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Briefs

VFW to meet

The Garland Onley Post #8148 Veterans of Foreign Wars will meet Wednesday, May 13 in the American Legion Building. Purpose of this meeting is swearing in of officers for 1992-93. All members are requested to attend.

Senior Club to meet

The Friendship Senior Club will meet Tuesday, May 12 at the Senior Center 2 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Shirley Yates, a member of Winfall Town Council. Members are requested to attend.

NAACP rap session

Perquimans County NAACP Youth Council will have a "Rap Session," Tuesday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at First Baptist. Please be present, so that we can make plans for the benefit basketball game.

Agriculture meeting

"Sustainable Ag in Your Garden?" is the topic to be discussed at the Albemarle Environmental Association's meeting Thursday, May 7 at 7:30 at Knobbs Creek Recreation Center in Elizabeth City. Marjorie Rayburn, Area Agricultural Agent, will talk about how commercial farming techniques that are kind to the environment can be used in the home garden to produce bumper crops of vegetables and fine flowers. Participants are invited to share their gardening experiences. For more information, call 426-9563.

Community watch meets

The Community Watch of Belvidere will be meeting on Thursday, May 14 at 8 p.m. at the Belvidere Community Building. For more information call Charles L. Parrish.

Old Timer's Game set

The 12th annual Old Timer's game, a benefit for scholastic athletic programs in Perquimans County, is set for Saturday evening. The first game is set to begin at 5:30. Between games, members of the state championship teams of 1952, 1954, 1960 and 1964 will be introduced. The Old Timer's will meet the 1992 Pirates at 7:30.

A barbecued chicken dinner will be served from 4-7 p.m. at the site. Tickets are available at Woodard's Pharmacy, the Perquimans Weekly and from Athletic Booster Club members.

Correction

A group formed in the New Hope community to administer first aid prior to the arrival of an ambulance was incorrectly called emergency response team in the April 30 edition of The Perquimans Weekly. Those who will participate in the program are actually first responders. The newspaper regrets the error.

Yates takes second district

Will become first Black commissioner

Perquimans County voters elected their first Black commissioner Tuesday.

Shirley Yates, a Democrat who ran for one of two available seats in the second district, received the highest number of votes for the office, 913.

Joining Yates in representing the second district will be Democrat Archie Miller. Miller received 888 votes, the second highest total. Elmer Lassiter, also a Democrat, captured 696 votes.

The final figures do not tell the story of this hard-fought race. With four precincts and

absentee ballot totals counted, less than 15 votes separated the three candidates. Miller pulled ahead by 56 votes when the fifth precinct called in its results, but a 22-vote margin in the Parksville Township and 48-vote lead in East Hertford moved Yates ahead for good. She carried five of the county's seven precincts, all but West Hertford and Nicanor. Miller won in West Hertford, Lassiter in Nicanor.

Incumbents Thomas Nixon and Wayne Winslow did not file for re-election.

Charles Skinner swept all seven precincts to take a deci-

sive 342-vote win over his nearest competitor in his race to be the democratic candidate for county commissioner from the first district. Skinner tallied 901 votes, David Bines 559 votes and Julian "Little Man" Broughton 390 votes.

Skinner will face Republican Charles Woodard in the November general election. Woodard defeated fellow Republican John O. White IV, 732-567, in the county's first-ever Republican primary.

Lester Simpson, the incumbent, did not run for the office.



Shirley Yates

Nelson wins

Wallace Nelson earned the right to sit on the Perquimans County Board of Education Tuesday when he captured as many votes as his opponents combined.

Nelson was running for the non-partisan seat representing the Parksville Township against incumbent Clifford Towe and challenger Arthur Mitchell. Nelson took 955 votes, Mitchell 667 and Towe 393. He carried six precincts, all but Belvidere.

Nelson will take office in December.

Benjamin Hobbs, who was running unopposed for re-election to the school board from the Bethel Township, received 1419 votes. Present board chairman Wayne Howell, also running unopposed, got 1421 votes. Howell represents the Hertford Township.

Water vote is knotted

Chairman Mack Nixon broke a tie vote when the county commissioners approved charging only a reconnect and relocation fee for a water tap at a former agribusiness site on U.S. Highway 17 on Monday.

Dorothy O. Read, representing her mother, Mrs. Walter Oakley, said the water tap was removed from property just north of Winfall when the state four-laned the highway. Her mother, the owner of the property, was not notified that the tap would be removed. Read said,

"It was removed without anyone's permission," Read told commissioners. "We're just simply asking for a reconnect."

Oakey said the water tap served renters of a house which once stood on the site as well as needs of an agribusiness. She told the board that Pete Perry, who accompanied her at the meeting, planned to open a business at the site and would require water service.

In dollars and cents, Oakey was asking that the county charge only a \$15 reconnect fee and \$173 relocation fee since the line would be run to a different building than the original line, rather than the \$425 tap fee charged to install a new water tap.

Commissioner Thomas Nixon stated that an affirmative vote would circumvent the fee schedule and allow a new tap to be installed for only a relocation fee, a loss of \$235 to the water department.

"I don't think the intent of the water system was to be that way," Thomas Nixon said.

Board member Lester Simpson said the tap had been removed over two years ago and no complaints has been made until present when a water source was needed.

Commissioner Wayne Winslow disagreed. "They lost this line for reasons beyond their control," Winslow said. "In my opinion she's entitled to her meter back if she so desires."

Chairman Nixon was forced to break the deadlock when Thomas Nixon and Simpson voted against a motion to install the meter for the lower fees and Winslow and Leo Higgins voted affirmatively.

Kim Cooley with MultiVision Cable brought responses from her company regarding expanded cable coverage in the county. The commissioners had requested the information at their last meeting, when Cooley requested that the commissioners allow MultiVision to sell 20 percent of the company's stock to Cable Vision Systems.

Specifically, the commissioners requested information on providing cable television service into the Belvidere, Woodville and New Hope communities. According to MultiVision's research, none of the areas meet the density requirements of cable service. MultiVision requires 35 homes per mile in order to install cable lines.

The commissioners ultimately approved the request.



Dual comedy

Perquimans County residents were treated to a double comedy treat last week when Bootstrap Acting Company presented "The Senator Wore Pantyhose" (above) and the Perquimans High School drama class produced "The Importance of Being Earnest." Both shows were delightful. For reviews and photographs, please see page 8. (Photo by Beth Finney)

Rescue personnel gear up for EMS Week

The Perquimans County Emergency Medical Service and Rescue Squad will celebrate EMS Week May 10-16 with a series of events.

EMS director Milton Dail and rescue squad captain Larry Chappell met with county commissioners Monday when the board proclaimed May 10-16 EMS Week in Perquimans County.

"We here in Perquimans County are very fortunate to have our volunteer services," said commissioners chairman Mack Nixon in signing the local proclamation. "We are very fortunate to have very dedicated people here in the county... We here on this board commend each and every person that works in that (emergency services) department."

Wednesday evening is slated for the celebration's main activities. A rescue and fire-fighter competition is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. at the Hertford Fire Department. Squads will face-off in events designed to highlight their skills in rescue and emergency response techniques such as bandaging, splinting and other related events.

In addition to the competition, there will be performances by some of the Perquimans County schools Odyssey of the Mind teams, ambulance displays, bicycle safety equipment and handouts. EMS personnel have made first aid booklets for adults and one designed especially for children. Little people can learn basic safety tips in a coloring book.

The celebration will kick off Monday when county residents are invited to visit the rescue squad building to look over emergency equipment and have



Perquimans County Board of Commissioners Chairman Mack Nixon (left) expresses appreciation to Rescue Squad Captain Larry Chappell (center) and EMS Director Milton Dail for the services performed by the respective rescue units. Nixon hands the two a proclamation declaring EMS Week May 10-16 in Perquimans County. (Photo by Susan Harris)

blood pressure and sugar tests. Capping the week will be participation in a multi-agency health fair for senior citizens at Missing Mill Park.

Tuesday and Thursday will find rescue personnel in front of Be-Lo offering blood pressure and sugar checks from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Four full-time and five part-time employees staff the county-funded EMS service. This paid staff is on duty Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. plus holidays.

About 50 volunteers are on call 6 p.m. - 8 a.m. weekdays and from 6 p.m. Friday - 6 a.m. on Monday.

The county maintains the rescue squad building and furnishes supplies. Other funds come from government grants, volunteer fund-raisers and donations.

The two units responded to approximately 900 calls during 1991, Dail said.

County residents are encouraged by rescue personnel to take part in EMS Week activities.

"The purpose of EMS Week is to let the public know what's available," said Darlean Perkins, EMS/Rescue Squad coordinator for EMS Week.

Election day is long one

Primary election day was a long one for election officials in Perquimans County. Numerous choices on the Democratic tickets made counting the paper ballots a time-consuming task. At 2:55 a.m. Wednesday, board supervisor Ginger O'Neal and board members Irving Bibb, John Popek and John Jennings locked the door to the elections office.

Voter turn-out was disappointing to election officials, who had predicted that 50-60 percent of the registered voters would go to the polls. However, only 37 percent actually showed up at precincts to vote.

Democrats for state and federal offices who carried Perquimans County were: president-Bill Clinton; U.S. House District 1-Walter Jones; governor-James B. Hunt; lieutenant governor-Jim Crawford; auditor-Ralph Campbell; insurance commissioner-Jim Long; labor commissioner-Harry Payne; superintendent of public instruction-Bob Etheridge; supreme court associate justice-Sarah Parker; court of appeals seat B-Steven Bernholz; court of appeals seat C-John Parker; court of appeals seat F-Joseph John; state house district 1-Vernon James.

Republicans who won in Perquimans were: president-George Bush; U.S. Senate-Lauch Faircloth; governor-Jim Gardner; lieutenant governor-Art Pope; labor commissioner-Henry McKay; superintendent of public instruction-Tom Rogers.

Vote totals

- Hobbs - 1419
- Howell - 1421
- Mitchell - 667
- Nelson - 955
- Towe - 393
- Bines - 559
- Broughton - 390
- Skinner - 901
- Miller - 888
- Lassiter - 696
- Yates - 913
- White - 567
- Woodard - 732

NEW OFFICE HOURS



NOW OPEN CONTINUOUSLY

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Monday, Wednesday
Thursday and Friday

Tuesday
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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