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Briefs

Cardiac group meets

The next regular meeting of the Cardiac Support Group will be held on Thursday, June 13 at 7 p.m. in the Nurses Dorm at Albemarle Hospital.

The support group offers cardiac patients an opportunity to network with others.

For further information, contact the Public Relations Department at 331-4455 or Cardiac Rehabilitation at 331-4450.

Club to organize

There will be a meeting on June 17 at 8 p.m. at the Senior Center for those interested in organizing a local ski club. Members of the Elizabeth City club will be on hand to share information about ski clubs. For further information, call Tom Terranova at Apricot, Inc. at 426-5257 during business hours.

Smoking cessation program slated

Albemarle Hospital will be sponsoring the American Cancer Society's "Fresh Start" smoking cessation program again in July.

The program will be presented on four consecutive Wednesday evenings beginning July 10 and ending July 31. The registration fee is \$10, payable to the American Cancer Society. The fee will be refunded to participants who attend all four sessions.

Pre-registration is required. Call 335-0531 ext. 5239 for more information or to sign up.

Memory Lane to meet

The Memory Lane Senior Citizen Club will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, June 17 at the Perquimans Senior Center at 2 p.m.

Perquimans Head Start applications accepted

Applications will be accepted for the Economic Improvement Council Inc., Head Start Program that will start in September, 1991 on Monday, June 17, at the E.I.C. Resource Center, 310 Dobbs St. from 2-4 p.m.

Children who will be 3, 4, or 5 years old by October 15, 1991 are age eligible for the program. In order for an application to be processed, parents or guardians must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, immunization record, T.B. Test results and proof of all household income.

For additional information, parents may contact the Family Services Coordinator, Maggie Griffin at 482-4495.

Story clarification

A front-page article which appeared in the June 6 edition of *The Perquimans Weekly* stated that Ford Motor Co. took the cars off of the Winslow-Blanchard Motor Co. lot. According to a company spokesperson, it was the financial institution with whom Winslow-Blanchard was dealing, not Ford Motor Co., that ordered the cars removed. The newspaper regrets the mis understanding.

County hammers out balanced budget

The Perquimans County commissioners have hammered out a fiscal 1991-92 budget that does not call for an increase in the ad valorem tax rate.

"This board has decided there would be no tax increase," said county manager Paul Gregory at a budget hearing Monday night. Gregory's original proposal to the board had provisions for a two cents ad valorem tax increase, but the commissioners revised line items in the \$4,372,729 budget to hold down the rate.

In his budget message to the commissioners, Gregory stated that three major influences have reduced revenues and increased expenditures on the county level. He cited the loss and uncertainty of state revenues; the financial impact of SB 111, The Solid Waste and Recovery Act; and the county's financial obligations for the Medicaid, Aid to Families with Dependent Children and Special Assistance for the Aged and Disabled as three areas which impact the submitted budget.

The only new program added to the county manager's budget proposal is funding for the Community Development Block

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Grant which the commissioners voted to pursue. Gregory suggested budgeting \$10,000 in each of the next two fiscal years for the program, which would account for the \$20,000 the county agreed to use as matching funds for the grant.

At the commissioner's request, Gregory added a line item titled Reserve for Capital Projects to the amount budgeted for the county's volunteer fire departments. Transfer to Revaluation was also added to begin to build a reserve for the next revaluation, scheduled for the year 2000.

The cost of running programs mandated by the state and federal governments through the social services department is rising annually. Medicaid, which is expected to exceed last year's \$125,000 estimate by \$15,000, is anticipated

to rise again to \$155,000. AFDC has been allotted \$149,000. The cost of operating the department during fiscal 1991-92 will approach \$1 million.

Commissioner Leo Higgins noted in the budget hearing that the county is responsible for only 5 percent of Medicaid. The other 95 percent comes from state and federal funds.

"We just pick up 5 percent of the tab and it's like picking up a blank check," Higgins commented.

The current expense budget for the Perquimans County School system remained the same as in fiscal year 1990-91, \$994,730. The capital outlay budget increased to \$279,875, up from \$213,439, primarily due to roof repair and sewage system construction. Part of the funding for the increase is expected to come from the county

land transfer tax, and \$73,500 from the capital improvements fund in Raleigh. The school budget does not reflect over \$130,000 that the county will pay in debt reduction and interest on the bond referendum to renovate the high school.

Solid waste management is expected to consume \$93,508 of the county funds. This expense will be offset with a \$25 per household waste management fee. The fee will be billed when the ad valorem tax notices are mailed. Every household, not just landowners, will be assessed.

Commissioner Thomas Nixon noted that the ad valorem tax rate would have risen four cents had the county not opted for the \$25 waste management fee.

Gregory had requested a 5 percent across-the-board salary increase for county employees, but the commissioners chose to grant only 2.5 percent in order to hold the tax rate down.

The commissioners anticipate adopting the budget at their June 17 meeting which will be held in the commissioner's room at 7:30 p.m.

Budget process explained

County resident Roy Reed, one of three concerned citizens who attended the county's budget hearing Monday, told the commissioners that he would like to know how the budget process works.

County manager Paul Gregory briefly outlined for Reed the steps taken to formulate a new budget. According to Gregory, he requests a proposal from each department head which includes an explanation for any line item increases or new expenditure. Gregory then reviews each proposal. He said that if any expenditure looks excessive or he has any questions, he meets with the department head to discuss such items. Gregory then makes his recommendations to the budget and finance committee of the county commissioners.

Commissioners serving on the fiscal 1991-92 budget and finance committee were Thomas Nixon and Leo Higgins.



T. Nixon

Higgins said in a Tuesday telephone interview that he, Nixon and Gregory had been through the entire budget at least three times during the budget process. The committee met with the school board, social services department head and sheriff to further discuss their budget proposals.

The budget was formally submitted to the full board in regular session on Monday, June 3. The committee was still short on revenues at that time.

Final cuts were recommended by commissioner Wayne Winslow which balanced the budget without increasing taxes.

Basically, cuts were made to employee salaries, the sheriff's department, the school board and social services.

The original budget contained a 5 percent across-the-board salary increase for all county employees. Higgins said the commissioners authorized Gregory to formulate a budget to include a 5 percent salary increase. But after working on the budget, the commissioners realized that the pay raises would mean a rise in the ad valorem tax rate, a step the board was unwilling to take.

My biggest disappointment in the budget is that we were unable to give the 5 percent pay raises to the county employees," Higgins said. He added that he feels that the employees deserved the full increase to help keep pace with last year's 4.5 percent cost-of-living rise.



Winslow



Higgins

Parade set for Friday

The streets of Hertford will resound with patriotism Friday afternoon when the William Paul Stallings American Legion Post 126 and the Garland H. Ownley VFW Post 8148 join to revive the traditional Flag Day parade.

Once an annual event in Hertford, the parade has not been held for several years. Events in the Persian Gulf War, however, sparked local patriotism. This resurgence of American pride led to the reinstatement of the Flag Day parade.

Special honors for the day are Purple Heart recipients. One local Navy veteran, Jack Hoffer, distinguished himself on D-Day, June 6, 1944, at the Omaha Beach landing. Hoffer was the youngest Navy participant wounded in the landing at age 14. For his heroic efforts he received the Purple Heart.

Leading the parade will be W.D. Landing, a member of General Douglas McArthur's South Pacific Command, who will represent veterans of World War II. Following will be the award-winning Perquimans High School Band under the direction of David Ziemba.

Also participating will be Perquimans 4-Hers, Cub Scout Troop 150, VFW Post 6060 Color Guard, VFW and American Legion members, Perquimans Youth League ball teams, Hertford Flies & Drums and youth from Snug Harbor. There will be a motorized float, antique cars and other marchers.

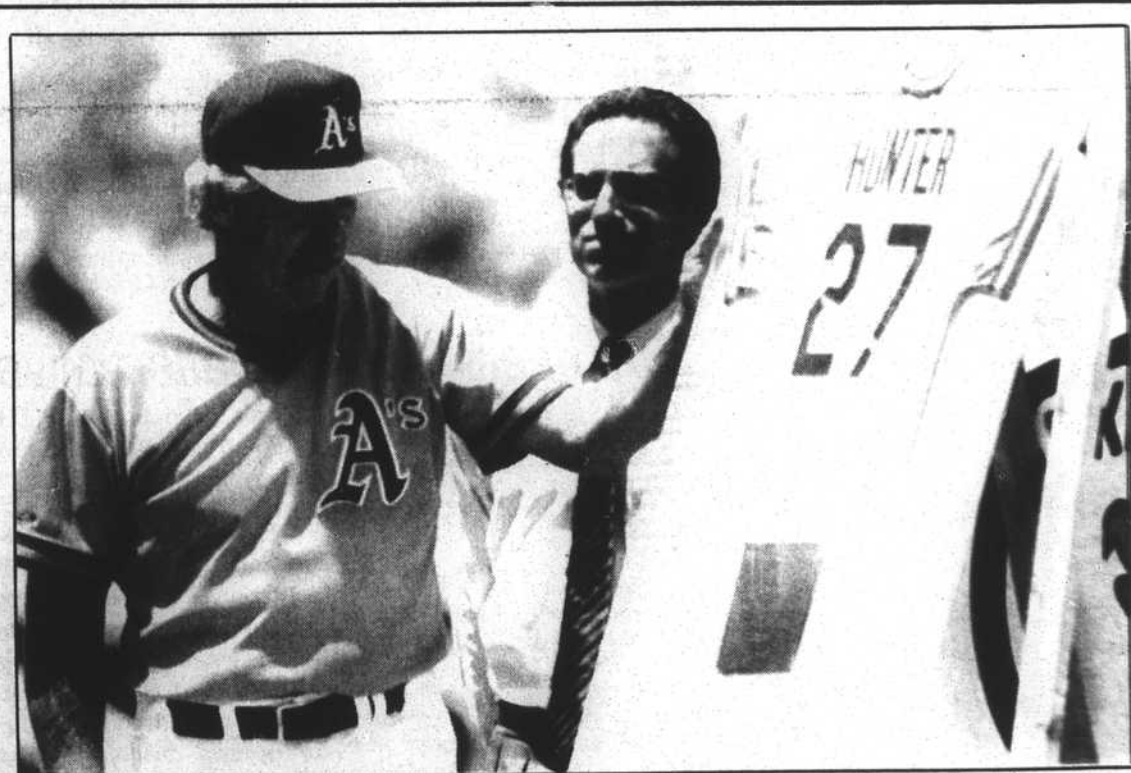
The parade will begin at 2 p.m. from the American Legion building on the corner of West Academy Street, move east on Grubb Street, turn right on Church Street, turn right down Market Street and will proceed back to West Academy Street.

Guests on the courthouse green reviewing stand will include 1st District VFW Commander Robert Russell, 1st District Legion Commander William Manke and 1st District Legion Vice Commander Robert Creecy.

Bloodmobile set for June

The Perquimans County Jaycees, with the cooperation of the A.A.R.P., will sponsor a blood drive in Hertford on Thursday, June 27. An American Red Cross blood donation unit will be stationed at the Senior Citizens Center on Grubb Street.

According to Red Cross spokesperson Betty Paige, summer is a crucial time for blood giving. All types are needed.



AP photo

Number retired for 'Catfish'

Hall of Famer Oakland Athletics pitcher Jim 'Catfish' Hunter glances at his jersey during a ceremony to retire his number Sunday at the Oakland Coliseum. The jersey plaque was presented by Athletics' Chief of Operations Walter Haas (center). Hunter is

the first team member to have his jersey retired. The Perquimans County native is a legend in major league baseball. He pitched a perfect game, won the Cy Young Award and was inducted into the baseball Hall of Fame.

Ward helps cancer patients look and feel better with hair, make-up service

When you look good, you feel better about yourself. And three national associations have teamed up to bring that message to cancer patients.

The American Cancer Society, Cosmetic, Toiletry and Fragrance Association Foundation and National Cosmetology Association (CTFA) have put together a training workshop for cosmetologists and health care professionals called *Look Good...Feel Better*.

Hertford cosmetologist Louise Ward attended a workshop at Beaufort Community College recently, and is very excited about the prospect of helping cancer patients with the hints she learned.

"It was very informative," Ward said about the seminar, her enthusiasm obvious from the huge smile on her face.

Ward said that the seminar included a brief segment on cancer and the effects of treatment on the body, especially the skin, hair, nails and teeth. Methods of wig styling, using headbands and turbans and make-up application were

taught. Also discussed was how to talk with the patients and their families, ethics and confidentiality.

A video was used to demonstrate styling and application techniques, and a cancer patient was there to allow the cosmetologists to get first-hand experience with make-up.

"I'd like to take more classes," Ward said.

The goals of the program are to

•boost self-esteem and overall well-being of patients by helping to improve their appearance.

•create a nationwide network of resources including cosmetologists, health care professionals and counselors to whom cancer patients can turn for professional advice, and

•provide an opportunity for trained beauty experts to offer skills and expertise.

"This felt right in with my professional," Ward said of her decision to take the class. "This is something that I can do professionally and personally." There is a personal going in-

involved in the program. The cosmetologists do not charge for their services under the program. The CTFA provides make-up free, the American Cancer Society provides the wigs, and the cosmetologists give their time to help these patients feel better about themselves.

Ward lost her mother to cancer, and feels that she would like to help other families deal with facing illness. She said that in addition to offering professional services, she can offer support and love through the program.

It is obvious that Ward enjoys her profession and the many different people she comes in contact with. She visits Brian Center often as the Center's cosmetologist, but just as often she goes just to check in with her friends there.

Anyone who wishes to get more information about the *Look Good...Feel Better* program can contact Ward, Becky Winslow or Audrey Erikwood.



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on Father's Day
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