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Algae poses real dangers

(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 non-toxic 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

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

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More taking college classes

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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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 students.

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-year-school, they will pay even more.

Getting those courses done early helps the student graduate earlier 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



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.

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opportunity here."

The school identified students who would most likely succeed in a distance learning experience.

The traditional on-line distance learning classes aren't for everybody and it's not for people who want to goof off, Price said.

"On the first day they need to log in and do their first assignment or

else they will get dropped from the class.

"If you don't do what you're supposed to do, somebody else is going to get your spot," Price said.

Price is anticipating the day 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 in June.

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-



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

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tions and bicycles.

"They wanted to partner with a local school and we hit the jackpot," Moreland said of Pastor Greg Owenby's church.

"Ours is the best partnership we could have ever hoped for," More-

land said.

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

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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 21-year-old Devon Revelle on Esclip Road on June 30. Bonds is being held without bond at Albemarle District Jail. Revelle lived in Winfall.



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about 6:54 p.m. on June 30 that an unknown male had shot near Dryridge and Esclip roads. When deputies

arrived, they found a man who had been shot in the forehead. They also found numerous .40 caliber shell casings in the roadway near the man's body.

The man, identified later by fingerprints as Revelle, died on arrival at a hospital, Fogg's statement reads.

A key development in the case happened on July 2, when Sheriff's Lt. Brent McKecuen received a tip that Bonds was Revelle's al-

leged shooter, according to Fogg's affidavit. Later that day, Fogg and SBI Agent Rodney Parker located Bonds at his residence and questioned him. Bonds claimed he didn't know Revelle or anything about his murder, the affidavit states.

During the interview, Bonds told investigators he was on probation and wearing an ankle monitoring device, according to the affidavit. Bonds was on pro-

bation for helping another 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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