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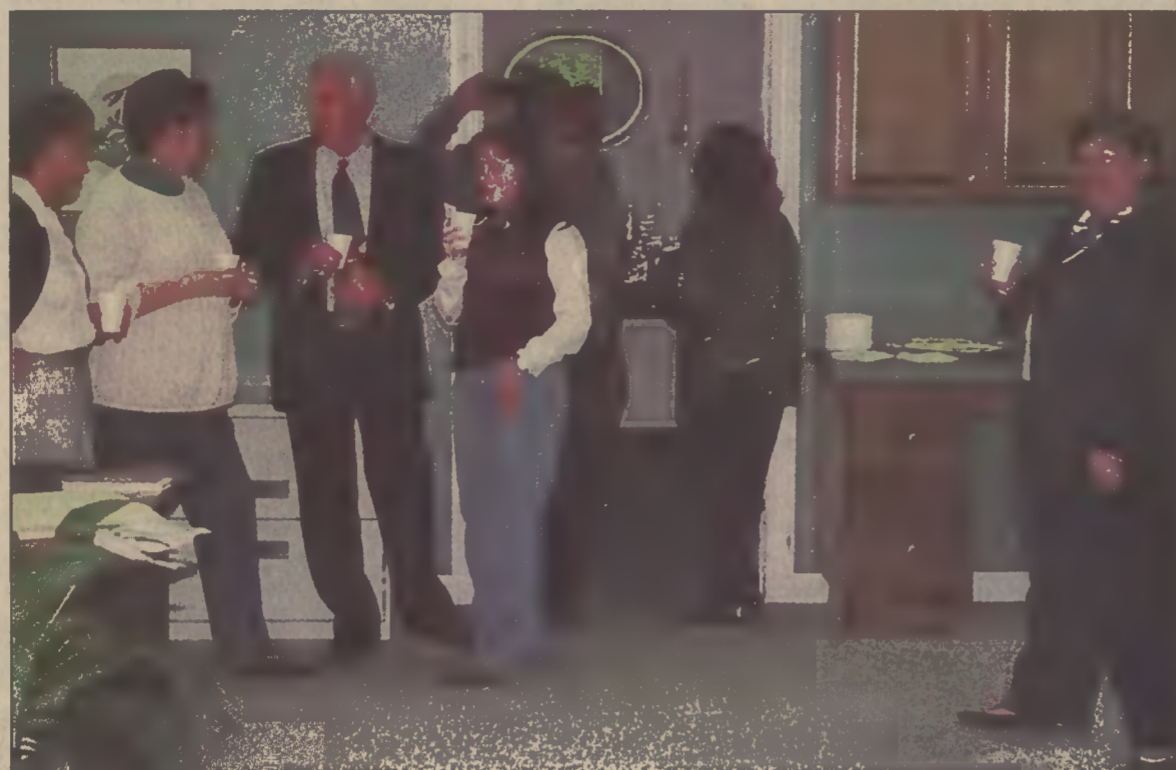


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Chamber of Commerce members gathered at the offices of Rhonda Gregory, CPA for a Business After Hours recently. During the evening, those who attended had the opportunity to see the Chamber of Commerce web site.

## Food Lion collects donations for Albemarle Manna bank

Albemarle Manna will receive donations collected during Food Lion's 1997 Consumer Sharing Checkout Donation program FOOD FOR ALL: *Fighting Hunger in Our Neighborhood and Around the World*. The campaign is part of the company's participation in the 12th annual Food Industry Crusade Against Hunger (FICAH).

The company's FOOD FOR ALL checkout donation program enables customers to contribute to the crusade as they pass through the checkout lanes of each Food Lion store. By selecting a "FICAH Donation Slip" at the register, customers can have their selected donation amount scanned and automatically added to their grocery order.

The donation slips will be in stores from Oct. 26 through Jan. 3, 1998.

"Albemarle Manna staff, volunteers and the individuals and families who receive our support are grateful to food Lion for its participation in this important program," said Cindy Wagner, Executive Director. "We encourage people in Northeastern North Carolina to support Food Lion's FOOD FOR ALL checkout donation program, because it is efforts like this one which will impact on the hungry people right here in our community."

By uniting members of the food industry, FICAH works to alleviate hunger world wide and in local communities by helping hungry people build

their capabilities to feed themselves. In 1997, FICAH hopes to raise \$1.5 million to fund hunger relief programs.

Food Lion's Consumer Sharing Checkout Donation program has contributed more than \$727,600 to FICAH programs since 1991. Fifty-five percent of the funds collected in Food Lion stores will be donated to Second Harvest member food banks throughout the chain's 11-state operating area, while the remaining 45 percent will assist FICAH's efforts around the world.

The funds Albemarle Manna receives from Food Lion's efforts will be used to help provide over 600,000 meals to the hungry men, women and children in Northeastern North Carolina.

## Goose Nest residents thankful for county water

**Project nearly complete eight years after first request for water**

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

Residents of Goose Nest Lane were thankful for what most people take for granted this Thanksgiving: decent drinking water.

"We have water at Goose Nest Lane ... We had a very, very, very happy Thanksgiving as a result of that," Goose Nest resident Vern Hammons told county commissioners Monday.

Hammons thanked everyone who worked to expand the county water lines to the community.

Goose Nest residents began lobbying county officials in 1989 when they submitted a petition to the commissioners requesting county water. Because almost half of the water lines would be installed on private property and due to the cost, the commissioners never approved the request.

In August 1996, Bill Beck and other Goose Nest Lane residents again submitted a petition to the county, a petition which contained the signatures of 23 of the 26 Goose Nest Lane property owners.

Beck told the county commissioners last February that he received a letter from county manager Paul Gregory in September 1996 stating that the county had insufficient funds in its water department fund to put down water lines at that time. Beck said Gregory stated the matter would be revisited in January or February 1997.

In February, the commissioners agreed to consider running the water line on a 50-50 cost share program the county had offered other communities.

Hammons appeared before the commissioners on behalf of the Goose Nest Lane residents in April, reporting that the residents were ready to accept the county's 50-50 offer. With a project estimate of \$35,000, the residents had to come up with \$17,500 in cash before the project could begin. Hammons said that 11 property owners had committed \$1,000 to help pay for the water line installation at a meeting, four other property owners had indicated that they would pay, and out-of-town owners had been sent certified letters

asking them to participate.

Commissioners told the residents that Bill Diehl, the engineer the county contracts with for water department work, would update the cost estimates of the project. In addition to paying 50 percent of the cost of installing the water lines, each property owner had to pay a \$450 tap fee.

The county gave the residents until May 5 to present a check to the county or the 50-50 offer would be void. Although the cost estimate rose to \$37,500, the property owners met the deadline.

The project is currently being completed, Gregory told commissioners Monday. Gregory said he anticipates returning money to the residents at project completion, possibly as much as \$9,000. The residents provided their own engineer, which cut the cost of the project, as did the county water department employees' share of the work.

The Goose Nest Lane project would have been significantly more expensive for residents had the group not been able to meet the county's May 5 deadline. In April, the commissioners adopted a new policy regarding the extension of county water lines. As of May 6, the county will pay 50 percent of the total costs of extending water lines to established subdivisions platted and recorded prior to Oct. 2, 1978, not including tap fees, but will not pay for any lines on private property.

The October 1978 date was placed in the policy because it was the effective date of the revised subdivision regulations adopted by the commissioners. The regulations address the installation of water lines to residential developments.

Had the new policy gone into effect before the Goose Nest Lane residents raised their share of the funds needed, the residents would have had to pay significantly more for the project. Under the terms of the policy, the residents would have been responsible for 100 percent of the cost of installing the water lines on the 4,245 feet of private property in the subdivision, plus any related requirements such as hydrants, if deemed necessary by the county's engineer. The county would have shared equally the cost of installing the 6,510 feet of line not on private property.

Hammons said that 23 of the 26 Goose Nest property owners contributed to the project.

## Santa alert!

Santa Claus will visit Hertford Saturday when the Chamber of Commerce sponsors the annual Perquimans County Christmas parade. The theme of this year's holiday kick-off is "All I want for

Christmas is..." Participants will leave Perquimans High School at 2 p.m. sharp. All entries should be lined up by 1 p.m. in order to be judged. Entries will continue to be accept-

ed until Saturday morning. Santa will stop downtown to hear the Christmas wishes of children. For more information, contact the Chamber at 426-5657.

## Barrett expands eatery

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

When Tommy Barrett launched Tommy's Pizza and Subs in 1992, he offered just what the name of his restaurant said—pizza and subs at lunch and dinner.

So popular was his business that Barrett expanded his kitchen and opened a second dining area in 1994. The menu also broadened to include Italian dinners and salads

Two years later, Barrett saw a need to make more changes. In 1996, more kitchen space and a third dining area was added. The third dining area does double duty as a banquet room and overflow seating area for meals. Barrett also changed the name of the eatery to Tommy's Family Restaurant, reflecting the greatly expanded menu which now includes steaks, chicken, chops, sandwiches, even, believe it or not, chitterlings



The Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting to signify the expansion of Tommy's Family Restaurant. The eatery now serves breakfast, lunch and dinner and is open seven days each week.

on occasion. Last month, the restaurateur took another step, opening for breakfast. The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting to note the change in Barrett's business.

Opening for breakfast is not the last step Barrett plans to

take to expand his business. Next, he would like to go into frozen meals that could be purchased in grocery stores or directly from the restaurant. He envisions single-serving dinners as well as family portions. Barrett said he's experimenting now with cooking and packaging methods to make

sure those who purchase Tommy's frozen meals will get the same quality of food they get when they visit the restaurant.

Tommy's is open 6 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Wednesday; 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; and 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday. Delivery is available.

**Outside**

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
High: 64	Low: 40s	High: 51	Low: 32	High: 45	Low: 30s
PARTLY CLOUDY		PARTLY CLOUDY		PARTLY SUNNY	