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Local Briefs

Heart Association plans celeb dinner

The Perquimans County Chapter of the American Heart Association has scheduled its second annual Heart Fund celebrity dinner on Friday, April 7 at Angler's Cove Restaurant.

Serving as waiters and waitresses for the occasion will be Carolyn and Clarence Rogers, Pat Rountree, Jeanie and Douglas Umphlett, Bill Cox, Pete Thompson, Janet and David Cain, Edna and Ben Wolverson, Suzy and Larry Swindell, Nan Noble, Sandra and Joe Carroll Byrum, Janie and Willis Proctor, Robert Earl and Chris Lane, Susan Harris and possibly some surprise "celebs."

These local professionals will be raising monies to aid in the fight against heart disease, as all tips from the evening will be donated to the Heart Association.

Henry Carney, owner of Angler's Cove, has generously agreed to donate 20 percent of the meal profits to the cause, also.

Please enjoy a delicious meal at Angler's Cove and be waited on by a "celebrity" next Friday. Call 426-7294 (Angler's Cove) to reserve a table. Ask for a specific waiter or waitress, or be surprised that evening by your server.

The evening promises to be fun-filled, and hopefully, a successful fund-raising effort by the Heart Association.

Nixon is on bank Board of Directors

Julian W. Nixon has been named to the board of directors of Peoples Bank and Trust Company in Hertford. This announcement was made recently by D. Ben Berry, senior vice president and Hertford city executive.

Nixon serves as president of Albemarle Home Builders, Inc. in Elizabeth City. Active in many community activities, Nixon has served as director of the Hertford Jaycees and a coach in both the Perquimans Youth and Perquimans Midgette Football Leagues. He is currently a member of the New Hope Ruritan Club, the National Federation of Independent Businesses, Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and the Home Builders Association.

A native of Perquimans County, Nixon is married to the former Faye Morse also of Perquimans County, and they have two children.

NAACP sets Martin L. King program

The Perquimans County N.A.A.C.P. is sponsoring a program in remembrance of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The program will be April 4 at 8:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church. Rev. W. T. Davis, the pastor of New Shiloh Baptist Church, is the speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

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'Spring cleaning' nets felony drug arrests

As part of a statewide drug sweep code named 'Spring cleaning', the Hertford Police Department, Perquimans County Sheriff's Department and State Bureau of Investigation arrested nine from Perquimans County on felony drug charges.

Over 2000 indictments were handed down across the state, with over 30 indictments here.

Arrested on five felony counts was Deborah Ann Porter of 213 Wynn Fork Drive. Her bond was set at \$25,000.

Stanley Lee Jones, AKA Skyboat, of Route 2, Box 106T was arrested on four felony counts. A \$25,000 bond was set.

A \$100,000 bond was set for Kenny Felton of 220 King Street who was charged with armed robbery in addition to felony drug charges.

Charged with four felony counts was Virgil Harold Copeland of Route 2, Box 76. Copeland's bond was set at \$25,000.

Milford Darnell Jones of 308 Stokes Drive was charged with four felony counts, including armed robbery and drug charges. Bond was set at \$75,000.

Henry Louis Johnson, AKA Mickey, of 219 Wynn Fork Drive, was arrested and charged with four felony drug counts. A \$25,000 bond was set.

Stanley Isaac White and Charles Donnell White, AKA Chick, were charged with felony drug offenses. Both men were already incarcerated on unrelated drug charges at the time of their arrests.

Nelson Isaac Jones, AKA Trick, is being held in Atlanta, Georgia pending extradition. In addition to felony drug charges, Jones is also wanted for the breaking and entering of the Perquimans County Health Department and the Open Door.

Officer Tim Spence of the Hert-

ford Police Department expects more arrests this week. He said that indictments have been handed down, and that the suspected offenders should be picked up soon.

The felony counts include armed robbery, conspiracy to sell or deliver schedule II controlled substances, felony possession of schedule II controlled substances with the intent to sell or deliver, sale of controlled substances schedule II, delivery of schedule II controlled substances, and maintaining a dwelling place for the purpose of selling controlled substances.

The arrests are the result of a year-long investigation spearheaded by the SBI. Spence attributed the success of the sting operation to all agencies working together closely.

"The success of the lengthy undercover campaign was extreme cooperation between agencies and secrecy," Officer Spence said. "It went smooth because we all worked together."

Spence said that Dare County's special drug enforcement wing was also instrumental in obtaining evidence needed to secure indictments.

Officers from that department worked undercover making drug buys. During one occasion, a dealer took their money and threatened them with a gun.

The entire police and sheriff's department was involved in the operation, which Spence said, "went like clockwork."

Spence said that county law enforcement departments will continue to work together to fight "the never-ending battle to combat the drug war."

The sweep is the largest in North Carolina history. Over 2,000 indictments were handed down, with over 700 arrested on drug charges.



Groundbreaking for the new nutrition site was held last week. In addition to many senior citizens, Hertford Mayor Bill Cox, Albemarle Commission Director Don Flowers, Senior specialist Lee Riddick, County Commissioners Chairman Lester Simpson, Senior Citizen Director Patty

White and Recreation Director Anthony Downing were on hand for the occasion. The center will be constructed adjacent to the present Senior Citizen's Center. The 1800 square foot structure will provide much-needed additional space at the site.

Jaycees to sponsor blood drive

The Perquimans County Jaycees will sponsor their quarterly American Red Cross bloodmobile on Wednesday, April 5 at Hertford United Methodist Church from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

The Red Cross believes that blood should be available to all who need it regardless of race, economic status, ability to donate, place of residence or membership in a specific group.

The service is the largest in the world, supplying over half the whole blood and blood components used by Americans.

Blood collected by the Red Cross

for use in hospitals throughout the 63 counties served by the Tidewater Regional Blood Services is collected only through voluntary donations. Patients who receive the blood products pay only fees for collecting, processing, distributing and transfusing the products, not for the blood itself.

Generally, all individuals between the ages of 17 and 70 who are in good health and weight at least 110 pounds are eligible to give blood.

There is no danger of coming in contact with the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) from donating blood. Sterile, disposable needles are used for each donor, and are discarded after one use.

Those people who at risk for getting AIDS and spreading the virus should not donate. Those people include men who have been involved in a homosexual relationship on even one occasion since 1977, anyone who has taken illegal drugs by needle, natives of countries where the AIDS virus is rampant who entered the country after 1977, anyone who has tested positive for HIV antibody, hemophiliacs, prostitutes, or anyone who has been intimately involved with prostitutes or former homosexuals since 1977.

Prospective donors who have been on antibiotics within two weeks should tell the nurse at registration to give blood. In most cases, the donor will be able to give blood.

The Tidewater Region of American Red Cross Blood Services collects approximately 130,000 pints of blood each year from blood drives. From these units, about 350,000 units of blood products are produced and distributed to area hospitals.

All blood drawn is carefully screened and intricately tested through a series of complex tests.

The service does not receive any funding from the United Way or Combined Federal Campaign. They do provide support for other Red Cross services, but not for the blood services.

Donating blood is safe and simple. The entire process, including a free mini-physical and refreshments, takes about 45 minutes.

Most people are able to donate blood up to five times per year. Donating blood does not affect your overall strength or ability to perform. There is now some evidence that regular donations reduce the likelihood of heart attacks.

Within 24 hours after a blood donation, the body replaces the pint you donate.

There is a great need for type "O" blood because it is the most common.

Also, group "O" negative is known as the universal donor and may be substituted when a more specific type is not available, or in a trauma case when it is not prudent to waste time typing the victim's blood.

Blood is a perishable product, so donors are needed on a regular basis. Red blood cells can be stored up to 42 days, while platelets have a shelf life of only five days.

There is no substitute for blood. In an emergency, there is no time to solicit volunteer donations. Only through the provision of an adequate, safe blood supply will blood be available when it is needed.

Give the gift of life. Donate blood next Wednesday. The life you save may be your own, or the life of someone near and dear to you.

Coloring contest winners announced



Crystal Kirby captured second place in the PERQUIMANS WEEKLY coloring contest. Crystal used vivid felt-tipped markers to decorate her picture.



Ten-year-old Joey Colson won the PERQUIMANS WEEKLY coloring contest. Joey was awarded \$10 for his efforts. He chose colored pencils to decorate his Easter bunny.

Governor proclaims resource stewardship week

Raleigh—Gov. Jim Martin has proclaimed April 30 - May 7 as Soil and Water Stewardship Week statewide by urging "all North Carolinians to learn about their role in protecting the state's land and water resources."

As the local sponsor, the Perquimans Conservation Committee encourages local churches, organizations and individuals to join the nationwide observance of Stewardship Week.

The local district, which works throughout the year on soil and water conservation measures, is providing literature that highlights the responsibility of adults and youth to be active stewards of our nation's soil and water resources. Floyd Mathews, Chairman of the

Perquimans Conservation Committee said "while farmers today know that good conservation practices help increase yields and improve profit potentials, they also know the importance of passing on well-cared-for natural resources for future food producers."

"We could have all the money in the world, but it would do little good unless we also had a productive soil on which to live," said Mathews.

"In North Carolina alone," stated David W. Sides, director of the Division of Soil and Water Conservation in the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development (NRCD), "we are losing 45.6 million tons of soil

from cropland each year."

Materials especially designed to convey the 1989 theme "Renewing the Living Earth" are being distributed by the Perquimans Conservation Committee. You may call our local office (426-5545) to place your order for church bulletins, inserts, bookmarks, litanies and children's supplements no later than March 30th.

Soil and Water Stewardship Week is sponsored statewide by the N. C. Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, which represents about 500 men and women from 94 local districts (including Perquimans County) who voluntarily lead programs on soil and water conservation.

NCDCA recommends avoiding non-citrus Chilean fruit

Food and Drug Protection officials of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture are urging consumers to check the source of any fresh, non-citrus fruit, and to not consume it if it was imported from Chile.

"According to officials of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)," said Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, "the U.S. Embassy in Santiago, Chile received an anonymous phone call in Spanish claiming that export fruit would be poisoned."

As a result, FDA announced March 6 that it had detained Chilean fruit due to the call, and would continue to detain and selectively examine Chilean fruit. A second call to the embassy caused FDA to intensify inspections.

On March 14, the FDA stated that it had found and confirmed traces of cyanide in a small sample of seedless red grapes from Chile. They then detained all fruit from Chile and urged Chilean fruit be withdrawn from the U.S. market.

Graham stated, "Virtually all fresh grapes sold here are Chilean grapes. Other Chilean fruit sold here includes peaches, blueberries, blackberries, seedless watermelon, cantaloupes, Juan canary and honeydew melons, raspberries, nectarines, quince, Granny Smith green apples, cactus pears

and plums. Although no cyanide has been detected in any of this fruit, consumers are advised to avoid consumption of all Chilean fruit at this time."

The levels of cyanide found thus far in the Chilean grapes was far below the amount that would sicken a child, but more than is known to occur naturally in fruit. However, FDA officials stated that since potassium or sodium cyanide converts to hydrogen cyanide in acid fruit and dissipates, scientists could not determine how much poison had originally been introduced.

The grapes that tested positive left Chile on February 27 on the ship Almeria Star, which was three days before the first telephone call to the U.S. Embassy in Santiago.

Consumers who are concerned about fruit they have already eaten should not worry. "Cyanide is fast-acting poison," commented Robert L. Gordon, director of the NCDCA Food and Drug Protection Division. "If you have eaten fruit with high enough levels of cyanide to make you sick or kill you, it would have been immediately apparent. The thing consumers need to remember now is not to consume Chilean fruit until the FDA clarifies the extent of the tampering problem."

For more information, call 919-733-7366.

Red Cross Bloodmobile Apr. 5 at Hertford Methodist