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Support is available

Are you experiencing anxiety for a loved one deployed in Operation Desert Storm in the Persian Gulf? If so, Chowan Hospital can help with a support group that will have its first meeting Monday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. at the new Mental Health Unit at Chowan Hospital.

Social worker Teresa Baggett, MSW will be the primary group facilitator. For additional information or to register, call the Mental Health Unit at 482-6314. All interested persons are welcome to attend the first meeting.

Turkey shoot set

There will be a turkey and ham shoot at Perquimans Middle School on Friday, Feb. 1 from 7-9 p.m. Proceeds from the shoot will go to the shooting teams. The middle school will field a shooting team this season for the first time. Head coach is Roger Morgan, who will be assisted by volunteers Billy Owens and Chad White. Wildlife officer Jack Staley works with shooting teams from both the middle school and high school.

Chapter 1 to meet

The Perquimans County Schools Chapter 1 Program will be having a meeting on Thursday, Feb. 7 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 the evaluation of the Perquimans County Chapter 1 Involvement Program. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Barber or Estelle Felton at 426-5741.

Notary course offered

College of the Albemarle is offering a one-night Notary Public Training class in Elizabeth City from 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7. Jeanne C. White, with the Perquimans County Register of Deeds office, will teach the course in room 229 of the A Building at COA's main campus.

The cost of the course is \$25 plus \$5.25 for a required manual. A social security number is needed to register. For more information, call COA's Continuing Education office at 335-0821, ext. 250.

Dinner scheduled

The Belvidere Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department have tickets for sale for a BBQ Chicken supper on Saturday, Feb. 16, from 4-6 p.m. The cost is \$4 per plate.

Tickets are available upon request from The Perquimans Weekly, or call 297-2901.

Aerobics class set

The Perquimans County Recreation Department is sponsoring an Aerobic Exercise Class to begin on February 12. Classes will be on Monday and Thursday nights at 8 p.m. at the Perquimans County Library and will run for 6 weeks. The instructor will be Allison LaSure. The cost is \$20 per person. For more information and to sign up, come by or call the Department at 426-5695.

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Children fear for parents in war zone

The war in Iraq continues, and more U.S. troops are being deployed to Saudi Arabia.

The unofficial number of Perquimans County residents or natives now serving in the Middle East has risen to over 50. Many of these men and women left behind children who must face the unknown with their parents in a war zone.

Six Perquimans Middle School students are among the number of children who are frightened by events taking place in the Persian Gulf region. Aaron Lee, Kelly Elliott, Charity Felton, Tomeka Harris, Christy Hardy and Alfred Abner all say they are scared, but try not to dwell on the possible danger their parents face.

"I'm kind of worried and scared about it," said Lee about having his father, Larry, stationed in the Middle East. Since his father is in the Army infantry, his fears grow as the time draws nearer for ground combat. "I just hope there's not a lot of killing," Lee said.

Although Lee said he tries to take his mind off of the war, it isn't always easy. "It's tough," said the dark-haired youth. "I'm more scared because he's in the Army. He's right on the front lines, kind of on the Kuwaiti border."

Elliott's father, who serves in the Army, left in September. She said her father thought the U.S. would fight when he was deployed. "He said if it does, don't be scared," Elliott said. Elliott doesn't think her father will be on the front lines because he is a mechanic. But that doesn't quell the fear Elliott feels.

Felton and her younger brother are living with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Felton, while their mother, Ruby, serves in the Army. "I was scared and worried," she said of her feelings when her mother was deployed.

Neither Harris nor her father thought the U.S. would fight when he left in December, but that



Photo by Susan Harris

Perquimans Middle School students Aaron Lee, Kelly Elliott, Charity Felton, Tomeka Harris, Christy Hardy and Alfred Abner all have one thing in common: all six students have parents stationed in the Middle East. The faculty and staff at their school recently finished the display in front of which the children stand. White doves with gold ribbons hold the names of over 50 family members of middle school students who are in the Persian Gulf.

didn't keep Harris from being frightened. "I'm just glad he can't fly planes," Harris laughed nervously about the present situation in Iraq.

Another problem for Harris is the difficult time her 5-year-old brother is having understanding their father's absence. "My little brother just wants to be with my father," Harris said.

Hardy and Abner share their grief. Their mother, Faye Abner, left before Christmas with her Army battalion. They felt "terrible," according to Abner; Hardy added, "scared and very sad."

The children are coping the best way they can. All of them said they try to stay busy in an effort to keep their minds occupied. But it doesn't always work. Elliott said

she sometimes has trouble concentrating on her schoolwork because her mind wanders.

Hardy said she is praying for her mother. She also finds comfort in talking to her cousin. Elliott discusses her anger and fear with her mother. Others said they didn't talk to anyone about their feelings. Almost all of the youth said that they have cried since their parents left.

The television coverage of the conflict received mixed reviews from the group. Some believe what they hear, some don't.

"I don't like watching the news," Elliott said. She said she was very angry when Iraq put American POWs on the news.

"My grandma watches it all the time," Felton said. "She can't

turn it off."

Lee reported watching in the mornings before he leaves for school and again in the afternoons. He said he believes what is reported.

Felton and Hardy summed up the feelings of the group. "It's like the worst thing that ever happened, except when somebody dies," Felton said.

"It would be the worst thing that ever happened to me if my mom died, because that's the only parent I've got," Hardy said.

As the days wear on, the youth continue to hope that their parents will return unharmed, but their fears continue to escalate. Only time will tell what the future holds for these children and their families.

Carter, former PCHS coach, dies in hospital

Perquimans County lost a friend last week when former Perquimans High School coach Robert E. "Bobby" Carter died Wednesday. Carter coached Perquimans through several successful baseball seasons, and returned each spring to coach his former players in the Old Timer's Game. Carter coached major league greats Jim "Catfish" Hunter and Gaylord Perry during their high school careers.

The teacher and coach at Roanoke Rapids High School was a Windsor native. He was the son of the late Hobson Dewey Carter and Nancy Elizabeth Leggett.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Lilley Carter, of Roanoke Rapids; a stepdaughter, Donna Price Raby of Williamston; a brother, Hobson Dewey Carter Jr. of Windsor and three step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held last Friday at West End Baptist Church in Williamston with the Rev. Milton Gilbert officiating. Burial followed in Woodlawn Cemetery. A memorial service was held Thursday at Rosemary Methodist Church in Roanoke Rapids, where Carter was a member.

Biggs Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Carter's former students and friends in Perquimans are honoring him with the organization of the Robert E. Carter Memorial Fund. Donations to the fund will go to support the athletic department at Perquimans High School. Donations may be made by contacting Dr. Price Monks or Charles Woodard, or can be mailed to Robert E. Carter Memorial Fund, care of Charles Woodard, P.O. Box 157, Hertford, N.C. 27944.

Cancer Society raises funds

The Perquimans County Chapter of the American Cancer Society raised about \$2,500 Saturday with their all-you-can eat homemade sausage and pancake meals at Perquimans County High School.

The pork and pancake feast was prepared by the three Perquimans County Ruritan Clubs, who each worked during one serving shift. Bethel served breakfast, Durant's Neck served lunch, and Parksville served supper.

Entertainment was provided during the evening meal by several talented gospel groups. The cafeteria was filled as diners stayed to listen.

Cancer Society organizers estimated that over 550 meals were served during the day.

Don Gustafson won the first place door prize, a \$50 savings bond donated by Centura Bank. The second prize food processor, donated by Minnie Hurdle, was won by Barbara Copeland.

Pigs were donated by Pebble Point Farms, Cargill Swine Products and Wayne Banks with Goldkist. Douglas Layden processed the sausage. McDonald's of Edenton and Hardee's of Hertford donated condiments for the meals. Other local businesses also made donations.

Chamber of Commerce honors local businessman

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce honored a local businessman at its annual banquet at Angler's Cove recently.

Emmett E. Landing received the Charles M. Harrell Jr. Business Person of the Year Award.

Landing went into the painting and wallpapering business with his brother in 1948. He soon branched out into electrical, plumbing, and carpentry work. Today Landing is the owner-operator of Landing Supply Co., a heating and air conditioning business. He has been called by some the "can do anything repairman."

The Perquimans County native's easy manner and jovial personality have combined to make him known throughout the county. The word "no" does not roll easily through Landing's lips, and because of this, he has been involved in a number of church, school, and community

projects over the years.

Chamber executive director Mary Harrell said of Landing, "This person has contributed and supported his community, its schools, its young people, civic organizations, the church, the Chamber of Commerce, the festival and today is still a supporter and contributor of all of these in any way he is needed."

Landing's commitment to the county and the country began early in life. He served in the Marines in World War I and Korea. He is presently a Mason, a Shriner, a member of the Scottish Rites Bodies, an American Legion member and a VFW member. He is past VFW commander.

The Indian Summer Festival, organized nine years ago by the Chamber of Commerce, would not be as successful as it is today without Landing. He has worked with

the festival since its inception, and can always be called upon to handle a last-minute detail.

Landing has long been an active and supportive member of the Chamber, having served as director many times over the years, the latest being in 1990.

Landing is a past member of the Perquimans County Rescue Squad and the Hertford Fire Department. He was named Fireman of the Year in 1981. He was one of several local businessmen who organized the George Durant Recreation Commission, the forerunner of the Perquimans County Recreation Department.

A member of Hertford United Methodist Church, Landing has served in almost every position including lay leader and Sunday School teacher.

Landing even threw his hat into

the political arena, serving as mayor of Hertford from 1967-1971.

Landing is married to the former Eva Wrae Winslow. The couple had two children, Patti Curles and the late Eugene Landing. They have two grandchildren.

Guest speaker for the banquet was Joe France, administrator of Brian Center-Hertford. France spoke on the many positive assets of the county and its people.

Officers for 1991 were recognized. They are: president, Nancy Newbern; vice president, Rick Tobin; treasurer, A.O. Roberts; and directors Russell Hollowell, Shirley Perry, C. Tommy Harrell, J.C. Cole, Hal Byrum, Rhonda Gregory, and D. Mark Winslow.

The Chamber was organized 28 years ago. Its objective is to promote economic, civic and general interests of Perquimans County.

Jaycees present service awards at Thursday banquet

The Perquimans County Jaycees honored community leaders and volunteers at the annual Distinguished Service Awards banquet last Thursday at Jimmy's Bar-B-Q.

Todd Tilley received the highest honor the Jaycees give in the community, the Distinguished Service Award. Tilley joined the rescue squad as age 13 as a junior rescue member, and he has continued to be active. He is also a member of the Hertford Fire Department. Bobby Winslow was also nominated for this award.

Perquimans County sheriff's deputy George Long was the recipient of the Outstanding Law Enforcement Award.

Jane Puryear, Spanish teacher at Perquimans County High School, served as Outstanding Educator Award. In addition to her teaching duties, Puryear is advisor to the Spanish Club and SADD Club. Also nominated were Luther D. Overton and Roger Neidham Morgan.

Receiving Outstanding Firefighter designation was Larry Chappell.

Ralph Robinson, a Perquimans County sheriff's deputy, was named Outstanding Senior Citizen. Robinson was noted for his dedication to the DARE program in the county's middle school.

High school senior Sarah Winslow was named Outstanding Teenager. The honor student earned a perfect 800 score in the math portion of the SAT. She is very active in school, community, and church programs. Linda Layden and Josh Boone were nominated.

Ersal Overton III received the Outstanding Rescuer Award.

Guest speaker for the evening was Ray Winslow, a former Jaycee who served as the chapter's president during his years in the club. Winslow urged all nominees to strive to be the best.



Photo by Susan Harris

Service award winners were named by the Perquimans County Jaycees during the annual Distinguished Service Awards banquet last Thursday night. Shown are George Long, winner; Josh Boone; Linda Layden; Sarah Winslow, winner; Ersal Overton, winner; Todd Tilley, winner; Bobby Winslow; Ralph Robinson, winner; Luther Overton; and Jane Puryear.