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Water tests held

Have you ever wondered if there might be high levels of lead or nitrate in your drinking water? You can find out on Tuesday, November 7, when the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service - Perquimans County Center, will conduct a lead and nitrate screening program. The purpose of the screening is to determine levels of lead and nitrate in drinking water supplies. The screening will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Extension Center, located on Edenton Road Street in front of the Rescue Squad Building.

Residents with private or public water supply are at risk of lead contamination from plumbing containing lead solder, copper pipes, or brass fixtures. Private wells near nitrate sources, such as septic systems, crop fields or animal waste, are at risk of nitrate contamination. High levels of lead and nitrate in drinking water are particularly harmful to young children.

To screen for lead, residents should draw a quart of cold water from the kitchen faucet into a plastic (nonreturnable) container first thing in the morning or after being gone all day. Label this container "First draw - Lead." The purpose is to collect water which has been standing in pipes for at least 8 hours, to detect the highest level of lead dissolving from plumbing into water. Each lead sample screened will cost \$5.

Participants interested in having their water screened for nitrate should allow cold water to run for 5 minutes, then draw a pint of cold water into a plastic (nonreturnable) container first thing in the morning. Label this container "5 minutes - Nitrate." Each nitrate screening will cost \$1.

Each container should also be labeled with a name, address, and telephone number. The screening program is being conducted in cooperation with North Carolina State University's Departments of Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Toxicology, and Extension Home Economics. The program is funded in part by a federal grant to study the extent of lead and nitrate in North Carolina water supplies. Participants will complete a short survey that provided information on type of water supply and location of potential pollutants. Participants will receive information on protecting drinking water quality. For more information, call the Perquimans County Extension Center at 426-5428.

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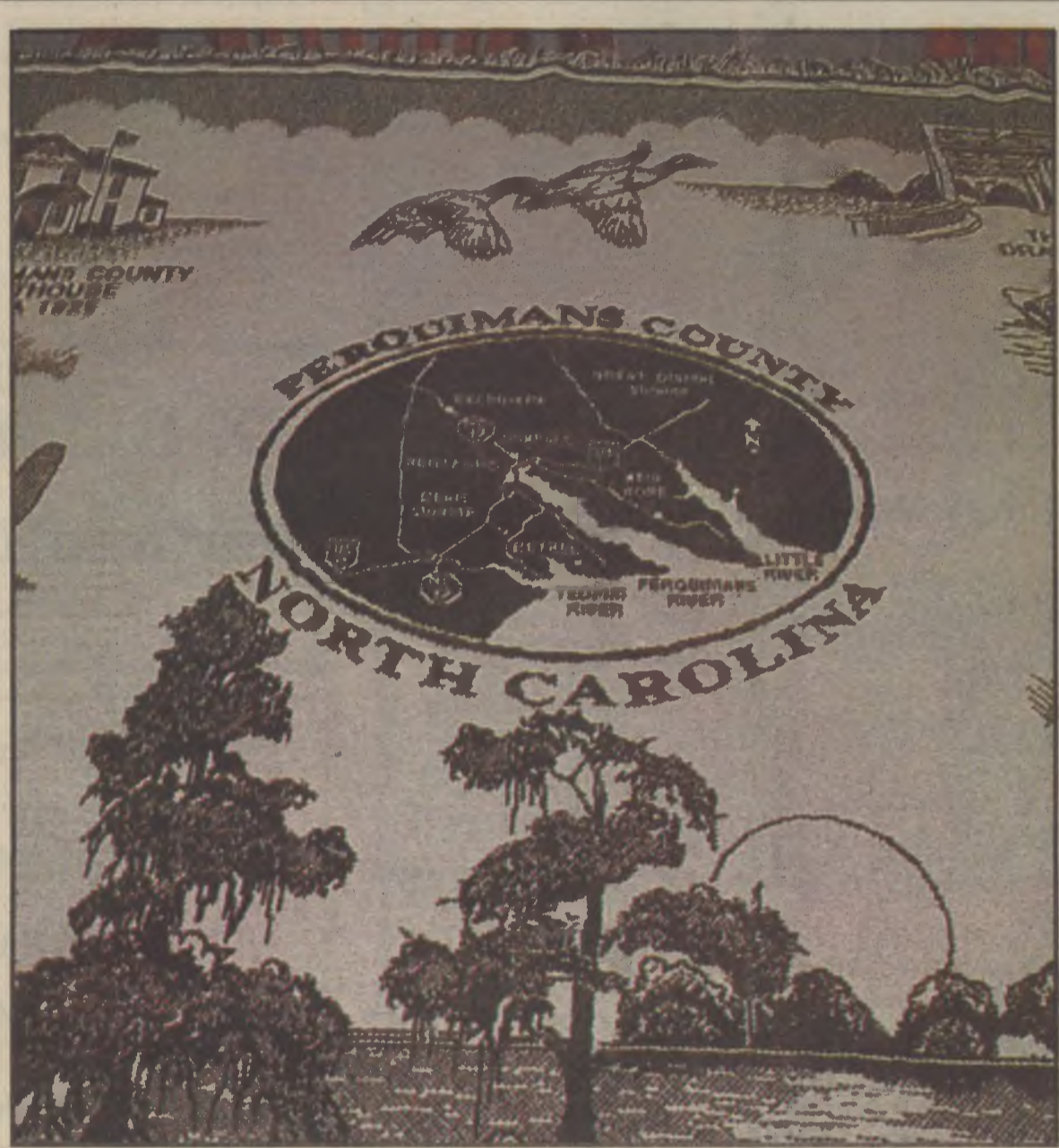


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The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce is offering afghans that depict the history of the county. Scenes include the Newbold-White house, a Jim "Catfish" Hunter baseball, turtles on the log and other items pertaining to the county. The afghan can be viewed from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday at the Chamber office.

Afghan gives history of county

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce has found a unique way to tell the history of the county.

Afghans bearing historic landmarks and symbols of the county are now offered through the Chamber.

The 100 percent cotton, machine wash and dry throws measure 50" x 65". They can be used as lap blankets or wall hangings. The afghans are available in hunter green, cranberry and navy.

Chamber Executive Director Sandra Smith said the response to the afghans has been very positive.

"We displayed the afghan at the 'Our Town' tour held in downtown Hertford and county residents' reaction was quite overwhelming," Smith said. "Passersby stopped and commented on the different points of interest included in the afghan. We had a substantial number reserved."

Smith said proceeds from

the sale of the afghans will be used to offset Chamber operating expenses and to support community events such as the Christmas parade.

A sample afghan is on display at the Chamber office and can be viewed from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday. Each afghan is \$40 and requires a \$20 deposit. The balance is paid at delivery, which is approximately three weeks after the order is placed.

Hertford sewer repairs nearing completion

Navigating the streets of Hertford around sewer repair equipment should get easier soon, according to town manager John Christensen.

Sections of roadway throughout the town have been dug up to allow contractor Moore & Sons construction Co. of Battleboro to replace 1,600 feet of sewer pipe and 2,400 feet of out-fall line adjacent to Jenny's Gut. Christensen said the work underway on Dobbs Street is the last phase of the project that will require tearing up the streets. The final phase will be replacement of the line from Cedar Wood Cemetery past the high school to Edenton Road Street. The line from Church Street to the cemetery has already been laid.

The \$250,000, 120-day project began in early August and is set for completion on Nov. 26, Christensen said.

The town secured financing for the project from the state's clean water revolving loan



Driving through Hertford should get easier soon, as the sewer repair project begun in August is scheduled to end by late November.

fund. Water and sewer rates rose on July 1 to help offset the cost of the loan. Hertford will pay \$12,522 principal plus interest accrued at 5.85 percent annually for 20 years.

Towns go to polls Tuesday

Hertford, Winfall to elect mayors, council members

Polls will open bright and early Tuesday in both Hertford and Winfall, when voters from each municipality will elect a mayor and two council members.

Registered voters in East Hertford will cast ballots at the Perquimans County courthouse. Their counterparts in West Hertford will make choices at Hertford Grammar School.

In Winfall, the Winfall Community Building will serve as the polling place.

All polls close at 7:30 p.m. Hertford Mayor John Beers will be seeking re-election. He

is unopposed. Running for the two open council seats are incumbent Billy L. Winslow, and Carolyn L. Brown, former mayor and town manager W.D. "Bill" Cox, Barbara P. Sheeley and G. Eldon Winslow. Larry Chappell, who held one of the open seats, resigned after moving outside the town limits. Because the elections were approaching, council did not fill his seat.

Incumbent Fred Yates and C.D. Barclift will face off for mayor in Winfall. Vying for two council seats are incumbent Jake Chesson, Lloyd Ray Morgan, Carol B. Cooper and Clifford P. Towe. Present councilman Bert Hayes did not seek re-election.

The elections are at-large and non-partisan.

Candidates speak out on local issues

Hertford voters will seat a mayor and two council members Tuesday. Running for office are:

Mayor
John Beers, incumbent, unopposed; age 66; occupation - Perquimans County Veterans Service Officer

Council
Carlyn L. Brown; age 54; occupation - Perquimans County DSS Fraud Investigator.

W.D. "Bill" Cox; age 74; retired.

Billy L. Winslow; age 64; occupation - General Manager of Crossroads Fuel Service Inc. G. Eldon Winslow; age 75; retired.

Candidates were asked to respond to a questionnaire concerning their views on local issues. Their answers follow in alphabetical order.

● **How long have you lived in Hertford? If you are not a native, why did you choose Hertford as your home?**

Beers: I have lived in Hertford for 43 years. Married the former Betty J. Winslow, a native of Perquimans County and Hertford; fell in love with the area and we settled in Hertford.

Brown: 1941-1959, 1981-1955.

Cox: All my life
Sheeley: I have lived in Hertford almost a year. My husband and I chose Hertford because of its quaintness and charming character.

B. Winslow: I have lived in Hertford for 30 years. I was born and raised in Perquimans County. We built our home in Hertford in 1965.

E. Winslow: 75 years.

● **Please state your basic platform or tell why you are**

running for office.

Beers: My basic platform is to make Hertford a better place to live, create jobs for our young people and adults and to see that all the basic needs are available for a wholesome town.

Brown: My basic platform is improving the appearance of Hertford. We cannot attract industry and people if we look like we don't care about the image we project.

Cox: I'm offering 25 years of experience in local government with the desire to make a positive difference

Sheeley: I will work towards providing safe streets for our citizens and to ensure all our public safety needs are met. I will develop ways to attract new business and encourage young achievers to return home to build their homes and families. I will work with the Economic Development Commission to ensure Hertford receives all grants and funding available. I will continue to work with 20/20 to help write grants, etc. to create controlled growth within Perquimans County.

B. Winslow: I have been your Councilman for 24 years and your Mayor Pro-Tem for 5 years. I feel the experience I have gained will better enable me in making decisions that are in the best interest of our town. I believe in conserving taxpayer's money.

E. Winslow: To keep Hertford a good, affordable place to live.

● **What is the greatest challenge facing the council?**

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