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## Briefs

### Center plans classes

Flower arranging and quilting classes will begin at the Perquimans County Senior Center in March.

Flower arranging classes will begin on March 4 and end on May 20. Classes will be taught on Mondays from 9 a.m.-12 noon. The instructor will be Debbie Folsom.

Quilting classes will begin on March 5 and end on May 21. Classes will be taught on Tuesdays from 7-10 p.m. The instructor will be Stella Nash.

The cost for these classes is \$25. Anyone 65 or older may enroll free.

### Hertford PTA to meet

A PTA meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11 at 7:30 p.m. at Hertford Grammar School. LaClaire Anderson will be the guest speaker for the evening. Schools superintendent Randall Henion will be attending and available for comments.

### Central PTA set

Central School PTA will meet on Thursday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the school library. Guest speaker will be community schools coordinator Jeanie Umphlett. Students who have earned inclusion on the honor roll during the first three six weeks periods will receive certificates during the meeting.

### CPR course offered

The Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department is offering a free CPR training course on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5 and 6, from 7-10 p.m. at the fire department.

Don Madre will be the CPR instructor for this program. If you are interested in attending, please call 297-2901 or the Perquimans Weekly at 426-5728 to sign up.

### Clinic schedule set

The Perquimans County Health Department schedule for March 1-7 is as follows:

March 1-General p.m., WIC all day; March 4-Prenatal a.m.; Family planning p.m.; and March 7- 5-7 Immunization clinic for working parents.

All clinics are held on an appointment basis only, and there is a fee for all clinics based on income.

### Bookmobile sets stops

The Perquimans County Bookmobile schedule for Friday, March 1 is as follows:

9:45-10:30--Library; 11:00-1:00--Holiday Island Club House; 2:00-2:30--Snug Harbor; 2:45-3:15--Adams Family Country Store (Bethel); 3:30-3:40--E. Kirby; and 3:45-4:00--Gladys Warren.

### MDA opens exhibit

As a companion piece to the "A Taste of the Past" exhibit, the Museum of the Albemarle has published an exhibition catalogue which contains original research by noted historians on various aspects of cooking, dining, and entertaining. This catalogue was underwritten by the North Carolina Museum of History Associates, and features some of the artifacts contained in the exhibit. The cost of the catalogue is \$10 and can be mailed for an additional \$2.

## SPOTLIGHT ON PERQUIMANS

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## Hertford council amends mobile home ordinance

The Hertford Town Council closed up the loopholes in their non-conforming mobile home park ordinance earlier this month after two nights of review and public hearings.

An amendment to the zoning ordinance which went into effect in 1968 and was revised in 1980 was passed by council after lengthy debate on a motion by councilman Jesse Harris.

Under the amendment, non-conforming mobile home parks may not be expanded in any manner. The park may continue to operate as a non-conforming park with the same number of spaces for which improvements had been made on the date of adoption of the amendment as long as other state and county requirements are met. Once a non-conforming park is discontinued or abandoned for six consecutive months, the land can no longer be used in any manner that does not comply with present zoning regulations.

Mayor W.D. "Bill" Cox said

the council failed to address mobile home parks with two or more separate hook-ups when revising zoning ordinances in 1980. Cox said the state suggested at that time that the town amend the ordinance to deal with the matter.

The ordinance effectively allows established non-conforming mobile home parks to continue to operate as any other non-conforming business has been allowed to do until the park is closed, Cox said.

Some residents of Hertford who attended the public hearing were not happy with the decision. Many had been under the impression that once an individual mobile home was removed from a non-conforming mobile home park, the lot from which the mobile home was removed could no longer be used for mobile homes.

Cox said that the issue had not been addressed in an ordinance at all, but added that the town should have dealt with the

issue in 1980 when revisions were made.

The question about non-conforming parks arose last fall when a mobile home was removed from a non-conforming park on Pennsylvania Avenue owned by Clark Harris and was replaced with another mobile home. Residents, believing that the move was not in accordance with a town ordinance, complained to council.

At that time, the council agreed to study their ordinance, contact the N.C. League of Municipalities for guidance, and have town attorney Walter Edwards Jr. review the matter. They told residents action would be taken in six months.

When the vote was taken on Harris's motion to accept the new amendment, he and councilman Erie Haste voted to pass the policy. Councilmen John Beers and Billy Winslow voted against the move, leaving Cox to break the tie. Cox voted to pass the ordinance.

"The town council did the only thing that they legally could do according to the information that we got from the state," Cox said later. "Any other action would have been illegal and would have opened the town up to a law suit. I was convinced that the only legal thing that the Town of Hertford could do was to amend the ordinance."

Cox said he based his opinion on a 1980 letter he received from William K. Painter with the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development and on advice from the League of Municipalities and Edwards.

In the letter, Painter outlines possible alternatives to the town, such as establishing stringent design criteria for non-conforming mobile home parks and requiring that they be implemented within a specific time period, or passing an amendment stating that once mobile homes were removed from indi-

vidual lots in non-conforming parks they could not be replaced.

Painter, however, added that in considering any alternatives "there are concerns to be considered that are not apparent on the surface." Cox said that information from legal advisers left no doubt in his mind that amending the ordinance was the town's only alternative.

The town has two non-conforming mobile home parks, the Pennsylvania Avenue location and in the Brown Acres subdivision.

Cox said that the town has scheduled a work session on March 4 to evaluate the town's mobile home park ordinance. Cox said that an ordinance similar to the county's may be considered. He added that public hearings on any proposed changes will be scheduled.

## Concert preparation is emotional for PCHS band

Preparing for their patriotic concert has been very special for members of the Perquimans High School band. While there is excitement in playing for the President of the United States and nervous anticipation in performing in national competition, those feelings do not match the myriad of emotions the band members are experiencing as they prepare for this program.

The students didn't know George Bush personally, nor had they met many of the thousands of people who watched them perform during the NFL-sponsored "America's Salute to Marching Bands."

But they know Tony Boone, Jim Luke and Harold Murrill. Some present band members rode long hours on bus trips with the trio. Others stood beside them during field shows. And their spring concert is a salute to their friends.

Senior Jeff Privott was in the band with Boone, Luke and Murrill. This concert means a lot to him.

"It means more because you know they're over there fighting," Privott said. "We're a free country and we can do what we want to. It shows how lucky we are."

"It'll be just like playing any other concert. It's just got a different meaning to it. Everybody's doing their part and trying to make it a good concert."

Fellow senior Robbie Ponton feels that the concert is special, and he also realizes that a protracted war could

have an even greater impact on his life.

Ponton said, "A lot of people don't support the troops. I've got friends over there. It (the concert) does have a different meaning since it's for a war. It's not like you're just playing for the football team or something. It's just not a regular show. It could affect us later on in the war if it lasts a long time because we're 18 now. We're playing for our friends."

"I think it's an honor that we can play for the public and help support the troops," senior James Loftus said. "I think it's important to show our support any way we can while they're over there."

Although band members in the 11th grade played with only Boone and Luke, their feelings are no different.

Said Kaye Long, "It helps to boost the morale of the troops and the people here who have family in the Persian Gulf. It helps our spirits." This concert is different from others "in a way because we know we're doing it for people that we love and care about. We want to do better. We want to be ready, to do a good job for this concert," she added.

Tanya Brothers said the practices have been different because of knowing people involved in the conflict. "It is a good experience. It shows how the people back here feel about the people over there. And it shows them that we're supporting them all the way. Instead of everybody joking and



File photo by Beth Finney

Performing in Christmas parades, competitions and at football games is not the same, say Perquimans High School band members, as the upcoming patriotic concert scheduled to honor the troops serving in the Persian Gulf and their families.

stuff (during practices), they take it seriously."

Lisa Lane echoes Brothers' statements. "I thought it was a good idea to show our support and let the people over there know their efforts are supported. All the music that we play has a purpose, but this music has a special purpose because it's in honor of those over there and gives each of us a chance to realize our American morals."

Barbie White summed up

the group's feelings very simply. "The music's different now, because we did play it with them (Boone, Luke and Murrill) and now we're playing it for them. The concert will be held on Sunday, March 10 at 3 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Families of troops stationed in the Persian Gulf region may call the Perquimans Weekly to reserve seats. The families and the troops will be honored during the concert, along with other veterans.

## Association plans tour

The Perquimans County Restoration Association announced plans for a spring tour at the organization's annual meeting held at the Perquimans Center on the Newbold-White historic site Friday night.

Archivist Ray Winslow said that the association plans to recognize those families who have continuously lived in Perquimans County since its early history with a tour of the Old Neck and Durant's Neck communities. Many surnames of early settlers are still prominent in the county, such as Barclift, Bateman, Bundy, Godfrey, Haskett, Sutton, Whidbee and several others.

The county's Ruritan Clubs have been asked to prepare a meal at the Perquimans Center to be served during the tour.

Mrs. William Nixon announced that the association has arranged with the state to have a marker honoring Ann Durant placed at the intersection of U.S. Highway 17 Bypass and State Road 1300. The group has also requested that the marker honoring George Durant be placed in the same location, where they feel it will be



Photo by Susan Harris

Perquimans Restoration Association president night. Watkins planted an herb garden at the Lucille Winslow (left) presents a certificate of site and has plans to add to the area this appreciation to June Watkins (right) during spring. Looking on are Clara Schofield and the Association's annual meeting Friday Lester Simpson, Association board members.

more prominent.

Newbold-White House site manager Steven Allen told the group that visits to the center were down by about 500 last

year. He said that tourism is down in other historic sites, including Colonial Williamsburg which last year suffered a 30 percent loss in visitors.

Allen said that more printed literature and more activities are being planned at the

## Sound Links to host golf tournament

The American Heart Association will be the first organization ever to hold an organized event at the newly-opened Sound Golf Links at Albemarle Plantation.

On March 26, avid golfers from all around the Albemarle area will raise their clubs against heart disease in the first American Heart Golf Classic to be held in Perquimans County.

Fred Matthews of Dodge City in Chesapeake, Virginia has sweetened the Classic by donating an automobile for a hole-in-one prize on the 14th hole.

"Get out your most accurate weapon and prepare to play the fourteenth hole in one shot," said Pat Storie, regional Heart Association director.

Joe Gay, head golf professional at the Sound Golf Links looks forward to the tournament. "What better way could a person help fight the number one killer in America than to spend a fun-filled day with their friends playing golf," Gay said. "We want the American Heart Golf Classic to call attention to the seriousness of heart disease and how it can be prevented in our area."

Cardiovascular disease and strokes account for almost one million deaths in American each year, or as many deaths as all other causes combined.

Sponsored by many area businesses, the American Heart Golf Classic will be a four-man team, captain's choice event over the 18 holes. Participants are asked to sign up in teams of four if possible, or individuals can call the club and be assigned to a team. The play starts at 9 a.m. To sign up, contact Gay at 426-5555.

## Thief steals timely item

County residents passing by Larry's Drive-In at the foot of the causeway can't check the time any longer, thanks to the person or people who stole the large clock off of the front of the building almost two weeks ago.

According to owner Larry Chappell, the clock was on the wall when he purchased the business from Dick Long 15 years ago. It was also there for the five years prior to the business purchase when he worked for Long.

Chappell said that people have stopped by and lamented that they used the clock regularly, checking the time each time they passed Larry's.

Chappell is offering a reward for the return of the clock, which was discovered missing just before 8 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 17.

The Winfall Police Department is investigating the theft.