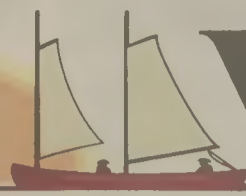


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Teachers injured breaking up fight

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

A fight involving five Perquimans County High School students left between 12 and 14 teachers and staff injured when they tried to break it up Thursday morning.

None of the injured had to be transferred to the hospital, but some the teachers suffered cuts, scrapes and bruises. One com-



ARCHER DEZIEL TILLET

plained of back pain and one suffered a concussion.

The fight Thursday did not in-

volve weapons brought in from the outside, but metal detectors were brought in Friday to screen incoming students. One student, Tristenanne Koon, 16, was charged with bringing in a knife onto school property.

"In an effort to ensure the safety of students and staff, metal detectors were put in place on Friday," said school

spokeswoman Lisa Lane. They weren't used Monday but they will be brought back from time to time, she said.

Sheriff Eric Tilley confirmed that Alkeem Archer, 17, was arrested and charged with simple assault on a school employee, disorderly conduct at school and resist-obstruct-delay. He was jailed under \$13,000 secured bond. The arrest report puts him at 6-foot-5, 300 pounds and his address was

listed as Chappanoke Road.

Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman said Archer used a fire extinguisher as a weapon to inflict some of the injuries.

Sheriff Tilley said he understands the issue started Wednesday when the smaller student jumped Archer on King Street.

"It was an off-campus dispute that came on campus,"

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Teachers report they feel safe

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

While more than dozen teachers were injured last week trying to break up a fight involving students, most Perquimans County teachers said they feel safe in their schools in a survey taken last fall.

The N.C. Teacher Working Conditions survey is conducted every two years, but Perquimans County voluntarily does it on the off years.

Last spring teachers generally responded as being happy with their working conditions and a vast majority plan to keep teaching right where they are.

Nearly all (96.2 percent) of local teachers answered

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Schools tack on 15 minutes to day

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Perquimans School officials say they've developed the least painful way for students to make up the seven days of school earlier this year.

The school system has converted one teacher workday into a full school day and started tacking on an extra 15 minutes onto the end of school as of Nov.

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BELVIDERE DAY HELD



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C.W. Overton does into the drink Saturday at the dunking booth during the fourth annual Belvidere Day celebration. The Belvidere Ruritan Club will use the proceeds to fund local scholarships.



A band performs Saturday during Belvidere Days.



The owners of dozens of classic cars and tractors brought them out for display Saturday during Belvidere Day.



Belvidere Day featured a bounce house for the younger visitors.



A vendor sells his crafts at Belvidere Day last Saturday.

Armed robbery attempted

From Staff Reports

An armed man tried to rob the Nationwide Insurance office on Market Street Tuesday morning, according to Steve Bembridge, the owner of the building.

He described the man as black and about 5-foot-8 to 5-foot-10 and medium to heavy set in his 30s or 40s. He was wearing a yellow bandana and a blue hoodie.

Bembridge said no cash is kept at the business, and they haven't taken cash payments in two years. Employees said he took their driver's license and threatened to hurt them.

No other details were available Tuesday at press time.

Early voting winds down

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

As the final week of early voting starts for the November election, more than 2,600 Perquimans County residents have already weighed in their opinion.

Through Friday some 1,449 women and 1,170 men have cast ballots. The majority have been Democrats (1,126) compared to 776 unaffiliated voters and 717 Republicans. White voters outnumbered black voters by a total of 2007-to-564.

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Huge spaghetti supper planned

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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For one night in November, spaghetti will be what's for dinner for a big chunk of Perquimans County residents.

At least that is what library supporters are hoping for. They want to raise about \$18,000 serving 3,000 spaghetti dinners on Nov. 19. The money will go to

help properly furnish the new library, which is under construction on Church Street.

All seven of Perquimans County's Ruritan clubs are donating the food and other things like plates and forks. The county is donating the use of Perquimans County Recreation Center.

"When it all comes together there is 100 percent profit for the library," said Doug Layden, the owner of Layden's Supermarket, a Ruritan and also a member of the library board.

Layden has made a lot of spaghetti before, but not this much. His Ruritan club held

an event once and served more than 500 plates.

For 3,000 spaghetti dinners he estimates using 280 pounds of hamburger, 60 pounds of sausage and 175 gallons of sauce.

"That's the reason I chose spaghetti for the fundraiser. It's one of the easier dishes to put on and it doesn't cost a lot of money. We're planning on making the sauce that Thursday and Friday and I've got space at my store to refrigerate it.

There will be two different kinds of tickets sold. Take out orders will be \$7

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TRICK OR TREAT



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Children go trick-or-treating Monday afternoon on the streets of downtown Hertford. See more Halloween photos on page 7.



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