp
Soft-shell Crabs | Tuna Bites

