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Board considers alcohol sales issue

By PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

The Perquimans County Commission left the door open Monday night to the idea of allowing the sale of alcohol at the county's recreation center during banquets and wedding receptions.

The issue boils down to liability.

Michael Hurdle brought up the request on behalf of Ducks Unlimited and the National Wild

Turkey Federation.

"Our recreation building is as nice as any buildings in the Tidewater and northeast North Carolina area for any sportsman events," Hurdle told the commission.

A rule that bans the sale of alcohol at the center means groups have to go out of the county to host events or settle for less attractive locations.

"The turkey federation has been going out of the county for

their banquet and Ducks Unlimited has been using a 40x80-square-foot farm shop for our banquet and we have outgrown the current building," Hurdle said. The DU banquet draws about 150 people.

"We have no other facilities that are open to us in the coun-

ty."

Ducks Unlimited has already planned its annual banquet in March, so Hurdle was asking the board to reconsider the issue for next year.

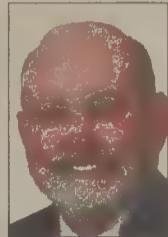
Commissioner Edward Muzzulin asked Hurdle if the request for was just for beer and wine or if it would include liquor too. Hurdle replied that they wanted the ability to sell all three.

A large part of the Ducks Unlimited banquet is an auction,

which raises money to pay for restoration efforts. Since 1936, DU has managed to protect 12.6 million acres of wildlife habitat in the United States, Mexico and Canada. Adding alcohol to the mix tends to improve how much money is raised in the auction, Hurdle said.

"A little bit of alcohol and people start to feel real good," he joked. "It's not like we're turn-

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A GREAT PLACE TO SIT AND READ



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Teachers Julie Roberts (left) and Teresa Beardsley cut the ribbon on a reading bench dedicated at Hertford Grammar School Monday. The bench honors former teacher Leslie Bell, who died suddenly in 2010 at age 34. She'd taught at the school since 1998. Bell's husband James said the school was important to his late wife. "People always say how important she was to the school. What they don't probably know is how important the school was to her," he said. The bench carries Bell's name and the motto "because nice matters."



PHOTO COURTESY OF ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

Celvin Webster is shown in this photo taken in 1965 when he was named rookie of the year at Elizabeth City State University. He's standing outside Williams Hall.

Former coach C. Webster remembered

By PETER WILLIAMS
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As a coach, Celvin Webster liked to win. But former players from Perquimans County High School are remembering him more for the bigger things he taught them.

Webster, 67, died Dec. 1. He started working for the Perquimans County Schools in 1972 and over the years coached football, track and basketball and taught health and physical fitness.

James Bunch, now the assistant superintendent of the school system, remembers when he played for Webster.

"One of his philosophies was participation in football could instill discipline and a work ethic that would serve you well after football was over," Bunch said. "A lot of the student athletes he coached went on not necessarily to play athletics in college, some did, but all of them were more successful as a result of him."

"I played baseball in college. I certainly wasn't an all-American, but I had some skills and the work ethic. He always taught us the most important thing is to prepare properly. And he was a local legend as far as track and field. But it took a lot of hard

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Conference center opens at Camp Cale

By PETER WILLIAMS
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Perquimans County is now home to a 9,200-square-foot conference center and more improvements may be coming.

A ribbon cutting was held Friday for the \$800,000 building at Camp Cale. The camp near New Hope also now has more land to expand.

Matt Thomas, the



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Officials cut the ribbon dedicating the new conference center at Camp Cale, Friday.

gym and a swimming pool.

Thomas said the future development hinges on money. It took about 10 years from the time the conference center was

director of the camp, three phases. The next open-air cabins built said the center represents the first of bunkhouse to replace phase would include a

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Woman, 85, assaulted again

From staff reports

The Hertford Police Department has called in the State Bureau of Investigation to help solve the assault of an 85-year-old woman on New Years Day.

It's the second time the woman has been assaulted in her home on Sunset Drive in three weeks.

Police say Beatrice Rid-

dick managed to get to the home of a neighbor after the assault. Police described Riddick as "bloody and beaten" but her injuries were considered minor but she was taken to Chowan Hospital to be checked out.

No suspects were found in her residence, but Police Chief Douglas Freeman said the department does have two suspects they believe were involved in both incidences.

The incident was reported at 6 a.m. In the early morning hours, police also responded to people shoot-

ing guns in the air. While trying to break up a fight on King Street, officer Gilbert Sullivan reported he saw a man in a dark coat kneeling down near a bush near the Bradford Apartments. The man pulled out a gun and fired four times, twice in the air. Nobody was struck with the bullets but a vehicle was hit. The officers approached the man, but he fled. Nobody was injured and two .45 caliber bullet casings were recovered. The police officers did not fire their weapons.

King celebration set for Feb.

From staff reports

A celebration of the life of Martin Luther King Jr. is being moved to February to make room for another celebration — the inauguration of Barack Obama.

Perquimans County usually holds the King celebration on the same day of the King holiday in January. This year that falls on the same day as the swearing in ceremony in Washington D.C.

"I think a lot of people will be wanting to go to

inauguration so we decided to combine the celebration with Black History Month," said Connie Brothers, one of the organizers of the event.

The Feb. 23 event will start with a motorcade from Perquimans Middle School and end at Perquimans County High School.

"We're asking all the local churches who have a church van to ride with us," Brothers said. The theme of the event is "from a dream into a reality."

The Perquimans Coun-

ty Chapter of the NAACP will be holding a membership drive for youth as part of the event. Brothers is the youth director for the NAACP.

Participating in the event will be local African Americans who broke the mold and became the first black person in their profession.

"People know who Martin Luther King is and they know about Rosa Parks, we just wanted to make sure they know the locals who made a difference," Brothers said.



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