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Briefs

AARP to meet

Perquimans chapter 4118 of AARP Inc. will meet Monday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. A board meeting will begin at 1 p.m.

Grover Johnson of Edenton will be the speaker. He will present a program by The Mended Hearts, Inc.

Hospital to screen

Chowan Hospital will offer blood pressure and cholesterol screenings, Saturday, Jan. 26 from 9-11 a.m. at the Snug Harbor Clubhouse in Perquimans County. The fee is \$3.

Chapter 1 meets

The Perquimans County Schools Chapter 1 Program will be having a meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. in the Board of Education building on Edenton Road Street. The purpose of this meeting is to involve parents and guardians in planning and evaluation of the Perquimans County Chapter 1 Parent Involvement Project. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Barber or Estelle Felton at 426-5741.

Cancer benefit set

The Perquimans County Chapter of the American Cancer Society will hold its annual pancake and homemade sausage meal on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Perquimans County High School cafeteria. Meals will be served from 7-10 a.m., 11 a.m.-1 p.m., and 5-7 p.m. The all-you-can-eat meals will be served for \$3.50 per person. Entertainment, including local church choirs and The Wings of Love vocal group, will perform during the evening meal.

Tickets are available at Centura Bank, Hertford Savings and Loan, The Perquimans Weekly, and the Perquimans County library.

Clinics announced

The schedule for the Perquimans County Health Department is as follows: Feb. 1-general p.m., WIC all day.

Nutritious meals served

The Nutrition Site Program menu for the week of Jan. 28-Feb. 1 is as follows:

Monday: Swedish meatballs, rice, seasoned green beans, whole wheat bread, margarine, chocolate pudding and milk.

Tuesday: Fried chicken, baby lima beans, marinated tomatoes with peppers, dinner roll, margarine, apple cobbler and milk.

Wednesday: BBQ pork, coleslaw, potatoes in the jacket, cornsticks, margarine, sliced peaches and milk.

Thursday: Tuna salad, potato salad, okra and tomatoes, 4 crackers, margarine, pear half and milk.

Friday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, seasoned green beans, French bread, margarine and milk.

Bookmobile stops set

The schedule for the Pettigrew bookmobile for Jan. 25, is as follows: 9:30-10:00-Has It Store (New Hope); 10:15-10:40-White Hat (Cartwright Driveway); 10:45-10:55-G. Walker; 11:05-11:45-Woodville Fire Station; 11:50-12:00-S. Broglin (Woodville); 12:00-12:15-A. Whiteley; 12:20-12:45-Chapanoke (Stallings Driveway); 1:00-1:15-C.W. Gregory (Shady Croft Road); 1:15-1:30-Winnie Riddick; 2:30-2:55-Library; and 3:00-3:45-Wynne Fork Courts.

U.S., allies bomb Iraqi targets Families concerned for safety of loved ones in Mideast

President George Bush ordered U.S. troops into battle in the Middle East last Wednesday.

The massive air attack on Iraqi targets began about 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. News of the fighting was brought immediately into the homes of Americans via coverage by the country's major television networks.

Dubbed Operation Desert Storm, the battle has raged day and night since the first shot was fired, according to network reports. Monday night, CBS news broadcast that over 8,000 air missions had been flown by the U.S. and its allies. The air missions had resulted in the loss of nine planes, with 14 military personnel declared missing in action.

Bush was outraged Monday by Iraq's television broadcasts of Allied prisoners of war. According to military experts, former prisoners of war, and psychologists in-

terviewed by CBS news correspondent Dan Rather, the prisoners appeared to have been both physically and psychologically abused. Each P.O.W. made negative statements regarding the Allied military action against "peaceful Iraq." Saddam Hussein reportedly threatened to use captured Allies as human shields.

"America is angry about his," Bush said in his televised response to the P.O.W. broadcast.

Earlier reports indicated that Hussein had paraded captured servicemen through the streets of Baghdad.

Through all the battles, military officers said that morale remains high among the troops.

While early objectives of the mission require air power, military officials are preparing ground troops for battle.

Meanwhile, in Perquimans

County, families of military personnel go through the motions of normal day-to-day life, but thoughts of the raging battle are never far from their minds.

Glenn and Charlotte Jones have learned what it's like to live with fear and uncertainty. Their son, Darrell, is a U.S. Air Force airplane and ground equipment specialist stationed in Saudi Arabia.

"We're really concerned about his safety and welfare, and the safety and welfare of all our troops," Glenn Jones said Monday night in a telephone interview. "We're really uncertain of what's going to happen."

Jones said that things "seem to be getting worse." His gravest concern is for the tremendous potential for loss of life when the ground attack is begun. "I was hoping air strikes were going to take care of it," he said.

Darrell Jones planned to join the

military about two years before his 1989 graduation from Perquimans High School, his father said.

Although Jones fears for his son, he stands firmly behind the President's decision to use force in Iraq. "You have to stand united. Divided you can't stand," he said.

Vera Murrill is not sure she supports the war in Iraq. "I have mixed emotions," said the mother of PFC Harold Murrill Jr., a Marine communication specialist serving in the Middle East.

But Murrill knows she supports her son as he serves his country. She said that PFC Murrill is doing his duty to his country just as thousands of other men and women deployed to Operation Desert Storm. Murrill said that she is praying, and she knows that whatever happens, it will be God's will.

PFC Murrill is also the son of the Rev. Harold Murrill Sr. The 1988 PCHS graduate also left behind his wife, Shannon.

Hertford woman found dead

The body of an elderly Hertford woman was found in a farm drainage ditch last Wednesday morning.

Helen Holley of 203 King St. was found about 8:45 a.m. by Dan Berry on his Church Street Extended farm.

According to Hertford Police Chief Aubrey Sample, his department received a call around 11 p.m. Tuesday that Holley, in her early 70s, had apparently wandered away from her home near 7 p.m. Family and friends began to search for her, but had not been successful. A family member called sheriff's deputy James Logan at 10:50 p.m. Logan immediately called the Perquimans County Dispatch Office and reported the incident. The Hertford Police joined the search.

Berry said that he was in Hardee's at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday when the Rev. John London told him that Holley was missing and had been seen in the vicinity of Berry's farm. Berry drove his pick-up truck down a farm path that ran beside the drainage ditch. He found the body at approximately 8:45 a.m.

Holley was found lying on her back in shallow water. Sample said that there were no apparent signs of foul play.

The body will be sent to the state medical examiner's office in Greenville for autopsy.

The investigation is continuing.

Arrests made

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests:

Staley Douglas Colson, 22, of Rt. 3, Box 12, was arrested on January 18, 1991 and charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and second degree trespassing on a Pasquotank warrant. Bond was set at \$400 unsecured.

Nancy Joyce Harris, 40, of 603 Pennsylvania Ave., was arrested on January 6, 1991, and charged with simple assault. Bond was set at \$100 secured.

Tony Darnell Sutton, 34, of 308 Dobbs St., was arrested January 8, 1991, and charged with larceny in general. Bond was set at \$500 secured.

Cary Van Eaton, 24, of 809 Wedgewood Road, Johnson City, Tennessee, was arrested on January 10, 1991, and charged with 12 counts of obtaining property by false pretense. Bond was set at \$36,000 secured.

Waddell Harvey, 29, of 323 Grubb St., was arrested January 11, 1991, and charged with going armed to the terror of the people. Bond was set at \$200 unsecured.

John Henry Askew, 31, of 126 Wynne Fork Court, was arrested on January 15, 1991, and charged with second degree trespassing. Bond was set at \$200 secured.

Band performs well in Super Bowl XXV festival

The Perquimans County High School Marching Pirate band turned in super performances during the NFL Super Bowl XXV America's Salute to Marching Band in Orlando, Fla. last week, according to band director David Ziemba.

The band and Ziemba brought back five awards from the band festival. Perquimans captured first place in class A field show, third place in class A parade competition, first place overall in rifles, and third place overall band. Ziemba was also presented with a plaque from the NFL Music Festivals Committee for his contribution to music education. Disney World honored the band with a plaque.

"We have the best class A band in the country because of everybody in the county," Ziemba said. "Everything was perfect in our show. It was the best show I've ever seen from around here."

The band was judged in two competitions, Ziemba said. On Friday, the field show was held. The band was also judged during the parade at Disney World on Saturday.

Perquimans was up against seven bands from all over the United States competing in class A. Ziemba did not know how many of the 28 bands originally scheduled to represent the NFL teams were in the overall competition because some were forced by financial restrictions to cancel their trips. At least one band did not perform due to the outbreak of war in the Middle East.

Ziemba said that the war was on the hearts and minds of the Perquimans delegation during their stay. "We dedicated the field show to the



Photo by Susan Harris

The PCHS Marching Pirate band brought home three trophies and two plaques from the Super Bowl XXV marching band festival in Florida last week.

soldiers that were serving in Saudi Arabia before we went on," Ziemba said. He added that the group kept up with the conflict while they were away. Several former band students have been deployed to the conflict.

Judges from the contest were affiliated with several major U.S. universities, including Temple and the University of Illinois. Bands hailed from as far away as California.

Ziemba was proud not only of his band's performance, but of their behavior. He said that the motel manager and the bus driver asked that their businesses be employed should the band ever travel to Florida again. "That always makes you feel proud," Ziemba said.

Ziemba was lavish with praise not only for the band students, but for those who made it financially possible for the band to travel to Florida.

Local citizens burn candles to show support for troops in Middle East

Perquimans County residents are showing their support for U.S. troops stationed in the Middle East by burning candles in the windows of their homes.

Christmas lights packed away just a few weeks ago are being pressed into use as a sign of support for American service men and women. The number of residences burning candles grows daily.

The candle-burning began with a Gates County woman who wanted to do something to show support for the troops. Jane Spivey said she got the idea while putting away her Christmas decorations. She said she hoped the idea would spread. It did. Soon lights were burning throughout Gates County, and the concept is now being adopted by other communities.

The Hertford Town Council voted to endorse the candle-burning at their January meeting. Mayor W.D. "Bill" Cox said of the council's decision, "I think we felt that it was one more way that we could let our servicemen and the families of our servicemen overseas, know of our support for them, our backing." The town office is burning candles in each of the building's front windows. Cox

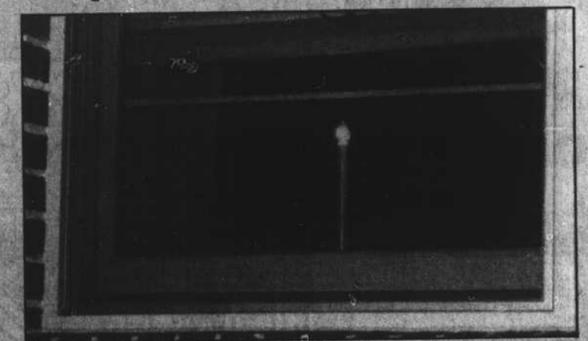


Photo by Susan Harris

More and more lights shine from the windows of Perquimans homes as the idea of burning candles to show support for troops in the Middle East gains popularity. The Hertford Town Council last week endorsed the concept at their meeting.

also has a candle in his home.

Carolyn Lane, a Hertford resident, said she decided to burn a candle after reading about Spivey's idea in The Daily Advance newspaper. "I don't agree with all these demonstrations against it (the war) and I feel like that some of us really need to show them

(U.S. troops) our support," Lane said.

Irene Broughton is also burning a candle. "I'm thinking about these people over there. I'm very dedicated to them. I think we should do something to let them know that we're thinking about them," Broughton said.

King remembered locally

By NANCY ROYDEN-CLARK
Daily Advance staff writer

Song, worship and thanksgiving were blended together Monday at Melton Grove Baptist Church as Perquimans County residents honored Martin Luther King Jr.

Members of the Perquimans County NAACP organized the event. This year is the sixth year the event has been held in the county.

The Rev. Willie B. Moore of Bagley Chapel Baptist Church offered a prayer for King's family and local and national government officials.

The newly-formed Wynne Fork Four, gospel musicians, performed during the service.

Nettie Moore gave greetings on behalf of Melton Grove Baptist Church. She used the word "welcome" to explain the reason for gathering to honor King.

"Watch, enjoy, learn, count your blessings; open your eyes, ears and minds; make it your business to keep the dream alive; and encourage children to remain in school, develop their religion and say no to drugs," Moore said.

Henry Felton, co-principal of Perquimans Middle School, spoke

about King's dream for black Americans.

"What's wrong with the dream?" Felton asked, saying the dream he saw was equality, economic and social justice for all people.

Felton also said King was not an advocate of violence.

"Violence was immoral. They old saying 'an eye for an eye' leaves everybody blind. Violence is based on hatred, rather than love," Felton said.

Felton shared with those gathered King's belief that human beings "must learn together or perish as fools. Freedom is like life — it cannot be made in installments."

Shirley Yates, a member of the Perquimans County NAACP and Winfall Town Councilwoman, said King started the dream for black Americans. It is up to everyone, she said, to cultivate the seed or it will die.

NAACP president Frederick L. Yates encouraged the congregation to become actively involved in the local NAACP chapter.

"There is no better organization that will keep the dream alive," he said.

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