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Local Briefs

T-ball sign up going on now

The Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Department announces that T-ball sign up is being held through May 31. The cost is \$5 per child for girls and boys ages 5 through 8. Stop by the Perquimans County Recreation Department and sign up.

Ford dealer wins DSA award

Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co. Inc. of Hertford has been selected as one of the nation's outstanding Ford dealerships and received Ford Motor Company's Distinguished Achievement Award For Quality. This award is presented "in recognition of progressive management...sound merchandising practices...high quality standards...and continuing interest in rendering superior service to Ford owners."

Cecil E. Winslow, president, has been a Ford dealer in Hertford since 1955. The dealership is located at U.S. Hwy. 17 N. Bus. The Dealership was franchised by Ford Motor Company November 1936.

Harrell travels to tourism meeting

Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Mary C. Harrell, attended the 1989 North Carolina Governor's Conference on Travel and Tourism held May 3-5 at the Sheraton-Appalachian Inn in Boone. Organized jointly by the North Carolina Division of Travel and Tourism, the Boone Convention and Visitors Bureau and other organizations in High Country, the three day event brought together travel and tourism experts from across the country speaking on topics important to the tourism business.

Governor James G. Martin addressed the group of representatives at a luncheon held at the Appalachian State University using the topic "Keeping a Good Thing Going". A performance of "North Carolina Is My Home" by North Carolina natives Charles Kuralt and Lonnis McGlohon was a highlight of the Conference and made you proud to be a North Carolinian. "For those who think Tourism doesn't pertain to them, think again. Tourism is everyone's business."

Schools observe employee week

Quality school personnel is one of the most important investments a community can make in providing a bright future for our citizens. The Perquimans County School System will be observing employee appreciation week, May 7-13, with National Teacher Day being observed on Tuesday, May 9. This is a time to express appreciation to the teaching staff and all education support personnel who carry out tasks to keep our schools in operation. A special thanks is extended to all school personnel who make a positive difference every day in the lives of our children.

Old-Timer's game scheduled for Saturday

The Perquimans County Athletic Boosters have planned their annual Old-Timer's baseball game and supper for this Saturday.

As in year's past, this year's game will pit former Perquimans athletes against the high school team, if all goes as planned. With the inclement weather this baseball season, regularly scheduled games have been postponed and the team is sometimes playing three games per week. Because conference rules will not allow the team to play more than the three games, the high school team may not be able to take the field.

But organizers say not to worry. They have found enough teams to play so that some older old timers can go up against some younger old timers.

The supper begins at 4:00 p.m., with game time at 7:00 p.m.

For some good family fun, go to PCHS Saturday.

Buck house upsetting to neighbors of property

Although they hate to see the Buck house demolished, some residents who live near the vacant dwelling say something must be done about its condition. That's what a delegation of citizens told the town council Monday night.

Steve Farthing first spoke on the group's behalf. Farthing said he has lived near the Buck house for one and one-half years, and has seen the house steadily decline.

"As it is now, it creates a hazard," Farthing said. He reported seeing children playing in the house, fires, and vandalism, and is concerned about the neighborhood. He said he knew the town had be-

gun some type of action on the property, but asked for a time schedule. "When can we reasonably expect something to be done with the house?" Farthing asked.

Town attorney Walter Edwards updated the group on the situation surrounding the property. He said that a Maryland couple owns the house. In the past several years, people have made offers to purchase the dwelling, but the owner would not accept any of them. He was asking what Edwards considered too much money for the property.

At present, the couple is involved

in a protracted divorce. Edwards has spoken with the wife, who is willing to sell since she cannot afford to restore the home herself.

Edwards has sent both spouses certified letters, but the husband refuses to accept his correspondence.

Condemnation proceedings have begun, but Edwards advised caution in proceeding due to possible legal ramifications since the property is tied up in a contested divorce in Maryland.

The council expressed concern over the situation, and voted to board up the windows and doors as soon as possible to keep people out.

A question was asked about whether the town could gain ownership and then sell the property to avoid tearing it down, but Edwards told them that the town can only condemn the property and tear it down. The property itself cannot be obtained in the proceedings.

The council also decided to give the people 60 days to resolve the situation, then to proceed with tearing the house down. Physical evidence of conveyance or restoration must be seen. Indications of intent will not stop the process.

Old business

Eldon Winslow asked the board for an update on the walkway and other items the council discussed at its April meeting. Bill Cox said the town has been asked to submit a full application. He said that the application is being prepared, and that a public hearing should be set concerning the matter. The public hearing was set for May 22 at 7:00 p.m.

Winslow asked the board to consider restricting use at night due to noise. He said those people who live near the proposed site will be bothered by late-night noise if precautions are not taken.

JoAnne Morris questioned the council about the possibility of increased insurance costs arising from the construction of the boardwalk.

The board said that now they want to submit a full application for grant money, then deal with possible problems when the funds are available. They advised that they could change the plans if necessary.

Mayor Bill Cox told the council that he understood at his last meeting concerning the project's funding, that once the plans were approved and the monies made available, the plans could not be changed. He urged the council to be sure they are ready to fully endorse the project before the tremendous amount of paperwork that must accompany the application is completed.

Since the application must be in by May 31 and the public hearing has been set for May 22, the council decided to proceed with present plans, but to consider any problems and discussion that arises at the public hearing before fully endorsing the project.

Billy White had suggested to the council that the member visit the town's facilities at the old ice plant to view its deplorable condition. The councilmen did tour the building last month.

Mayor Cox reported that some painting has been done, some areas are being cleaned as time permits, and that bids have been requested from two roofers.

Eldon Winslow suggested that perhaps money spent on other projects may need to be funneled into the town's facilities. He reminded the council that Cox reported at the last meeting that he had made the council aware of the leaking roof at least five years ago. He told them that they had a responsibility to the town's people to keep up the buildings.

It was suggested that erecting a new building might be less expensive than repairing the present structure, but Cox warned that the cost of tearing down the facility would hover around \$10,000. He told the council that every angle must be considered before making any disposition decision.

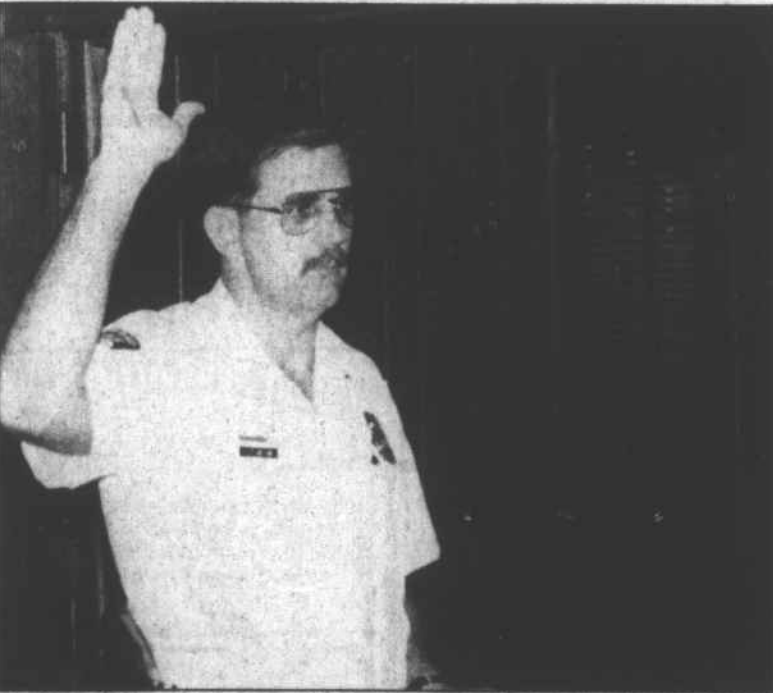
Winslow also asked whether the town had pursued the suggestion of forming one law enforcement unit in the county. Cox told him that he had been concentrating on hiring sufficient officers to staff the Hertford Police Department and had not had much time to actively pursue the matter. He did, however, say that he had asked the League of Municipalities to send him any information available concerning the combination.

Lion's Club Week

The Hertford Lion's Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary on May 18. The town designated the week of May 14-20 as Lion's Club Week.



Scenes from Saturday's Newbold-White Heritage Day show the Philip Ludwells serving cake and the Hertford Drums and Fifes.



Hertford Police Chief Ernest Nixon is sworn in.

Agricultural Extension Service Week

The Smith-Lever Act of May 8, 1914 has fostered the development of a system of State Agricultural Extension Services in partnership with our nation's land grant universities and county governments for disseminating and encouraging the application of research-generated knowledge and leadership techniques to solve problems of individuals, families, and communities.

The North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service has for seventy-five years contributed greatly in assisting citizens of our state to improve the quality of their lives, develop leadership, improve their communities, promote achievements of young people through 4-H, and improve the efficiency of agricultural production and market-

ing. The relationship existing between federal, state, and county extension services has provided for citizen input to research and educational programs of North Carolina State University and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. All North Carolinians can benefit from our state's agricultural extension service educational programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES G. MARTIN, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 8 through May 14, 1989 as "Agricultural Extension Service Week" in North Carolina to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of Agricultural Extension Services in our state.

James G. Martin
Governor

Teen dead of knife wound

A Hertford teen-ager was fatally injured by a knife Thursday night at Meads Trailer Court. According to Captain Timothy Spence of the Hertford Police Department, Erica Warren, 17, died of a puncture wound to the throat.

Spence said the incident allegedly occurred outside of one of the mobile homes at Meads Trailer Park. Preliminary investigation results do not indicate whether the wound was self-inflicted or she was stabbed by another person.

The incident is still under investigation.

New police chief hired

The Hertford Town Council welcomed new chief of police Ernest Nixon Monday night at their regular monthly meeting. Nixon, raised in Chowan County, comes to the force from Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D.C.

A 20-year law-enforcement veteran, Nixon also served in the U.S. Marine Corp prior to joining the Washington, D.C. force. He and his wife, Sandra, and son, Chris, are looking forward to living in this area.

Nixon told the council that he looks forward to working and living in this area.

The council also announced the promotion of Sergeant Timothy Spence to the rank of Captain. Spence has been with the department for eight years.

Mayor Bill Cox and the councilmen thanked the members of the Hertford Police Department for their efforts when the department was very understaffed. He said that they were all fine officers, and had served the town well.

Newbold-White Heritage Day is successful

Over 100 people attended the North Carolina Heritage Day at the Newbold-White house, North Carolina's oldest house, on Saturday.

The day was an observance of the three hundredth anniversary of the 1689 appointment of Philip Ludwell to "govern that part of Carolina lying north and east of Cape fear," thus marking the end of the County of Albemarle.

In addition, the day commemorated the 200th anniversary of North Carolina's ratification of the U.S. constitution in 1789.

Surprisingly, Ludwell and his wife Lady Frances attended the celebration along with George Washington. Dressed in their seventeenth century finery, the Ludwells and Washington sang together, "America." Later, the Ludwells sang "God Save the Queen." Ludwell also addressed those gathered about his life and early Albemarle government from a text prepared by Raymond A. Winslow, Jr., archivist. The Ludwells were portrayed by Drs. David and Mary Jo Martin. Philip McMullan, Executive Director of Northeastern North Carolina Tomorrow, was Washington.

The afternoon began with a flag raising ceremony. B. Earl Hughes, National Representative Fraternal Coordinator of the Eastern N.C. Woodmen of the World was assisted by local Woodmen in presenting a flag pole, a U.S. flag, and a state flag to the Newbold-White site.

Representative Pete Thompson compared the seventeenth century legislature to the twentieth century law makers. Thompson said not much has changed since that time.

Dean of the First District Legis-

lative Delegation Representative Vernon James was on hand to introduce guest speaker, Senator Marc Basnight.

Greetings were brought to the group from the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century by Mrs. Walter Spaeth, President General.

The North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames XVII Century presented a check for \$1,200 to the Perquimans Restoration Association to purchase furnishings for the Newbold-White site. Mrs. Wiley Jordan Ellis, president of the group, made the presentation.

Speaking briefly on North Carolina's role in the ratification of the constitution of the United States in 1789 was Mrs. William Nixon, Regent, Edenton Tea Party Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Roy L. Reed, chairman of the Perquimans Heritage Center Building Committee, presented awards of merit to the center's builders. College of The Albemarle received four awards given to faculty members. They were: Dr. Parker Chesson, president; Robert L. Ford, professor, drafting and design; Orville E. McNary, instructor, electrical installation and maintenance; and Douglas H. Williams, assistant professor, air conditioning, heating and refrigeration.

Awards were also presented to contractors S. Edward Winslow (Quality Builders) and Tildon Whitehurst.

The day ended with the cutting of the 300th anniversary birthday cake in the Perquimans Heritage Center. Quilts made by the Perquimans quilters were on display in the Center.

Senior Center Week

North Carolina will pay tribute to the state's older adults and the 124 senior centers they attend daily during "Senior Center Week," May 14-20. Senior Center Week is always an important part of the "Older Americans Month" celebration in our state. This special week ties in well with the month's theme of "Aging, Aren't We All" and the Senior Center Week theme of "Senior Center - An Open Door."

Many special activities will be held during "Senior Center Week." Most centers will sponsor open houses, health fairs and special luncheons or picnics. Some will host arts and crafts fairs, intergenerational days and parades or walks. Senior Center Week is a good time for the general public and community officials to visit senior centers.

For the state's over one million citizens 60 years of age or older, the senior center is often their main tie to the community. It helps them receive services which facilitate their independence, and gives them the opportunity to be more involved in matters which affect their lives. It is a place for comfort, friendship, assistance and learning. Older adults can receive help on their income tax, blood pressure checks and guidance to other community services. They may receive health screenings for feet, teeth and mouth.

As a service provider the center is a unique multipurpose social institution. The first senior center was established in North Carolina in 1978, and the program has continued to grow through federal and state and local funding.