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Algae poses real dangers

"News from Next Door"

(Second of a two-part story)

> BY PETER WILLIAMS **News Editor**

Algae blooms aren't just unsightly and smelly, but if unchecked, they can have a serious impact on the regional economy, said Mark Powell, a consultant with the Edenton-based Albemarle RC&D.

"This could lead to widespread and persistent blooms," Powell said last week. "The blooms could have a significant impact on the regional economy. I talked with a guy today who has a cabin on the river at Colerain in Bertie County. The blooms are thick there.

"He can't take his family there because of it. People can't take out their boats, kids can't swim. The problem with algae blooms is they can go from being nontoxic to toxic very quickly, and you don't know.

"We are blessed with so much water around here and that is one of the reasons people live here. But if you can't use your house on the water and fishermen can't use the water, then eventually property values down and that will ripple throughout the whole economy. Everybody should be concerned about it, just the people living on the water."

There are signs that warming water temperatures aren't going to help in

Lawmen stop slow moving car

From Staff Reports

A slow-speed chase on U.S. 17 on Monday ended with the driver of the car being taken to the hospital after six lawmen used their cars to box in the driver and force him to stop.

Perquimans Sheriff Shelby White said the chase started near Swing Gate Road and ended at the foot of the U.S. 17 Bypass bridge on the Hertford side about 6 p.m. The car was going about 30 miles per hour in a 55-mph zone.

"We had gotten a complaint about the driver," White said.

When the driver did not stop when the blue lights and siren were turned on in the deputies' patrol car four other deputies and one Hertford officer were called in to box the car in both in front, rear and on the side

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018

Students gather in the media center at Perquimans County High School on Monday for the first day of

More taking college classes

BY PETER WILLIAMS **News Editor**

Classes started early for 20 percent of Perquimans County High School's students.

Those taking college courses on-line started the year off on Monday. The rest of the class will start school on Aug. 27 for all 1,670 stu-

Principal Wayne Price said he is excited about the increase in the number of PCHS students taking college courses. Last year 43 took advantage of the program. This year the number is 92.

In North Carolina, high school students can take community college courses at no cost. If they wait until after they graduate high school, they have to pay regular community college tuition. If they wait and take the same freshman English course at a four-yearschool, they will pay even more.

helps the student graduate earlier a distance learning experience. and it helps the family avoid high tuition costs.

"We really reached out to make sure students and parents were fully aware of the early college program," Price said. "We have a great in and do their first assignment or



Students participate in a video conferencing class at Perquimans County High School Monday. With the equipment, which was upgraded last year, an instructor at College of the Albemarle can see the class and the class can see the instructor.

opportunity here."

The school identified students class. Getting those courses done early who would most likely succeed in

> The traditional on-line distance learning classes aren't for everywant to goof off, Price said.

"On the first day they need to log

else they will get dropped from the

"If you don't do what you're supposed to do, somebody else is go-

ing to get your spot," Price said. Price is anticipating the day body and it's not for people who when a large number PCHS students attend their high school

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Volunteers help local schools

BY PETER WILLIAMS **News Editor**

Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans Middle School educators got a little early boost from the community this year.

Volunteers spread new mulch around areas of HGS, and the middle school got school supplies and teachers got spending money for their classrooms.

Laura Moreland, the principal at the middle school, credits a partnership the school has with Bethel

Baptist Church. Last year school year, they built cabinets for the "gamers" at the school. The work was finished up

Moreland explained that some kids aren't athletes and they don't care for band, but they do like video games. With the "Gamers Club" they are allowed to play games after school in the media center.

At Christmas, the school identified students who might not get any gifts at all. The church stepped in and presented gifts of Play sta- could have ever hoped for," More-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Volunteers spread mulch around plants at Hertford Grammar School this month.

tions and bicycles.

They wanted to partner with a local school and we hit the jackpot," Moreland said of Pastor Greg plies that were listed on the sup-Owenby's church.

"Ours is the best partnership we

land said.

Just last week, church members dropped off a box with school supply list. Plus, there were 25 \$20

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Judge jails Hertford official

BY PETER WILLIAMS **News Editor**

Last week a Hertford town board member was ordered to spend seven days in jail for violating his probation.

Superior Court Judge Jerry R. Tillett found Frank Norman guilty of failing to serve the 25 hours of commu-



NORMAN

nity service and he hadn't paid the probation fees. On Thursday Norman was taken directly from the courtroom in Hertford to start serving the sentence.

However Norman told Tillett that the Town of Hertford is shorthanded and he asked for permission to attend Monday's town board meeting. Tillett agreed Norman could be released for that meeting but had to go back to jail Monday night to complete the jail term.

Norman's problems started in the fall of 2016.

A N.C. Highway Patrolman had pulled a vehicle over into the Wynne Fork Court housing development where Norman lives. Norman came out of his apartment to see what was going on and the Trooper asked Norman to step back. Ultimately when Norman didn't, the Trooper arrested Norman for resist-obstruct-

In September 2017, Norman was jailed for failure to appear in court on that charge. Norman said he got the court dates mixed up and he spent three days in

Norman was found guilty in District Court on the resist-obstruct-delay charge, but appealed to the Superior Court. In May, Superior Court Judge Wayland J. Sermons Jr. found Norman guilty of the same charge. Norman was sentenced to serve six months of supervised probation and ordered to perform the 24 hours of community service.

On Thursday Norman, 61, argued he tried to reach out to probation officials, but said he had problems getting answers.

On Thursday a probation officer and the community service coordinator painted a picture showing Norman did not try make time to do the 25 hours of community service or pay the \$722 pro-

Penny Baker, the coordinator, tried to set up Norman with doing service with

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Elizabeth City man charged for killing Winfall resident

BY BILL WEST The Daily Advance

An Elizabeth City man indicted for first-degree murder in the shooting death of a Perquimans man earlier this year was linked to the



crime by the ankle monitor he was wearing while on probation for his role in another shooting, court records show.

Dazis Bonds, 22, of the 1100 block of Wood Street, was indicted July 30 by a Pasquotank grand jury in the shooting death of 21year-old Devon Revelle on Esclip Road on June 30. about 6:54 p.m. on June 30 Bonds is being held without that an unknown male had bond at Albemarle District Jail. Revelle lived in Winfall.



Fogg, sheriff's

responded to a report

Accord- arrived, they found a man leged shooter, according to bation for helping another ing to an who had been shot in the affidavit forehead. They also found by Sheriff's numerous .40 caliber shell casings in the roadway near Investigator Danny the man's body.

The man, identified later by fingerprints as Revelle, Fogg's statement reads.

the case happened on July 2, when Sheriff's Lt. Brent wearing an ankle monitorshot near Dryridge and Es- McKecuen received a tip ing device, according to the clip roads. When deputies that Bonds was Revelle's al- affidavit, Bonds was on pro-

day, Fogg and SBI Agent Parker located Rodney Bonds at his residence and questioned him. Bonds claimed he didn't know Revelle or anything about his deputies died on arrival at a hospital, murder, the affidavit states.

During the interview, A key development in Bonds told investigators he was on probation and

Fogg's affidavit. Later that man, Jamir Brazzle, flee the scene of a shooting in July 2014 that left a local woman confined to a wheelchair.

According to Fogg's affidavit, Sheriff's Investigator Aaron Wallio next met with state Probation and Parole Officer George Plascon. Probation and parole officials use computer software that monitors and records

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