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## Community Briefs

### Farm City Banquet November 21st

Dr. Frank Humenik, Extension Specialist with the Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department of North Carolina State University will be the guest speaker at the annual Farm City banquet on Tuesday, November 21, 1988. Humenik, an informative and entertaining speaker will speak on the subject of water quality.

The annual banquet will be held this year at the Perquimans County High School cafeteria. The banquet will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets for the banquet are \$7.00, and the meal which is being prepared by the county Ruritan clubs will feature steak and all the trimmings.

In addition to the program being presented by Dr. Humenik, the town of Hertford will present an award and honored for being an incorporated town government for over 200 years.

Seating is limited. To obtain tickets for this year's banquet contact any Ruritan club member or the Perquimans County Extension Office.

The annual Farm City banquet is sponsored by the Perquimans County Extension Service, the Perquimans County Extension Advisory Council, and the Ruritan clubs.

### Jaycees announce parade date

It's that time of year again, the holiday season, and the Perquimans County Jaycees have announced that the Perquimans County Christmas parade will take place on Saturday, December 3rd.

The theme for this year's parade will be "Country Christmas". This year's grand marshalls for the parade will be the Boys' Home Choir of Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina.

Immediately following the parade the boys' home choir will present a concert on the court house green for the public.

This year's parade promises to be exciting. It will feature the Elizabeth City State University "Marching Vikings", horses and ponies from the Moss Point Stables, fire trucks, and lots of floats.

Make plans now to join the jaycees and the crowd at the Perquimans County Christmas parade on Saturday, December 3rd, at 2:00 p.m.

In addition to announcing the parade the jaycees would also like to remind the community that they are conducting a raffle to benefit the boys' home of North Carolina. They are raffling off your choice of a 19 inch cable-ready color television or VCR. Tickets are available from any jaycee. The drawing will be held following the parade.

### "Curse You Jack Dalton" to be performed

By popular demand, the old-fashioned "mellerdrammer", "CURSE YOU, JACK DALTON!" is being presented again with a dinner theater at the Holiday Island Clubhouse on November 19th, 1988.

The evening of hilarious entertainment is being presented by the Holiday Island Civic League in conjunction with the newly formed PERQUIMANS PLAYHOUSE. In addition to the play there will be several musical acts presented, featuring many familiar faces of Perquimans County.

The dinner will feature Steamship Round of Beef, Baked Potato, Fresh Green Beans Almondine, Buttered Corn, Dinner Rolls, Jello Fruit Salad, Ambrosia, a special surprise dessert, and coffee or iced tea.

Tickets and reservations are available from the Social Director of Holiday Island, Marcia Lowman (426-5937) or from the Chamber of Commerce (426-5657). Tickets are going fast, so get them early. Admission price, which includes the play, entertainment and the dinner is \$9.50 for adults and \$7.50 for children under twelve.

This will be the first presentation of the PERQUIMANS PLAYHOUSE and it promises to be a great evening of fellowship and entertainment.



## Election day in Perquimans County!

On Tuesday voter turnout was good in Perquimans County approximately 60 percent, but results brought few surprises. Above, East Hertford was extremely busy throughout the day. Norma McMullian helps local voters with questions and problems as they cast their ballots.

## Election brings few surprises Tuesday

Tuesday's election brought few surprises in Perquimans County, the county primarily supported the Democratic party with the exception of the presidential race, and due to the lack of locally contested races the day was rather dull on the political front.

Turnout at the polls was heavy showing a record 3370 voters, 60 percent of the approximately 5100 registered voters in the county, a substantial increase over the last general election.

Local registrars were busy all day long, in Parkville they estimated that they handled one voter every minute throughout the day.

Following are the results of the election:

On the state and national scene George Bush was elected president, Jim Martin was elected governor, Walter Jones was re-elected to congress, Rufus Edmisten was elected secretary of state, Lacy Thornburg was re-elected attorney general, Bob Etheridge was elected state superintendent of schools, Marc Basnight was re-elected to state senate, Vernon James and Pete Thompson were also re-elected, Jim Long was re-elected commissioner of insurance, James Graham was re-elected commissioner of agriculture, Ed Renfrow was re-elected state auditor, Harlan Boyles was elected treasurer, and John Brooks was re-elected commissioner of labor.

As of press time on Wednesday morning the race for Lt. Governor between Tony Rand and Jim Gardner was still to close to call. Gardner was leading with 51 percent of the vote to Rand's 49 percent. If Gardner is elected it will be an upset, and truly shows the beginnings of a two party system in North Carolina.

Following are county voting statistics: PRESIDENTIAL RACE: George Bush - 1781, Michel Dukakis - 1542, GOVERNOR'S RACE: Jim Martin - 1484, Bob Jordan - 1801, LT. GOVERNOR'S RACE: Tony Rand - 1808, Jim Gardner - 1383, SECRETARY OF STATE: Edmisten - 1956, Carrington - 1158, STATE SENATE: Basnight - 2417, Lawrence - 700, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES: Thompson - 2150, James - 2121, Perry - 1305, CLERK OF COURT: Godwin - 2558, Whitley - 613, REGISTRAR



President-elect Bush



Governor Jim Martin

OF DEEDS — Jeanne White - 2672, COUNTY COMMISSIONERS: Simpson - 2572, Nixon - 2433, Winslow - 2491, Reed - 2576.

Other state race results were as follows: ATTORNEY GENERAL: Thornburg - 1957, Wilson - 1105, COMMISSIONER OF LABOR: Brooks - 1926, Levy - 1101, TREASURER: Boyles - 1927, Coward - 1111, AUDITOR: Renfrow - 1899, Garner - 1145, COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE: Graham - 2075, Tew - 1019, COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE: Long - 2002, Rednour - 1066, STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS: Etheridge - 2013, Rogers - 1048.

None of the candidates could be reached on Wednesday morning for comment.

## County social services department honored by North Carolina for excellence in eligibility

Raleigh—The Perquimans County Department of Social Services has been chosen to receive the N. C. Division of Medical Assistance Award for Excellence in Eligibility. The county's Medicaid eligibility staff was recognized for having made correct determinations of eligibility for Medicaid benefits for a consecutive period of eighteen months, through March, 1988.

"This is a remarkable achievement," according to Human Resources Secretary David T. Flaherty, whose department houses the Division of Medical Assistance. "The record is proof that county staffers are doing a good job in qualifying eligible individuals and families for help in paying their medical bills."

Recipients of the award were determined through an audit of a sample of the county's Medicaid cases. To receive the award, a county was audited and found to be 100 percent accurate.

North Carolina's Medicaid program must have an overall error rate of 3 percent or less in order to prevent a fiscal sanction by the federal government. The state's error rate for the most recent audit period is 0.2 percent (two-tenths of one percent).

Barbara Matula, director of the Division of Medical Assistance, commented on the level of professionalism and the quality of work done by county Medicaid eligibility staffs. "I am extremely proud of the quality of work done by our county departments," Matula said.

"I know of no other government-sponsored program that demands the level of perfection expected of Medicaid; and I know of no more dedicated and diligent individuals that those members of county Medicaid eligibility staffs."

"All North Carolinians should be proud and pleased that thanks to these outstanding individuals, their tax monies are getting to those citizens who need them and are eligible for them," Matula added.

To qualify for benefits under the Medicaid program, eligible citizens must meet a financial needs test and other conditions. Those conditions include: being elderly, disabled, blind, pregnant, a child under age 21 or the caretaker of an eligible child.

Medical care and services covered by the Medicaid program include inpatient and outpatient hospital services; home health care; services of physicians, dentists or optometrists; nursing home care; prescription drugs; hospice care; clinic services; and personal care in the home.

The cost of the program is shared by the federal, state and county governments. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1988, total medical assistance payments made on behalf of indigent individuals were \$934,701,547.

In Perquimans County, medical assistance payments for State Fiscal Year 1988 were \$2,044,940. Of this cost, the county's share was \$95,668.

## Perquimans Pirates defeat Bruins Friday night 22-14; Move into play-offs!

On Friday evening Derrick Rogers dispelled any notions that Perquimans County Pirates aren't a passing team.

On Friday night, Rogers threw for 155 yards and three touchdowns - the last one with 1:33 left in the game - to lead the Pirates to 22-14 Albemarle Conference victory over Camden County.

The victory left Perquimans with a 6-4 record overall, and 5-1 in the conference, good for second place. Currituck, which beat Manteo 15-0 Friday night, also finished 5-1 in the loop, but was crowned conference champ due to its 12-0 victory over Perquimans in September.

Camden wraps up its campaign at 5-4 overall and 3-3 in the conference, good for fourth place.

Both teams will advance to the 1-A state playoffs, which begin on Friday evening. Perquimans will host Jamesville (6-4), the No. 3 team in the Tobacco Belt Conference.

Friday night, Rogers threw two touchdowns passes to William Foreman, including a 60-yarder with 1:33 left in the game to break a 14-14 tie. Rogers then hooked up with JoJo Parker on a two-point conversion to make it 22-14.

Rogers completed six of 11 passes for 155 yards, including touchdowns of 29 and 60 yards to Foreman and 34 yards to Reggie Trueblood.

"Derrick did the best job he's ever done reading his secondary receivers," said Spencer White, Perquimans Coach.

White said his team went to the air when its old standby, the run, failed to do much damage.

"We felt like we could run on Camden," said White, "but they did a much better job containing our run than we anticipated. They were coming up tight on us, so we took what they gave us. Derrick's audibles on the line were excellent."

The Bruins got the early advantage on Friday when quarterback Brian Webster scored on a two-yard run, and Stephon Lanoue kicked the extra point for a 7-0 first quarter lead.

Perquimans went up 8-0 in the second quarter when Rogers hooked up with Foreman on the 29-yarder, and Jevone Coston ran in the two-point conversion.

In the third quarter, Camden went up 14-8 when Webster hooked up with Ernest Harris on a 35-yard touchdown pass and Lanoue kicked the extra point.

Perquimans knotted it up later in the third when Rogers and Trueblood connected. A two-point conversion run failed, leaving it a 14-14 and setting up the thrilling finish.

"I think we had a very good season," said White, noting that the Pirates' four losses were to top teams - Northeastern, Edenton, Currituck, and Bath. "We played a very strong schedule, and our kids, with a break here or there, we could have won some of the games that we lost."

Game time on Friday evening is 8:00 p.m. at the Perquimans High School athletic facility.

## Community service a lifesaver

Lifeline, the personal emergency response program, is aptly named as it saves lives.

Since 1983, Chowan Hospital has participated in the community service that consists of three parts: (1) Electronic equipment located in the home with a button linked to the telephone used to summon emergency assistance, (2) An emergency response center located at Chowan Hospital with 24-hour coverage, (3) People (responders) who have agreed to respond to a call for help.

Currently, there are 61 subscribers in six counties, including nine residents from Perquimans County, according to Chowan Hospital Assistant Director Barbara Cale, who also is the hospital's Lifeline coordinator.

"Any senior citizen who lives alone and has a medical problem needs one. Even if they don't have an acute medical problem, a Lifeline unit can be justified," related Mrs. Cale, who added that subscribers don't need a doctor's referral for the service that charges a monthly fee of \$15. The installation, which takes 30 minutes, is free. However, one must have a modular jack telephone unit and a private line.

In order to participate in the program, you must have two or three responders, either neighbors, relatives or friends, who will respond to your residence in case the hospital home base is unable to reach you by telephone if the help button activates.

You wear the personal help button on a chain around your neck or



Minnie Covington isn't alone anymore, as the 81-year old resident of Prime Time Retirement Village is in view of her Lifeline emergency response home unit and also has a help button on a neck chain.

strapped to your wrist. At night, the button is placed on a nightstand. When bathing, it's taken off, but kept close by.

In case of an emergency, the pressing of the bottom activates the home unit, which automatically dials the hospital emergency room response center. A loud beep goes off on the home-based hospital unit that also displays on a screen the subscriber who called, along with the date and time.

At that point, the hospital calls the subscriber. If the person requests help, the rescue squad is dispatched to the residence.

However, if the hospital calls the subscriber and there is no answer, the responders are called to check on the subscriber. If help is

needed, the responder can either transport the person to the hospital or summon the rescue squad.

"We also want to determine if they can still push the button. If not, a voice-activated unit can be installed," said Smith.

The unit activates within 300 feet of your home or apartment. "It gives them independence with security, and it keeps them away from nursing homes," said Mrs. Cale.

Since Lifeline is a community program that is a non-profit service of Chowan Hospital, Mrs. Cale requests any civic organization wishing to sponsor a Lifeline subscriber, to contact her. Presently, there are three units sponsored by area churches and a civic organization.

**Beginning Monday, November 14th deadline for news copy for The Perquimans Weekly will be at 3:00 p.m. on Monday prior to Thursday publication.**

## WEATHER

Weather forecasters are calling for warm partly cloudy weather on Thursday with temperatures in the upper 60s and low 70s. Overnight lows will be in the high 40s and 50s.

The extended forecast calls for rain on Friday with highs in the 70s, and overnight lows in the 40s. Saturday will feature warmer partly cloudy weather. Highs will be in the mid to upper 60s.