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Local Briefs

Theatre trip

The Perquimans County Recreation Dept.-Perquimans County Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to the Tidewater Dinner Theatre on Sunday, April 23 to see the play "Damn Yankees".

DAMN YANKEES is a funny and heart-warming fantasy which pits the Devil against the Washington Senators and a middle-aged baseball fanatic who trades his soul for the chance to lead the Senators out of the cellar into a pennant race with their arch-rivals, the N.Y. Yankees.

When Joe Boyd leaves his loving wife to become Joe Hardy, the baseball sensation of the year, his victories soon pale as he realizes that what he left behind was as important as what he has achieved. With a little help from Lola, the Devil's vixen, Joe outwits the Devil and returns to the world he left behind—but not before clinching the final game of the pennant race.

With a rousing score and clever book, DAMN YANKEES is a home run hit.

The bus will leave the department at 2:45 p.m. We should return home around 10:30 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$10 per person. Call the Center at 426-5404 to reserve your seat. This trip is made possible with funds through the North Carolina Arts Council (Grassroots).

Porkfest slated

The 9th annual Northeastern North Carolina Porkfest will be held May 6 on the Jaycee Fairgrounds in Elizabeth City.

Pork, a southern culinary favorite, will be available in many forms including barbecue, spare ribs, chitterlings, sausage sticks and pork stew. Complementing this mouth-watering feast will be French fried sweet potatoes, cole slaw, barbecue potatoes, corn on the cob, hush puppies and beverages. These foods will be available from 4:00 until 7:30 p.m. The ticket covers all you can eat as long as the food lasts. There will be no take-out plates.

Live entertainment and activities will begin at 12:00 noon. Kicking off the afternoon will be the music of Savannah. Also available will be booths and games for all ages plus an antique car show and petting zoo.

Hot dogs, sausage sticks and drinks will be on sale during the afternoon.

The famous Rhondels will perform at 4:00.

For more information or to get tickets, write Northeastern North Carolina Porkfest, PO Box 1631, Elizabeth City, NC 27909, or call 338-0883. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for children 12 and under prior to April 20. After that date, the tickets go to \$20 and \$10, respectively.

Get your tickets now and 'pig out' on May 6.

Police report

The Hertford Police Department with the assistance of the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department nabbed another suspected drug trafficker last Wednesday. The arrest was one more in the string of indictments handed down and arrests made during the recent 'Spring Cleaning' raid across the state.

Delma Marcell Lee, AKA John, was arrested and charged with conspiracy to feloniously possess a controlled substance with intent to sell and deliver, two counts of selling a controlled substance schedule II, two counts of delivering a controlled substance schedule II, and felonious possession with the intent to sell and deliver.

Lee was being held at Albemarle District Jail under a \$10,000 secured bond awaiting his April 10 court date at press time.

Nelson Isaac Jones, wanted here for felonious drug charges as well as breaking and entering counts, escaped from the Atlanta correctional facility where he was being held. He was shortly recaptured. Jones, AKA Trick, waived extradition and the legal process involved in bringing him back to Hertford has begun. Officer Tim Spence reported that he expects to have him brought back to Hertford shortly.

Thomas Story, III of Route 2, Hertford was arrested on April 1 and charged with driving while intoxicated, no liability insurance and displaying fictitious license plates. He is out on a \$200 secured bond awaiting his court date on April 20.

Town will apply for grant to build boardwalk

Hertford Mayor and Town Manager Bill Cox and R.C. and D. representative Floyd "Dinah" Matthews met with the county commissioners Monday to present plans and seek support for a boardwalk over the Perquimans River.

Cox told the board that pre-application for a 75 percent grant would be submitted this week.

The plans call for a 1600 foot railed wooden walkway to tie into the existing walkway over the "S" bridge in Hertford. The structure would weave through the trees along the causeway, ending on the river banks adjacent to Larry's Drive-In in Winfall.

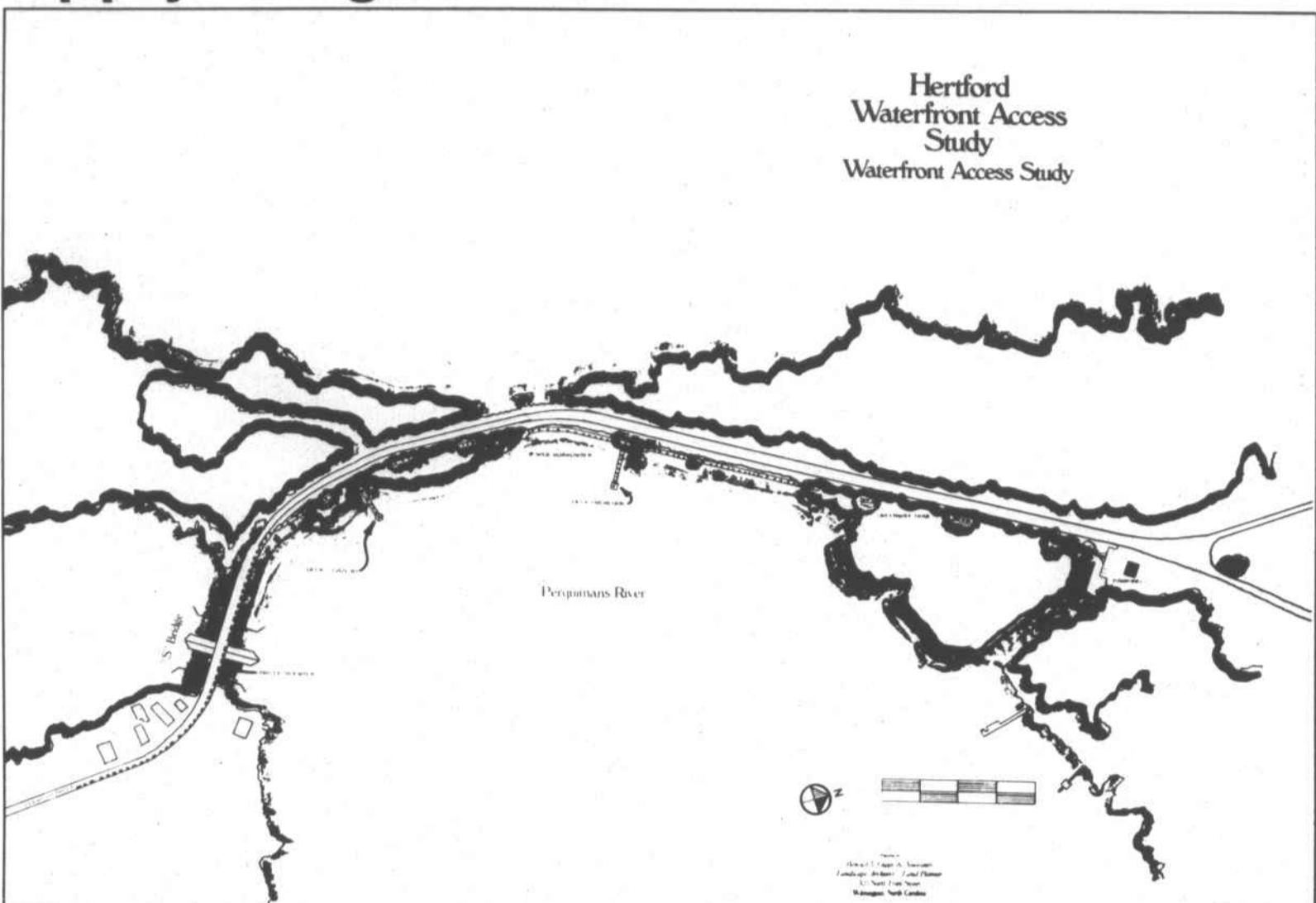
Two 100 foot piers are envisioned, one capped by a gazebo, the other to end in a "T" shape.

The cost estimate for the project is \$106,000. Approximately \$25,000 would have to come from local sources, Cox said. He told commissioners that the funds could be proportionately divided between Hertford, Winfall and the county. He anticipates organizational financial support, also. Cox will meet with local civic organizations in the coming weeks to seek their assistance and support.

Cox told the board that he walked through the site with a CAMA representative recently, and the representative saw no problems with the boardwalk being constructed as planned.

"So far, I haven't run into any body against it," Cox told the board.

The commissioners supported the pier fully.



This map shows the proposed boardwalk which will wind through the trees along the causeway between Hertford and Winfall. A grant

pre-application package will be submitted this week for approval. If that is accepted, a full application will be made in May.

County commissioners pass gun control ordinance in Snug Harbor

After having been approached by Snug Harbor residents earlier this year about shooting sprees in their community, the county commissioners Monday passed an ordinance that should put a halt to the activities.

The president of the Snug Harbor board of governors, Herman Dooley, spoke with the commissioners prior to the passage of the ordinance. He told the commissioners that the residents met in February and appointed a committee to draft a recommendation concerning gun control to submit to the county.

The recommendation was "that existing laws be modified to prohibit hunting of any kind within Snug Harbor and to prohibit firearms target practice within or into Snug Harbor."

In addition to outlawing firearms of any kind in the subdivision, the ordinance states, "No person shall shoot or project any stone, rock, shot or other hard substance beyond the limits of his own property by means of sling shot, bean shooter, air rifle, pop gun, bow or other similar contrivance within

the subdivision..."

A delegation of residents accompanied Dooley. One resident asked, "Do we have the support of the sheriff when we call him when this is going on?" The commissioners responded positively, but told the group that they would have to be willing to press charges against offenders and testify in court. "You folks are going to have to help him," Thomas Nixon told them.

The residents earlier reported to the commissioners incidents involving shooting through mobile homes and cars.

Although Snug Harbor is a wildlife refuge, that has not stopped the indiscriminate gunfire in the area. The residents and county commissioners both expressed hope that the ordinance will put a stop to the dangerous activities.

Legislative update

County Manager Paul Gregory updated the board on legislative actions which could effect Perquimans. He said that the land transfer tax bill has been put on the floor of the house. It has been submitted on behalf of Perquimans, Pasquo-

tan and Washington counties. Should the bill be approved by the legislature, it will require a majority vote of the people to enact in the individual counties.

Gregory told the board that the bills outlining proposed electoral changes for county commissioners and board of education members have been introduced. After these bills are passed, Michael Crowell, the Raleigh attorney who assisted in penning the proposed changes, told Gregory that the proposal will be submitted to the U.S. Justice Department.

Chairman Lester Simpson expressed concern over the state government putting more expenditures back in county budgets. In addition, the state is using tax projects to raise its revenues that counties need to recoup lost state funds. This is especially critical when the capital outlay needs of the local school system are addressed.

The commissioners voted to send a letter of support to Robeson County on their resolution to endorse a one cent sales tax increase.

Under the resolution, one-half cent will come back to the counties based on a formula of per capita population and point of collection; the other one-half cent will go to the state for teacher's salary increases.

Other action
In other action the commissioners:

—awarded the audit service contract to Sonya Hibbard of Elizabeth City.

—was apprised of the installation of a new motor in the county lawn motor.

—changed their meeting time to 7:30 during Daylight Savings Time.

—accepted the resignations of Ella Jenkins and Charlie Hughes.

—supported the establishment of a detoxification center in Elizabeth City under the auspices of Albemarle Mental Health.

—supported the N.C.D.O.T.'s Adopt-a-Highway program.

The commissioners will meet with the board of education on April 10 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Basic Education Program.

Jaycees host regional meeting

Jaycees from across the state of North Carolina joined visited the Perquimans County Jaycees Saturday when the chapter hosted their annual Steer-stabbin' and politickin'—Coastal Regional meeting.

Regional Director Parker Newbern of the Perquimans club presided over the evening of competition, campaign speeches, decision-making and good food.

Two members of the Perquimans chapter entered and won the speak-up competition. They were Edgar Roberson, open division, and Chris Peckham, novice division. The two will now go on to compete at the state level in April.

District directors for the coming year were elected and recognized. They are Felicia Moore of Williamston, Mike Bowen of Plymouth, and Ashlyn Ballance of Matamuskeet. No one is running for the regional director slot. These officers will also be installed at the annual convention.

At the request of the Greenville Jaycees, the regional clubs will support the Children's Hospital of Eastern, N.C. The Greenville chapter is sponsoring "Spring break," a concert featuring The Embers, as well as another band. Tickets are only \$5 in advance, \$8 at the show. Perquimans Jaycees are selling tickets.

National Library Week

The Perquimans County Library will be celebrating National Library Week next week with a variety of activities. A book sale will be held the entire week. Donations of books and magazines will be accepted until April 7.

Monday April 10 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a movie and book talk for teenagers. Come watch a movie and then hear about some newer books like Something Upstairs by Avi and Hatchet by Gary Paulsen.

Tuesday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 will be a story and activity hour for preschoolers. Tuesday night attend "In pursuit of trivia and other useful information." This program is designed to acquaint the community with the information available at the library. Participants will find the answers to many questions, such as 1) Who said "...cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education"? 2) Where can you find a picture? and several pages of information about Pee-Wee Herman.

Thursday night will be family movie night. Kids bring your parents to the library at 7:00 p.m. and enjoy a movie. And Friday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 will be another story hour for preschoolers.

Come and visit us at the Perquimans County Library during National Library Week and join in the fun.

Normal Library Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
.....9:30 - 5:30
Tuesday, Thursday.....9:30 - 8:00
Saturday.....9:30 - 12:30

After-school care program is doing well

The after-school care program begun in February by the Perquimans County Schools is off and running. Director-coordinator Elise Whitehurst is delighted with the initial response, and hopes to see the program grow.

Housed at Central School, the program provides supervised play and homework times, special activities and snacks from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. On teacher work days and holidays, the program is operational from 6:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

The children are bussed from Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans Middle School to the site each day.

The children enjoy stories, art, movies, outside play and computers under the watchful eye of Mrs. Whitehurst and her assistant, Jennifer Kraft.

During the Easter break, participants visited the Newbold-White House and dined at Hardees. On another day, they went to the Museum of the Albemarle and enjoyed a picnic at Missing Mill Park. There was also a coloring contest.

Mrs. Whitehurst provides balloons and hats on the children's birthdays.

Although no teaching is done, the children have time set aside each day to complete homework assignments. Mrs. Whitehurst says that Miss Kraft goes over the work after it is finished. This means that after the parents pick up their children, they can spend time together, rather than having the child go to his room to do his homework.

A survey will be sent to parents soon to determine if parents are interested in summer care. If the program is expanded to include this, the site will probably be changed to an air-conditioned



Children participating in the after-school care program have just finished their snack, and are ready to go outside and play. Homework time will follow play time.

building. It is also hoped that the program will be able to provide breakfast and lunch for participants. At present, after-school snacks are provided, and children must bring bag lunches for all-day care.

The biggest problem encountered to date has been positive response on survey sheets followed by a decreased attendance. Mrs. Whitehurst said that at least 25 parents indicated a need for the service, yet her average attendance is 12 children.

Mrs. Whitehurst literally grew up in the day care business in New York. When her mother could find no suitable babysitter for her, she opened her own day care center. She assisted her mother with tending 25 children per day. She is also the mother of four.

The fee for after-school care is \$10 per week for those children eligible for free and reduced lunches, and \$15 for other children. For parents with two children enrolled, the price is \$25 per week.

All day care is \$5 per day for

those children eligible for free and reduced lunches and \$8 for others. The price is \$11 per day for the parents of two children enrolled.

Mrs. Whitehurst would like to see the program grow to include more children. "Hopefully, this will keep some children from going home alone," she said.

Parents of children not presently participating in the program can sign up for teacher workday care with a seven-day prior notice.

All parents interested in the program are invited to contact her.