

Dog training trip turns into adventure

Mr. Wade where were you on September 17th, 2016?

Currituck, NC. Up to my butt in alligator weed, stinking swamp water and do it yourself retriever training manuals. Trying to keep Bob the black lab from getting snake bit, while righting a swamped canoe and wondering how the double hockey sticks I came up with this idea.

My Model 29 was wet, my Garmin handheld GPS was wet, my hunting wallet was soaked and there was

enough duckweed in the canoe to feed a whole family of mallards for a few days. All the while Bob is looking at me like "what's the big deal going swimming is fun."

The late comedian Tim Wilson did a bit called "Uncle BS." Uncle BS was at famous events in history like the battle of Little Big Horn or when President Kennedy was shot, he gives a different and funny spin on what happened. You can listen to Uncle BS by going to YouTube, iTunes and several other ways, you might even

buy a Tim Wilson CD.

If Bob is going to be going duck hunting with me he needed be canoe tested and trained. So we set out on an adventure, just me and him. I had my life jacket on and my .44mag loaded with snake shot, I was ready.

Ever go canoeing with an overeager lab puppy? We made out just fine until we

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got to the patch of alligator weed, I was paddling and pushing for all I was worth to get to open water and that was the time Bob picked to jump out and go for a swim. No problem just drag him back in and resume. Bob got to see wood ducks, nutria,

an otter and a beaver. He would whine and look back at me but for the most part

he was well behaved. That is until on the return trip back to the old F-150 when we hit the alligator weed again (I don't know for sure it's really alligator weed that's just what I call it).

I was pulling on the paddle as hard as I could and Pasquotank Bob Residue jumped in again. I guess he loves him some alligator weed. We didn't have our "where were you" incident until back at the ramp. Something on the bank spooked my young retriever dog and all at once

he jumped back and to the left. At the same time I was leaning into my paddle trying to turn the canoe parallel to the shore so we could get out. Before I knew what happened we were both in the water. My concern was that a cottonmouth was what had scared Bob, so for a few seconds it was intense and then I thought of Uncle BS and started laughing. All's well that ends well.

Look for more Mr. Wade accounts in the future as well as more misadventures of Bob the black lab.

Pirates drop 32-19 game to Gates County

From Staff Reports

GATESVILLE — In a back-and-forth affair, the Perquimans football team eventually wore down at Gates on Friday night

That allowed the Red Barons to secure a 32-19 victory and perhaps the inside track to the Coastal 10 conference title.

Gates (4-2, 3-0 Coastal 10) doesn't have to face perennial 1A state power Plymouth until the regular season finale next month.

As for the Pirates, (4-3, 2-1) the race for the crown did not necessarily end in Gatesville, but interim coach Aaron Burke knows his club will need some help to reach that goal.

"We just have to come off the bye week ready to go and ready to fight," Burke said.

Dallas Hall threw two touchdown passes for Perquimans against Gates and DJ Johnson caught both scores to go along with a kickoff return for a touchdown for the Pirates.

Lady Pirates rack up three wins

Perquimans County High School's volleyball took a five set win over Northeastern last week to cap a three-win week.

Against the Eagles the Lady Pirates came out on top 25-18, 25-16, 22-25, 21-25 and 15-12 on Saturday.

Cayce Copley had 19 kills and 14 service points and



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Megan Denson delivers a kill for Perquimans in the team's five set win at Northeastern, Saturday. Denson had nine service points and seven aces and also had seven kills and six service points.

Sam Midgett had 12 kills.

Earlier in the week the team took the ferry to Ocracoke Island and swept a doubleheader Sept. 27.

They won the opener 25-10, 25-4 and 25-6. Abby Todd had 13 service points and eight aces and Megan Denson nine service points and

seven aces. It was 15 service points and 10 aces from Midgett that led Perquimans in Game 2 for a 25-10, 25-8 and 25-4 win.

On Thursday the Lady Pirates defeated Mattamuskeet 25-7, 25-8 and 25-17. Autumn Bateman had 19 service points, eight aces

and two blocks. Copley posted 15 kills and Midgett seven.

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SCHOOL MENUS

Perquimans Schools

PERQUIMANS CENTRAL, HERTFORD GRAMMAR,

PERQUIMANS MIDDLE

■ OCT. 5: Breakfast: Yogurt and grahams, apple half or juice. Lunch: Eastern

BBQ on bun, coleslaw broccoli dippers, diced pears, apple, milk. Grab and Go: Cobb salad or yogurt/cheese munchie pack.

■ OCT. 6: Breakfast: Nutri-grain bar, applesauce or fruit juice. Lunch: Popcorn chicken, sun chips, carrots and celery cups, banana, milk. Grab and Go: Grilled chicken salad or turkey/cheese wrap.

■ OCT. 7: Breakfast: Breakfast bread slice, orange juice or fruit juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger on bun, oven baked fries, baked beans, peach cup, milk. Grab and Go: Chicken Caesar salad or yogurt/cheese munchie pack.

■ OCT. 10: Breakfast: Fruit muffin variety, apple-

sauce or fruit juice. Lunch: Hot dog with chili on bun, baked beans, sweet potato puffs, peach cups, milk. Grab and Go: Chef salad or PB&J box.

■ OCT. 11: Cereal bar, peach cup or fruit juice. Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, seasoned pintos, lettuce and tomato cups, seasonal fruit, milk. Grab and Go: Chicken fajita salad or yogurt/cheese munchie pack.

■ OCT. 12: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit, apple slices or fruit juice. Lunch: Pizza sticks with marinara dip, corn, baby carrots and ranch dip, diced pears, milk. Grab and Go: Cobb salad or cold cut sub box.

PERQUIMANS HIGH

■ OCT. 5: Breakfast:

Yogurt and grahams, apple half or juice. Lunch: Eastern BBQ on bun, coleslaw broccoli dippers, diced pears, apple, milk. Grab and Go: Cobb salad or turkey cheese wrap.

■ OCT. 6: Breakfast: Nutri-grain bar, applesauce or fruit juice. Lunch: Spicy wing basket, sun chips, carrot and celery cups, banana, mixed fruit, milk. Grab and Go: Grilled chicken salad or PB&J.

■ OCT. 7: Breakfast: Breakfast bread slice, orange slices or fruit juice. Lunch: Cheeseburger on bun, oven baked fries, baked beans, peach cup, crustless apple pie, milk. Grab and Go: Chicken Caesar salad or fish sandwich.

■ OCT. 10: Breakfast:

Fruit muffin variety, applesauce or fruit juice. Lunch: Hot dog with chili on bun, baked beans, sweet potato puffs, peach cups, applesauce, milk. Grab and Go: Chef salad or bacon cheese-burger.

■ OCT. 11: Breakfast: Cereal bar, peach cup or fruit juice. Lunch: Chicken quesadilla, seasoned pintos, lettuce and tomato cups, seasonal fruit, pineapple, milk. Grab and Go: Chicken fajita salad or ham/cheese wrap.

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BOOK BAG DONATIONS



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Hertford United Methodist Church donated 92 book bags recently to the Perquimans County Schools. Pictured are Teresa Beardsley, dean of students at Perquimans County High School, Superintendent Matthew Cheseman, Jason Griffin, principal at Hertford Grammar School and Pastor Jane Leechford.