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County DSS budget tentatively approved

By VAL SHORT

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners tentatively approved the 1983-84 county budget request by Paul Gregory, Perquimans Department of Social Services director Monday night.

Although the \$25,959 request reflects a 7.38 percent increase over last year, the approximate \$22,000 of carry over from the current budget will cover the increase, according to Gregory.

"Things will remain the same as far as taxes are concerned," Gregory

commented, adding that his department had not had this type of carry over in previous years.

The 1983-84 budget request for the Perquimans DSS totalled \$2,102,842, which includes over \$1 million from federal funds, nearly \$500,000 from state sources and the remainder from local funds.

Medicaid reflects the largest portion of the total DSS budget with a requested \$1,250,672. Also requested is a total of \$397,300 for Aid for Dependent Children and \$291,851 for

administration and overhead.

Also at the meeting, members of the Hertford Fire Department, led by Chief Pete Riddick, appeared before the commissioners to request funds for a new tanker at an estimated cost of \$50,000-\$55,000.

No action was taken and board members told Riddick the request would be considered at budget time.

Diane Riddick appeared before the Board to discuss water problems at the residence on Harvey Point Road.

Describing the water as "gray, slimy stuff," Mrs. Riddick com-

plained the water was ruining her family's clothes.

Commissioner Lester Simpson asked Mrs. Riddick to "bear with us." "We're doing everything we know what to do," Simpson said.

"You're not paying for bad water, you're paying for good water," Simpson added.

In a previous meeting of the county commissioners, the Board approved the installation of a monitoring system, which could help alleviate the back wash of dirt and debris in the water system. The com-

missioners expressed hope that the completion of the water plant in Winfall will help the water problems.

Bids for maintenance of grounds of county properties were opened at the Monday night meeting. The two bids, which were neither accepted nor rejected, were submitted by Henry Elliott, \$7,850, and Steve Perry, \$6,900.

The commissioners decided to consider the bids, which they said could be accepted or rejected.

In other business, the Board of

Commissioner:

*proclaimed the week of April 25 to 29 as the Week of the Young Child.

*approved a petition from residents from Evergreen Drive in Snug Harbor for maintenance improvement.

*heard budget requests from county agencies read by Durwood Reed, county finance officer.

*met with Mark Williams of Elizabeth City, candidate for the vacant position of county forest ranger.

Rabies clinic set

With reports circulating that rabies is spreading southeastward through Virginia, getting your animals vaccinated against the fatal disease may be especially important this year.

"The vaccination program has just about eliminated (rabies)."
- W. Ray White

Perquimans County Dog Warden and Rabies Inspector W. Ray White began his annual vaccination clinic April 9. White will vaccinate dogs at each county precinct through April 30. He will also hold clinics at the Perquimans County Health Department April 23 and 30 from 8 to 6 p.m.

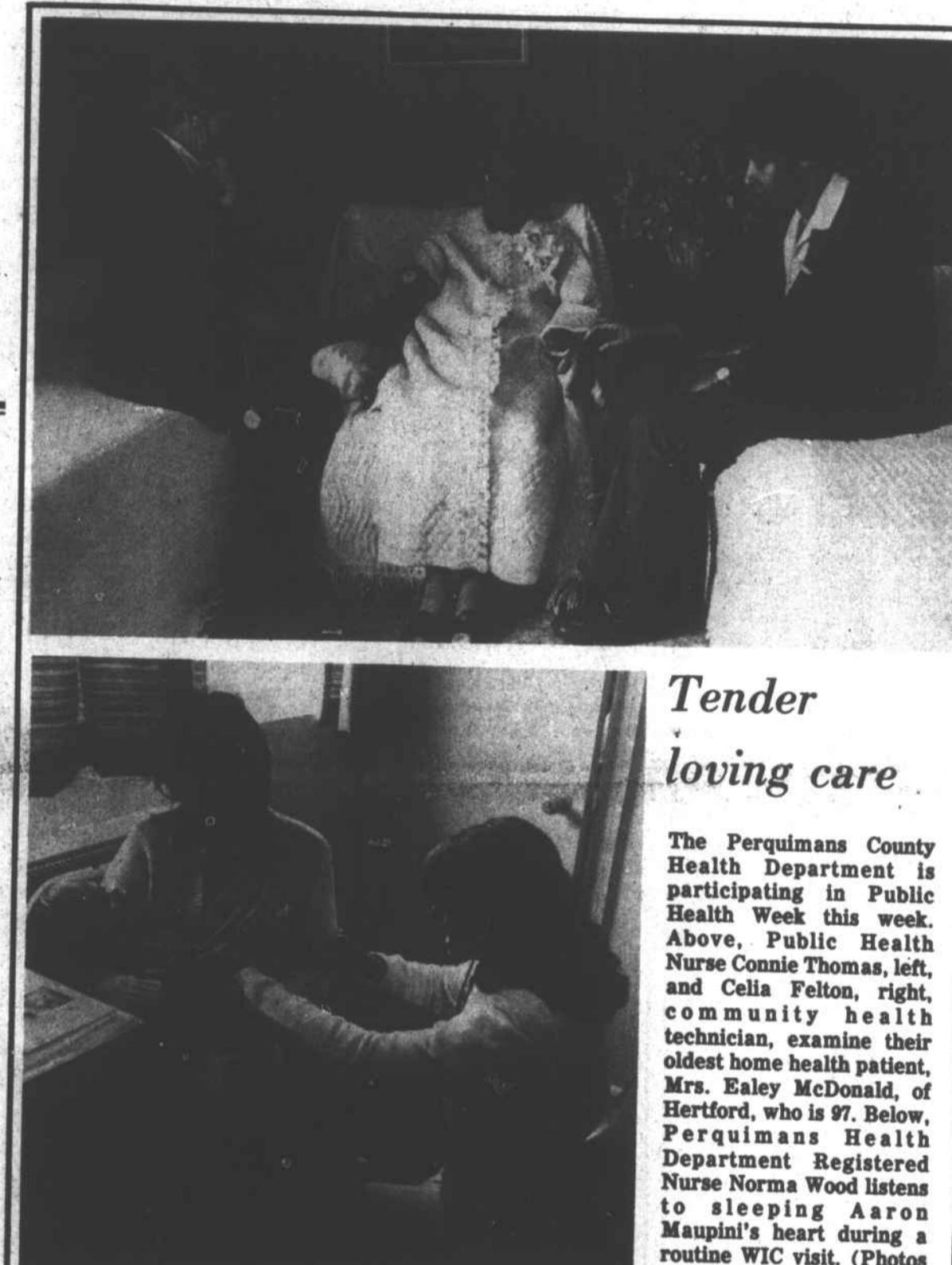
There is a \$2 charge for each vaccination.

Although North Carolina has not had a rabid dog in several years, White said there has been an increase in rabies in bats and foxes. White said he only knew of one case of rabies in Perquimans County, which occurred many years ago.

"The vaccination program has just about eliminated it (rabies)," said White.

White will be vaccinating dogs at these locations: Chappell's Store, Winfall, April 20, 3-6 p.m.; New Hope, April 21, 2-5 p.m.; Bateman's Store, Woodyville, April 21, 5-7 p.m.; and Holiday Island, April 23, 9-11 noon.

White added that annual vaccination of dogs against rabies is required by law.



Tender loving care

The Perquimans County Health Department is participating in Public Health Week this week. Above, Public Health Nurse Connie Thomas, left, and Celia Felton, right, community health technician, examine their oldest home health patient, Mrs. Ealey McDonald, of Hertford, who is 97. Below, Perquimans Health Department Registered Nurse Norma Wood listens to sleeping Aaron Maupini's heart during a routine WIC visit. (Photos by Val Short)

County volunteers sought for awards

By VAL SHORT

It's time once again for volunteers to stand up and be counted as the county opens nominations for the 1983 Governor's Volunteer Awards.

Eleven awards will be presented to Perquimans County volunteers this year in the following categories: individual human service volunteer, individual community volunteer leader, coordinator of volunteers, youth volunteer, senior citizen volunteer, disabled person volunteer, school volunteer, and one-on-one volunteer.

Group categories include: community volunteer organizations, church-religious volunteer groups and business-industry volunteer.

To help commemorate National Volunteer Week in North Carolina this week, proclaimed by Governor Jim Hunt, the county selection

committee has announced the 1983 awards program.

"Volunteers built this country," the director of the Governors Office of Citizens Affairs Charles Petty said recently to a group of area volunteers. "If we ever get to the point where people no longer help each other, we're in serious trouble," he continued.

Volunteerism continues to be a vital link in the chain of growth, progress and community spirit in Perquimans County and everywhere.

The County Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees, Lions, BPW, and other local civic organizations, 4-H and other youth groups, and churches — all owe much of their existence to Perquimans County volunteers.

County 4-H Extension Agent

Juanita Bailey said volunteer leaders are very important. "Without volunteers, our 4-H clubs would not survive," she commented.

She added that volunteers work with 4-H for a variety of reasons — because they enjoy watching children achieve, and because they want to share their interests with others.

According to statistics provided by the Governor's office of Citizens Affairs, three million North Carolinians volunteered in 1981, representing 71 percent of all adult men and women.

They averaged 17 hours of volunteer work each month, totalling 600 million hours.

The Governor's Volunteer Awards program is now in its fourth year and is held to promote volunteerism and

to provide them with much-deserved recognition.

According to Bill Cox, county selection committee chairman, applications forms will be accepted through May 13. Applications are available in his office at the Municipal Building.

The awards nominations are open to all volunteers in Perquimans County. County winners will be invited to the Governor's Volunteer Award ceremonies in Raleigh next fall.

In his speech at the ceremony last year, Gov. Hunt told volunteers, "Your example of giving instead of getting, caring instead of complaining, actions instead of apathy, is the catalyst which will continue to make North Carolina a good place to live and work."

With the increasing cost of health care, I hope there will always be a place for public health," she added.

Celebrating Public Health Week this week, the Perquimans County Health Department is part of a four-county district department that also includes Pasquotank, Chowan and Camden counties.

The Perquimans department is located on Charles Street in Hertford and has been recently renovated "to make it a pleasant place to be," said Mrs. Brantham.

"We hope the community will look upon us as a community resource," she added.

The programs and services offered by the Perquimans Health Department are many — and all are aimed at providing quality health care in an atmosphere of caring and respect.

Maternity care is available at the health department, which includes an education component taught by

U.S. Department of the Interior through the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

NRFD Secretary Joseph W. Grimsley views the program as a much needed boost to overstrained local budgets. "With the current economic crisis, many counties and towns in North Carolina has had to greatly curtail, and in some cases, even abolish their recreation programs," Grimsley said.

"These monies, while not a full answer to the funding problems

facing local governments, will help toward the purchase and development of parks and recreation areas in our communities," he added.

Grants will be awarded on the basis of competitively rated applications. Full applications are due June 30 with grants to be awarded in the fall.

Grimsley said that factors to be considered in rating the applications include how well the project supports the State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, prior grant administration by the applicant, the

quality of previous and existing recreation programs, the suitability of the designated site, the outdoor recreational needs of the community and the long-range plans for management of the facility.

Applications also must make a minimum commitment of local revenues equal to the amount of the federal grant.

Grimsley added that interest in the grants is evident already.

This week

See page 3 for photos and story about Perquimans Special Olympics

Weather

Fair Thursday with highs in the mid 50's. Cloudiness increasing with chance of rain Saturday.