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July 4 fireworks display in jeopardy

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

The Perquimans Chamber of Commerce will not sponsor the annual Fourth of July pre-fireworks celebration at Missing Mill Park this year. In

fact, whether or not the town will even have a fireworks display in 2012 is questionable as well.

In past years, the Chamber has organized and sponsored the pre-fireworks celebration including the children's parade

and the food and entertainment events at the park. A separate committee of volunteers handled planning the actual fireworks display including hiring the fireworks company, providing necessary people to assist, and

the fundraising efforts to pay for the cost of the fireworks.

So far for 2012, no one has stepped up to take responsibility for either part of the patriotic event.

Recently, the Chamber

Board of Directors decided that the pre-fireworks events did not seem to benefit actual Chamber members, so they agreed to no longer sponsor the pre-fireworks celebration

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Cole to run again in '12

By CATHY WILSON
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Commissioner Janice Cole will seek reelection in the 2012 election for county commissioners.

Cole announced her intentions last week. She is currently serving the unexpired term of the late Shirley Wiggins.



Cole

Three commissioner seats will be decided this year. Cole is the only incumbent commissioner seeking reelection. Both Commissioners Sue Weimar and Mack Nixon have announced they will not seek reelection in 2012.

Political newcomer Kyle Jones of New Hope has also announced he will seek a commissioner seat.

Three seats on the local board of election will also be decided this year. Two of the three incumbents on

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MIKEL'S MILESTONE



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Family members (left) hold signs and root for Mikel Harvey as he seeks to score his 1,000th career point during Perquimans' game against Northside on Jan. 24.

50-point game puts Harvey over 1,000

By CHIC RIEBEL
The Daily Advance

Family and friends were gathered in several rows of the home bleachers, clutching banners and signs of support, anxiously awaiting the big moment.

But for the longest time last Tuesday, it didn't appear that Perquimans senior Mikel Harvey would become a 1,000-point career scorer on this night.

Pirates coach Aaron Burke, upset at his team's play, had yanked the five starters — including Harvey — midway through the first quarter of the game with Northside.

Harvey needed 31 points to reach the magic number and sitting on the bench for four minutes wasn't going to help him get there.

But after being scoreless for the first nine minutes of the game, Harvey, a 6-1 senior guard, caught fire. He scored 18 points in the second quarter and



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Perquimans' Mikel Harvey goes up for a shot against Northside on Jan. 24.

the third quarter, but went unrecognized when the scorekeeper failed to alert Burke that Harvey was closing in.

A couple of minutes into the fourth quarter, the oversight was corrected. An announcement was made, Harvey's contingent erupted, Burke presented him with the game ball and Harvey promptly sprinted to the top of the stands, gave his mother a hug and handed her the ball.

Then he was back on the floor. There was a game to win.

"When the game started, I tried not to have 1,000 points on my mind," Harvey said, "but when we

were losing, I knew I had to score."

So did Northside, but the Knights couldn't do much to stop him. Nobody does. Harvey, who came into this week with 1,075 career points after playing again Thursday and Friday, is averaging an astounding 31.1 points a game, almost exactly half of the team's average output.

He was happy to join 2011 graduate Carlin Elliott (1,174 points) as the only male members of the school's 1,000-point club, but happier still that he reached the milestone in a victory.

"It's better doing this when we win," said Harvey, who also scored 50 points in a game two weeks ago, only to see Perquimans lose.

Despite the gaudy scoring average, Harvey is no ballhog said Burke, who pointed out that the high-scoring guard also leads

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2nd bridge jump is questionable

By CATHY WILSON
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Officials searched the water underneath the U.S. Highway 17 high rise bridge Sunday afternoon after receiving a report of an elderly woman sitting on a bridge railing around 1:30 p.m.

Emergency Management Coordinator Jarvis Winslow said no one was seen jumping from the bridge but officials searched the area underneath just in case.

"We don't know if anyone jumped from the bridge or not," said Winslow, noting nothing was found on Sunday. No abandoned vehicle was found either.

"We put a boat out and

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PCHS offers new pharmacy tech course

By CATHY WILSON
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Perquimans County High School Senior Brittny Chappell has her future plans in order.

She plans to attend East Carolina University and major in nursing following graduation from high school this June. A new course offered at PCHS this semester will help her fulfill those dreams.

Chappell is one of nine seniors enrolled in the new pharmacy technician program that, when completed, will prepare them to take the national phar-



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Laura Gardner (left), health occupations instructor at Perquimans County High School, speaks with prospective pharmacy tech students and parents about the new program being offered.

macy technician exam that will certify them as pharmacy technicians. As such, the students can

later be hired to work in pharmacies. That line of work will not only offer students valuable experi-

ence on their career journey, but will help provide

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