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Board tables action on school lunch price hike

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

The Perquimans Board of Education will decide next month whether or not to increase the cost of school lunches by 15 cents.

Donna Harris, director of child nutrition for the school

system, requested the rate increase Monday night because of a federal mandate that went into effect last year requiring the gap between the prices of free and paid lunches be narrowed.

Currently, older students in Perquimans pay \$2.25 for lunch. The school system is federally reimbursed \$2.79 for each free

lunch served. That leaves a gap of 54 cents.

Raising the lunch price to \$2.40 for older students plus the 28 cent federal reimbursement per paid lunch would elevate that figure to \$2.68 per lunch, narrowing the gap to just 11 cents, Harris explained.

"The federal government has a

formula that determines how to close that gap," she added. "The last time we had a price increase was 2-3 years ago. It's mandatory that we increase prices by 10 cents this year, but I asked for a 15-cent increase in hopes to not have to come back and ask for an increase again next year."

Harris also told board mem-

bers that feeding students will cost more this year since students will receive a fruit or vegetable at every meal.

"It's not an option this year," she said. "We expect to see some resistance to this requirement, especially at the middle

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TOP TEACHER: Team needed for teaching success

By CATHY WILSON
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Teachers, parents and school administrators should form a team working together towards the goal of successfully educating each student.

Tyronna Hooker, the current North Carolina Teacher of the Year, gave that advice to parents of exceptional children during parents' night held recently at Perquimans County High School.

"As a team, you don't have to carry it alone," she told parents. "As a team, we learn together, grow together and work together for your children's benefit."

Teachers, she pointed out, are invested in students for the long haul and have genuine concern for each child. She should know. She's been a school teacher for the past nine years and speaks from the heart.

"I want to know that when your child doesn't have a voice, you trust me to give them one," she said.

She encouraged parents to hold teachers accountable, to ask questions, and to join in the process of educating their child.



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North Carolina Teacher of the Year Tyronna Hooker urges parents and staff at Perquimans County High to work together as a team to get better results.

"If you don't like the tone of something change it," she said. "If your voice needs to be heard raise it... Parents are the experts... Educating every child takes everybody. We are responsible for your greatest treasure... and we take that responsibility seriously."

Hooker encouraged teachers to develop a love of learning in their students, to help develop character in and outside the classroom, and to be

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NICE NIGHT FOR A GARDEN PARTY



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More than 100 people attended the Garden Party sponsored by the Perquimans Restoration Association at Albemarle Plantation, Saturday.



Gentlemen attending sported linen jackets, straw hats and colorful bow ties.

Stephen and Rachel Gunther of Hertford (below) look sharp in light blue seersucker outfits, perfect for the traditional summer Garden Party attire. Several ladies wore the popular feathered headbands rather than summer hats to the annual event.



Dr. Robert Lane shows off his 17-month-old granddaughter Lane Gregory, who attended her first Garden Party.

Memorial Day service is Monday

From staff reports

United States Navy Chaplain Lt. Jason H. Rochester will be guest speaker at Monday's Memorial Day observance scheduled at 11 a.m. on the historic county courthouse green.

In the event of inclement weather, the service will move inside the county recreation center located off Harvey Point Road.

Currently assigned as the chaplain at the U.S. Coast Guard Base in Elizabeth City, Rochester works with the base and tenant commands as well as supporting all the Coast Guard units within Sector North Carolina.

He grew up in Clyde and in May of 1999 graduated from The Citadel with a bachelor's of

arts in Spanish and political science. He then enrolled at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY. While in seminary, Chaplain Rochester attended Chaplain's Basic Course in Newport, RI. He also served as the Director of Outreach and Missions at Oak Park Baptist Church, Jeffersonville, IN.



Rochester

After earning a master of divinity in Christian education in May of 2003, Rochester was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Canton. He then served as pastor of the Jesus is Lord Hispanic Mission in Charlestown, IN. After completing all the requirements for service as a chaplain, Rochester reported to MCRD Parris Island, SC in April of 2005. He was promoted to the rank of lieutenant in December 2005. While at MCRD, he served as the second



Strong support for Relay for Life

By REBECCA BUNCH
The Chowan Herald

The Chowan/Perquimans Relay for Life raised almost \$110,000 this past weekend, just short of their \$127,000 goal. However, funds are still coming in and will be accepted through August 15.

The annual event that raises funds to help find a cure for cancer went off without a hitch minus the traditional rain showers that have dogged the event most years.

"It went great," said Meghan Shoaf of Hertford,



community manager for the South Atlantic Division of the American Cancer Society. "We had a much better turnout than we were expecting."

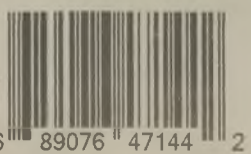
Shoaf estimated over 300 people attended over which was held in Edenton at the John A. Holmes Ath-

STAFF PHOTO BY BRETT A. CLARK

Luminaries are laid out during the Relay for Life held last weekend at J.A. Holmes High School in Edenton. Teams from Perquimans and Chowan counties raised money to help find a cure for cancer.

letic Complex. The 17 participating teams raised about \$108,000 before the weekend was over, falling short of their \$127,000 goal. But Shoaf noted that the teams could keep raising money through August

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