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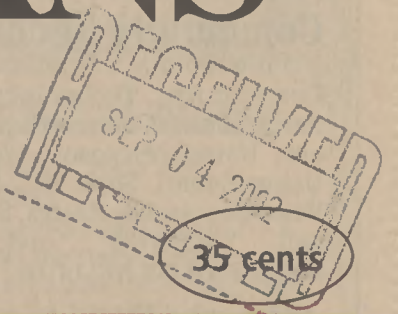
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Ceremonies planned for Sept. 11

Woodmen, PCHS plan memorial observances

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September 11, 2001 is a day that still lives in the hearts and minds of Americans.

On that fateful day, tragedy of a magnitude this country had never seen reared its ugly head. Terrorists crashed two commercial airliners into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York, another into the Pentagon, and attempted to hit another target with a fourth plane which was taken over by its passengers and crashed in a field in Pennsylvania. Thousands died, including airline passengers, those in the targeted buildings, and emergency responders who answered the calls for help.

President George W. Bush has designated Sept. 11 as Patriot Day in memory of the victims and heroes of the terrorist attacks.

The Albemarle Woodmen of the World Lodge Lodge in Hertford will remember the victims and heroes of 9-11 on Sept. 11 at 10:30 a.m. at the Albemarle Commission Building grounds. The ceremony will pay tribute to the enduring spirit of America.

During "In Honor and Remembrance—Woodmen Salutes America's Heroes," a 30-foot flag pole, a U.S. flag and a commemorative plaque donated by the local Woodmen organization will be presented to the Albemarle Commission and accepted by Executive Director Kay Rose.

Representatives of the Perquimans County fire departments, rescue/EMS, law enforcement and local government will participate in this Patriot Day ceremony.

Over 600 Woodmen lodges across the country will be presenting flag poles and commemorative plaques during celebrations across the United States.

The ceremony is open to the public.

PCHS tribute

Perquimans County High School will hold a time of remembrance on Sept. 11, 5:30–6 p.m. The school's band and chorus will perform.

The ceremony is open to the public.

After the ceremony, there will be an open house. Parents may speak with teachers during the open house.

FACELIFT



PHOTO BY ALICE BREWIN

Renovations have begun on Hertford's ice plant building off Grubb Street. The site will become more sound and functional as the town's maintenance and utilities facility with the renovations and additions.

Ice plant renovations underway

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A Hertford landmark is getting a facelift courtesy of a grant/loan combination from USDA Rural Development.

The former ice plant off Grubb Street behind the fire station is undergoing renovation to better serve the town's maintenance and utilities needs. The price tag is \$998,123. The amount is funded with a \$146,600 grant, up to a \$950,400 loan and \$50,000 in town funds.

Town Manager John Christensen said the financing adds up to more than the contract price because of contingencies.

The Gardner Company, Inc. of Elizabeth City was awarded the contract. They started the job on Aug. 12 and have 300 days to complete the project. It is expected to be finished in mid-June.

The wood buildings that once sat to the west of the main building on the property (on the Harris Shopping Center side of the building) have been

demolished. In their place will rise a 12-bay building in which all town trailers and equipment will be stored.

The small brick building to the right of the main building was purchased from members of the Emmett Winslow family as part of the project. That building will be roofed, heated and renovated for future office space.

The main building is in the process of being gutted and prepared for renovation.

The project includes

landscaping, asphalt paving, drainage and period lighting.

Town officials have talked for years about the need to do something with the old ice plant. The location and structural condition of the building made it a building that could be renovated rather than torn down.

"It's part of our heritage," said Town Manager John Christensen. "It's a landmark."

The renovations will also provide for protection for equipment.

New downtown eatery opens its doors

As their motto says, "You Don't Have to Be Rich and Famous, Just Hungry!" to eat at the Celebrity Grill.

Located in the Hall of Fame Square in downtown Hertford, the Celebrity Grill decor and menu is themed around past and present movie stars and celebrities.

"We want every customer to be recognized, fed and treated with celebrity status," said restaurant manager Joyce Brothers James.

James, who prefers to be called "Ms. Joyce," said the eatery offers daily home country cooking specials, but specializes in fresh old-fashioned real hamburgers, grilled chicken and salads. Fish plates are offered on Friday and Saturday in addition to regular menu items.

"We sell a lot of grilled chicken and grilled shrimp salads," James said. "We feel we have a great bacon cheeseburger. We try to serve it up quick, but because we cook to order it will never be like a fast food."

Deli sandwiches and Celebrity-made chicken

and tuna salad are also popular menu items.

Restaurant owners Randy and Lynn Lassiter have recently renovated its kitchen to include a hood system to accommodate a grill, broiler and two deep fryers. The equipment has allowed for the restaurant's menu variety.

There are 38 seats in the grill, some in the picture window and some in the corridor. Seating faces the courthouse green, home to the memorial to hometown hero Jim "Catfish" Hunter. The proximity of the building to the monument and Hunter's generosity to his hometown gave the Lassiters the idea to name the building housing the Celebrity Grill Hall of Fame Square.

Upstairs, there is seating for 30 to accommodate private parties, meetings and luncheons.

Open for a few weeks now, the Celebrity held its grand opening Friday with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

James said that Hertford is becoming diverse in its



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

The Celebrity Grill held its grand opening last Friday. The eatery offers a varied menu, offering something for everyone at reasonable prices. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting attended by public officials, friends and grill employees.

financial and social climate, but she believes that all people want good food, good service, and a clean, quiet smoke-free dining

experience. Grill hours are Monday–Saturday, 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Call 426-3333 for call-in or take out.

Primary election is Tuesday

One-stop voting continues through Saturday

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Local election officials expect low voter turnout for the primary election on Sept. 10.

"It's always low for the primaries," said Perquimans County Elections Director Eula Forbes.

Forbes added that with no local races, turnout may be even lower than usual. However, Perquimans County resident Janice Cole's candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress may create more local interest, and therefore a better primary turnout, than is traditional here.

Because there are no party races, candidates for sheriff, county commissioner and clerk of superior court will not appear on the primary ballot. Those vying for a seat on the Soil and Water Conservation Committee will also not be on the ballot until November.

The only local candidates on Tuesday's ballot will be for school board—and even that will not be a race because there are three candidates running for three seats. All will be elected Tuesday barring a last-minute write-in campaign. Walter L. Leigh, Gloria E. Mason and Gary E. Saul will be seated on the board after the primary.

Those registered to vote may go to the polls between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on election day.

One-Stop voting will continue through Sept. 7 at 1 p.m. The Board of Elections office will be open 8:30–5 p.m. daily and 8:30–1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7 as mandated by state statute.

For information about the elections, call the elections office at 426-5598.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 81
Low: 67
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
High: 83
Low: 67
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
High: 84
Low: 67
PARTLY CLOUDY