



The above persons recently took part in an 18-hour class on EMT Defibrillation as part of the state's mandated training program for EMT workers. They are shown with a Heart Aid 1000 Automatic Defibrillator that was provided for the class by Southeastern Emergency Medical Equipment of Wake Forest. The machine can be used to save the lives of victims of cardiac arrest. Shown on the front row, left to right, are Viv-

ian Loyd, training coordinator/instructor, Ed Richardson, Nancy Paschall, Sean Brake, Patsy King, Bryan Perry and Dennis Paschall. On the back row, left to right, are Charles Fambrough, Mildred Nicholson, Dale Tippett, Celestine Richardson, Jeffrey Zook, Arlen Coleman, Stanley Rodwell and Earl Bryant, Jr.

(Photo by Brenda Clarke)

Nomination To Three-Year Term On Planning Board Given Hehl

Karl Hehl was nominated to serve another three-year term on the Warren County Planning Board during the regular monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Reappointment of an available space was noted during the meeting by Mrs. Cathy Wilson, Warren County Economic Development Commission Executive Secretary. She notified the board that a nomination needed to be made to fill the position which will be available on Nov. 30.

In other matters, the board granted a variance to Thomas Williams, who owns three tracts of land in Norlina. His request was to combine two of his lots in order to place a mobile home on the land. Williams stated that he already has a house located on the property and would use the existing well to furnish water to the trailer.

The board also approved a final plat by Janet Turner Loftin, subject to field inspection by a health department sanitarian and cer-

tification updates on the water and sewer disposal system.

The final plats consist of plans for development in the Roanoke Township, located near Eaton's Ferry Bridge.

Dean Andrews, building inspector, gave a report to the board concerning public hearings that have been scheduled by the Warren County Board of Adjustment.

The next meeting of the Warren County Planning Board will be held Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 12:30.

Macon Youngster Facing Kidney Transplant Soon

Donor May Be Her Mother

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Luck seemed to have been on the side of a Macon family this week as they received news that possibly will change their lives forever.

The story begins six years ago on May 11, 1982, a day that would change the lives of Karen and Lynn Henry forever.

Karen was working as an x-ray technician at the time and was pregnant with her first child. She had performed many ultrasound tests on pregnant women and thought that it would be a good idea if she had one, too, just to make sure that everything was going well with her pregnancy.

The results of the ultrasound astonished the Henrys, for Karen was pregnant with twins, one of which had already died. According to Karen, she was shocked and saddened, but thankful nevertheless that the doctors did not find any abnormalities with the other baby.

The next day, her labor pains started and she was forced to have a Caesarean section to deliver her child. May 12, 1982 was the birthdate of their first daughter, Jennifer Lynn Henry.

"They went ahead and took Jennifer to Duke Hospital because she was seven weeks premature, and they wanted to make sure that she was okay."

Within less than one week after her birth, problems developed with little Jennifer. Her kidneys had stopped producing urine. The doctors ran several tests and performed a biopsy, and discovered that Jennifer had renal dysplasia, which meant that her kidneys were developed abnormally. They told the Henrys that they would never take Jennifer home.

"The doctors were so supportive and encouraging," said Karen. "They encouraged me to spend time with Jennifer, to visit her in the nursery and to be there and be involved." She said that there was no doubt in her mind that the doctors were doing everything possible to keep her baby girl alive.

They put Jennifer on a dialysis machine and started her on medication. She started to urinate again and didn't need the dialysis machine any longer. After awhile, Jennifer began to grow and appeared to be doing better.

When Jennifer was six weeks old, she was able to leave the hospital and head for home. The doctor had put her on several medications and a special formula that enabled her to gain weight.

Karen says that the doctor visits were very frequent, sometimes as much as every two weeks. Now, she says, Jennifer has to visit the doctor only once every two to three months.

Through all of this, Jennifer had her medication changed many times and had problems with her blood pressure, but she always seemed to make it over these obstacles.

"We have to watch Jennifer a lot to make sure that she is going to the bathroom normally," explained Karen. "We also have to look for any unusual swelling or puffiness that could indicate a problem."

Karen also said that she and Jennifer participated in a program with the Vance County Health Department, PACT, which stands for Parent and Child Training. She said that due to Jennifer being premature, she had developmental delays and this program would help her overcome some of the obstacles in her way.



JENNIFER LYNN HENRY

Together, they did exercises and practiced on her motor coordination skills. She was two years old when she took her first step.

After the PACT program, Karen said, Jennifer went through several physical therapy sessions. She had a problem with her right foot—she could not place it flat on the floor. "We took her to an orthopedic surgeon at Lennox Baker Hospital in Durham. We consulted with her doctor from Duke and decided to have the operation there so that in case something went wrong, she would be near those who knew about her condition."

The operation was a success and Jennifer was walking better. "I was really glad because I knew that Jennifer would be starting kindergarten the following year and that she would have to walk more than she had before," said Karen.

When asked about how Jennifer is doing at Vaughan Elementary School, her mother said that she is performing well. "I was really concerned. I wanted the teachers to be aware of Jennifer's problems but not give in to her. Yet, at the same time, I didn't want them to expect the same from Jennifer as they expected from everyone else."

During all of the fuss over Jennifer's doings, Karen became pregnant again. She said that she became worried when she began to rapidly gain weight as she had done when she was pregnant with Jennifer and feared that she might be pregnant with twins again.

After several ultrasounds, it was determined that Karen was in fine health and so was the unborn baby. The pregnancy went well and soon the Henrys were parents of another baby girl, Maryanne, born July 6, 1987.

"Jennifer was excited when Maryanne was born. She wanted to help out and to hold her all the time," Karen said. "Although she is never too jealous, she makes sure that she gets her share of the attention when grandma and granddaddy come around."

Jennifer's grandparents are Peete and Anne Hilliard of Rt. 2, Macon and Mary Alice and Howard Henry of New York.

Jennifer's September visit to the doctor was the one that the Henrys had feared the most. The doctor indicated that Jennifer was behind in her growth. They always knew that one day, 33-pound Jennifer would have to have a kidney transplant, but they never dreamed it would be so soon.

"They did bloodwork on Jennifer and the tests came back looking bad," said Karen. "He told us that the transplant would have to take place soon."

Karen said that both she and her husband went to have their bloodtypes tested and tissue samples taken last week to see which of them would be a kidney donor for their daughter.

Monday morning, Karen was informed that both she and her husband were able to donate. "It was a like a big sigh of relief. We both matched, so we decided that I would try first. I sure hope I check out healthy."

Karen will now undergo a series of tests to make sure that she is the perfect donor for her daughter. The first series of testing will take two days, but according to Karen, she doesn't mind. "At least there is something I can do to help Jennifer."

She said the cost of Jennifer's operation, just the kidney transplant alone, would cost \$40,000. "And that doesn't include anything but just the surgery they perform on her." Karen will be included on Jennifer's insurance though and "that really helps."

Karen said that Jennifer has been really good through all of the doctors appointments and testing she has been through. "We explained to her that her kidneys are sick and that mommy or daddy would give her a kidney to make her better."

Although Jennifer may be nervous about the operation, she really has nothing to worry about. "I am really thankful that something can be done. Kidney transplants are relatively successful, so we really aren't worried," said Karen.

Support for Jennifer and her situation has been terrific, Karen said. This past weekend, the Macon Rural Fire Department held a stew sale, raising between \$800 and \$900 for Jennifer's transplant. "We were so overwhelmed when they told us that the funds would go towards Jennifer's operation. We had no idea that the community would respond to our need this way."

Although Jennifer now has a donor, it will be two or three months before the transplant takes place. That will give her plenty of time to do the things she enjoys the most: shopping for shoes with mommy and daddy, watching *Mary Poppins* on the VCR, drawing pictures and stealing the hearts of those around her.

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