



# Happy New Year!

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### Briefs

#### Bloodmobile visits

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Hertford on Monday, Dec. 30 from 3-7 p.m. at the Senior Center on Grubb Street in Hertford. High demand during the holidays makes this drive especially important. The Jaycees, sponsors of the bloodmobile, encourage all able to donate to participate in the blood drive.

#### Trip enjoyed

The Perquimans County Recreation Department/Senior Center sponsored a trip to Raleigh to Crabtree Valley Mall and to see the play titled, "The Living Christmas Tree," on Dec. 12. The following people attended: Lloyd and Catherine Reese, Lib Thach, William and Sallie Lane, James Lane, George Lightfoot, Louise Sutton, Rev. E.E. Toon, Seth and Jean Umphlett, Pearl Swayne, Irene Hursey, Tommy Sweet, Delsie Ward, Ann Sandertin, Doris Whitehurst, Mary Perry, Frank and Frances Holcombe, Odell Green, Argie Weaver, Lizzie Harrell, Jack and Mildred Eason, Hoover and Peggy Bunn, Madora Pritchard, Cassie Sprull, Rufus and Susie Spellman, Margaret Lane, Charlotte Mathews, Cora Buell, Doris Cooper, Sidney and Myrtle Copeland, Ellie Vickers, Myrtle Sprull, Audrey Morton, Sherry Tilley, and Frances Wood.

#### Marching Pirates win

The Perquimans County Marching Pirates won first place in the Gates County Christmas parade. They were rewarded with a first place trophy and a \$50 check from the Gates County Lion's Club.

#### School meal menus set

The Perquimans County School system has announced the following menus for Jan. 1-30.

- Wednesday - HOLIDAY!
- Thursday - Breakfast: Apple turnover, cereal, fruit or juice and milk. Lunch: Pizza or sausage dog, French fries, corn, green beans, fruit and milk.
- Friday - Breakfast: Pancakes, cereal, fruit or juice, and milk. Lunch: Hot ham and cheese, or fish sandwich, potato wedges, limas, collards, pineapple and milk.



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Photo by Gary Cosby Jr.

### O, holy night

This nativity scene at New Hope United Methodist Church reminds those who pass of the true meaning of Christmas.

## Brian Center receives company award

Brian Center/Hertford is celebrating winning a coveted Four-Star Award in the Make a Difference All-Star Awards Program of the Brian Center organization. On Wednesday, Dec. 18 at 2:30 Brian Center President Donald C. Beaver attended the awards ceremony to present a check to Joe France, administrator, and certificates to each employee. Jack Russell, regional director of operations, also attended. Four-star winners received a plaque for permanent display and a check for \$400 to go toward resident programs.

The All-Star Awards recognize the service, planning, quality control, and implementation of the "I Make a Difference" program in each Brian Center facility. The program is designed to create an awareness of the importance of quality service, identify each employee's responsibility in providing quality service, seek creative input from employees into the design of quality service, and recognize quality service when provided. The All-Star Awards recognize superior quality that leads to success. The "I Make a Difference" program has won national awards for its commitment to quality service in the long term care industry.

There are five levels in the Awards program - one through five stars. Five stars are the highest level of achievement. Designation of awards are determined from a point scale. Points are awarded based on results of annual federal, and state surveys and Brian Center Internal Quality Assurance, Family, and

Employee surveys. Also, an outside panel reviewed resident, family, and community services offered at each center, awarding a point value based on stated criteria. A center scoring between 400 and 499 points will be designated a four-star center.

Also part of the special day was the dedication of a newly-enclosed porch in honor of the very first resident at Brian Center/Hertford. Millicent "Dolly" King was the first resident when the center opened in the summer of 1987. She is fondly remembered by staff, family, and other residents. Her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Sherman Copeland, were on hand to help unveil the plaque.

Later that afternoon, Brian Center/Hertford hosted the monthly Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours. The event was also a welcoming reception for Don Beaver to visit with community leaders. According to Chamber executive director, Mary Harrell, the After Hours was the largest ever hosted in Perquimans County.

Brian Center, with headquarters in Hickory, has been serving senior adults since 1972. Offering nursing care, personal care, and retirement living services, Brian Center now serves over 5,000 residents in five southeastern states.



Photo by Susan Harris

Brian Center President Don Beaver (right) presents a Four-Star Award to Brian Center/Hertford administrator, Joe France. Beaver was on hand Wednesday to present the award, attend a dedication ceremony for the screened porch at the Center, and enjoy a Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours hosted by the facility.



Photo by Susan Harris

Joe France and Jo Twine, who helped to raise funds for the Brian Center screened porch, admire the plaque dedicating the porch to Dolly King, Brian Center's first resident.



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Hertford Town Councilman Eric Haste and his wife Suzanne enjoy some refreshments with Brian Center administrator Joe France at the Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours hosted by the Center last Wednesday.

## Hertford men hit by van One killed

A Hertford man was killed and another injured last Wednesday evening after being struck by a motorist as they walked down Harvey Point Road.

Joseph Michael Talmadge, 25, of 104 Railroad Ave., was dead at the scene of the accident. According to the report filed by Highway Patrol Trooper W.S. Shepherd, Talmadge and Donald Wayne Ashley, 20, of 108 Railroad Ave., were struck by a 1985 Ford van operated by Frances B. Perry, 40, of Rt. 5, Hertford. The incident occurred around 6:50 p.m.

Perry was traveling east on Harvey Point Road, while Talmadge and Ashley were walking east in the roadway. Perry's vehicle hit both men before coming to rest on the left shoulder of the road. One of the pedestrians ended up on the right shoulder of the road, while the other was in the roadway.

Approximately two minutes later, another accident was reported at the same site. Ernestine Jones Strickland, 55, of Rt. 5, Hertford Beach Road, was traveling east on Harvey Point Road when swerved right to avoid hitting one of the accident victims lying in the road. She struck the right ditch bank, overturned and came to rest on the wheels of her vehicle in a ditch. Strickland was not injured, but the 1985 Cadillac she was driving received an estimated \$3,500 in damages.

The highway patrol reported that one or more motorists who had passed the two pedestrians minutes before the accident occurred reported that Talmadge and Ashley were walking east on Harvey Point Road in the right hand lane and were in the roadway when the motorists passed.

No charges have been filed in the incident. Talmadge's body was sent to Greenville for an autopsy.

## Discarded trees to be recycled

The Perquimans, Chowan, Gates Regional Landfill plans to expand its Christmas tree disposal/recycling project this year. The project began in 1990 with one collection container at the Gates County Community Center. This year collection containers will be available at the Gates County Community Center, Missing Mill Park in Hertford, Midway Drive near Cape Colony and the American Legion near Edenton. Containers will be available all day from Dec. 25 through Jan. 3, 1992.

According to Jerry Parks, Solid Waste Director for the counties, discarded trees cause several problems. The trees take up valuable space in the collection containers, vehicles, and the local landfill. Trees placed in the provided containers will be chipped and recycled or reused as the resulting material. Several environmentally sound options are being investigated. These options include transporting to one of the local paper plants for use as boiler fuel, integrating the chips with sand to use for daily ground cover at the landfill, and stabilizing or mulching of ditch banks for erosion control at the landfill.

Anyone who would like to have some of the mulch for their own use may have as much as they like at no cost.

For the project to be successful it is important that the Christmas trees only be placed in the provided containers. Contamination with wrapping paper, boxes, or other household trash will jeopardize the entire project.