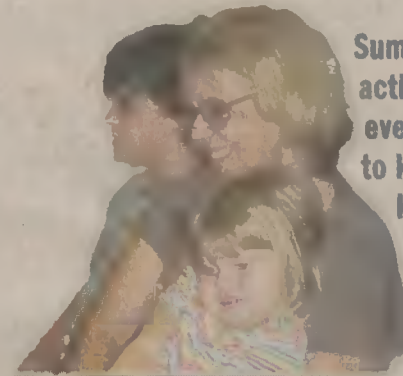




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## County not included in redistricting first draft

By CATHY WILSON  
Staff Writer

Apparently Perquimans County will have to wait until July 1 to find out which House and Senate district will represent county citizens following state redistricting efforts.

The county was not included in districts shown on recently released maps that only show minority

districts, which are subject to special scrutiny under federal voting rights legislation.

The maps, found on the General Assembly's website, are first drafts of the GA's redistricting committees.

Brent Woodcox, redistricting counsel to Senator Bob Rucho who serves as chairman of the Senate's redistricting committee,

indicated via email that districts that contain Perquimans County won't be made public until next month.

"No Senate district has yet been proposed by the Joint House and Senate Redistricting Committee leadership encompassing Perquimans County," Woodcox wrote. "Full maps of the proposed House, Senate, and Congressional

plans will be released on July 1."

When asked if that also meant that no House district has been proposed for Perquimans yet as well, he replied, "That appears to me to be accurate."



Mobley

Representative Annie Mobley, whose 5th House District currently includes Perquimans County, said she could not address what the redistricting committee's intentions are. While she sits on the House redistricting committee, she said there have been no full committee meetings since the maps were published.

"I have no credence as to where Perquimans County

will be," she said.

The proposed House redistricting map shows a new 2nd House District that includes Northampton, Hertford, Gates, and part of Pasquotank counties. Mobley, a resident of Hertford County, told The Daily Advance that she had been told by one of the committee chairmen

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## Schools wait for impact of cuts

By PETER WILLIAMS  
The Daily Advance

The effect of recent state budget cuts on North Carolina school systems will vary, but the cumulative effect of two years of spending reductions will have an impact, a state official says.

The exact extent of that impact won't be known until sometime this week. The Legislature voted June 15 to override Gov. Bev Perdue's veto of the budget, starting a 10-day countdown for the N.C. Department of Public Instruction to get the final budget numbers to local school officials.

Alexis Schaus, the acting director of school business for DPI, said school districts should have a good idea of what lies ahead, but they will know for sure until the final numbers expected this week.

The impact of the budget on individual school systems this year will vary, she said. Some systems took deep cuts last year because officials were

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## School transfers follow RIF

By CATHY WILSON  
Staff Writer

Perquimans County Schools have made several changes for the next school year while adjusting from the reduction in force in personnel because of state budget cuts.

School officials say changes within schools and transfers between schools have been made to ensure schools are staffed efficiently and effectively.

The reduction in force included one teacher and two teacher assistants at Perquimans County Middle School (PCMS), five teacher assistants at Perquimans Central School (PCS), one teacher assistant and two custodian positions at Hertford Grammar School (HGS), and three teacher assistants at Perquimans County High

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## OUT FOR A STROLL

STAFF PHOTOS  
BY CATHY WILSON

Faye Myers (left) and Eva Landing (right) try their hand at a fad from the 1960s during the hula hoop contest held during the Friday Night Stroll last weekend.



June's Friday Night Stroll included games and comedy in addition to musical entertainment, vendors, book signings and food vendors. The monthly event, held on the 3rd Friday of each summer month, is sponsored by the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce.



Faye and E.T. Myers perform a comedy skit that began with the two singing love songs to each other.



E.T. Myers (right) is distressed to find that several "parts" of his bride come off at night, during a comedy skit performed at the Stroll.

Home-baked goods and fresh vegetables were offered on the historic Courthouse green.



## Biker remembered for generosity

By PETER WILLIAMS  
The Daily Advance

In life, Bob Morton was a man who would ride for hours on his motorcycle to attend the funeral for a veteran he never knew.

On Saturday, about 100 motorcyclists from as far away as Charlotte and Wilmington were there for him in Elizabeth City for his funeral.

Morton, 70, of Hertford, died June 14 of unrelated complications after being involved in a motorcycle accident on June 3.

Morton was remembered for his gravelly voice and a man who was "rich in life, rich in love and rich in his



faith." Morton was president of the Light Christian Motorcyclists Association and a member of Towne South Church of Christ.

THOMAS J. TURNER/THE DAILY ADVANCE  
Patriot Guard Riders arrive at Westlawn Memorial Cemetery to attend the funeral of fellow Patriot Rider Bob Morton, who died June 14. Morton was 70.

He was also a member of the Patriot Guard Riders, a group that routinely welcomes home U.S. servicemen returning from overseas. They also attend funeral services for anybody that requests it, says Kip McDonald, the president of the North Carolina chapter. Primarily they attend funerals for military servicemen, veterans,

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## 36 sterilized in eugenics program

From staff reports

Thirty-six people in Perquimans County were apparently sterilized by the state during a 22-year period described as the peak of the Eugenics Program in the state.

According to figures released recently by the North Carolina Justice for Sterilization Victims Foundation, Perquimans County ranks 58th out of the state's 100 counties in the number of residents sterilized between July 1946 and June 1968.

Pasquotank County ranks 54th with 39 victims sterilized. Chowan, with 23 sterilized, ranks 75th followed by Camden at 83rd with 17. Currituck County was the third lowest-ranking county, ranked 98th with

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