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Tyner man dies in two-vehicle collision

From Staff Reports

A Tyner man died and two people were hospitalized Wednesday after a two-vehicle collision on Center Hill Highway, the N.C. Highway Patrol said.

Roger Vallee, 57, died from injuries he suffered in the accident at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital in

Virginia, Trooper B.A. Davis said Thursday evening.

Vallee was a front-seat passenger in a 1995 Dodge Caravan minivan that collided with a 2000 Saab convertible in the 1600 block of Center Hill shortly before 3 p.m., Davis said.

According to the trooper, Thomas Shannon White, 44, of Jarvisburg, was driving

the Saab northeast on Center Hill Highway when his vehicle crossed the center line.

Grettel Valdes, 43, of Tyner, who was driving Vallee's minivan southeast on Center Hill Highway, tried to avoid White's Saab by swerving into the other lane. The front passenger areas of both vehicles collided, Davis

said. The vehicles then went into a corkscrew-like spin in the middle of the road before separating, Davis said.

At least two people in the vehicles had to be extricated from the vehicles by area fire departments, a Perquimans emergency management official said.

Vallee, who wasn't wearing a seatbelt, was airlifted

to the Norfolk hospital, where he died, Davis said. White was also airlifted to Sentara Norfolk, where he remains in stable condition.

Grettel Valdes and a second passenger in the van, Lizandra Valdes, were taken to Vidant Chowan Hospital in Edenton before being transported to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville,

Davis said. Lizandra Valdes, 24, was treated and released, while Grettel Valdes remains in stable condition at the Greenville hospital, he said.

Davis said both vehicles were totaled and Center Hill Highway near the accident scene, which was about two

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Car Show coming Saturday

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Bron Prokuski is no stranger to car shows and he's no stranger to classic cars.

He owns five of them.

Prokuski is putting on the annual Historic Hertford Car Show this Saturday. However even after all these years, he still says he usually gets a surprise each time seeing something new.

Last year it was an old Nash police car at the Hertford show. The previous year it was a "Rat Rod," a hot rod made out of assorted Ford parts.

The event is held behind Hertford Town Hall next to Hertford Bay Marina.

Parking in the lot will be restricted starting Friday afternoon so it will be ready for the cars on Saturday.

The lot opens to participants at 8 a.m. Saturday and all cars are expected to be on site by 9 a.m. Balloting is until noon and awards will be presented at 2 p.m.

The event is held to support Historic Hertford Inc.

Prokuski said he first started going to the Hertford show in 2004 when he moved to the county and he's been working on it for the past four or five years. They usually draw about 35 or 40 cars.

Spectators can come for free, but car owners pay \$20 to enter. Prokuski said close to 40 awards will be handed out, including best of show

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JOLLIFICATION



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The Perquimans County Restoration Association (PCRA) will hold its Jollification Celebration on Sept. 29. It will include tours of historic homes and sites in the New Hope and Old Neck areas of the county including, OSwampside. It was built in 1815 and is one of the largest Federal style plantation dwellings in Perquimans County. Tickets can be purchased at the Newbold-White House, Chamber of Commerce, Barker House and the Museum of the Albemarle and cost \$25 each.

Cale to unveil new bunkhouse

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

The new bunkhouse at Camp Cale is nearly complete and will be ready to show off when the camp holds the "Evening at Cale" fundraiser on Sept. 15.

The event at 6 p.m. Sept. 15 includes music, entertainment and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are \$25. To purchase one or for more information, call 264-2513.

The bunkhouse is climate controlled and can sleep 48 campers year-round, said Matt

Thomas, the director at Cale. Some of the original bunkhouses were constructed in the 1960s and can't be used all year long.

The addition of the new facility extends the operational year for Cale well beyond the warmer summer months. The project was built by A.R. Chesson. The estimated cost was about \$500,000.

In addition to the bunkhouse, Cale recently received a donation of three Hobie Cat-type boats from a Nags Head

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A sitting room is complete at the new bunkhouse built at Camp Cale.

Highway Patrol seeking recruits

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

The North Carolina Highway Patrol has mounted a special recruiting initiative to attract more recruits for positions in eastern North Carolina.

First Sgt. W.W. Everette, who supervises the local four-county district office, said the office currently has nine troopers but one is set to retire. The office is allowed to have up to 15. The district covers Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Chowan counties.



EVERETTE

Everette said being short staffed does put a "burden" on the troopers that are here. Everette has been employed by the state since 1996 and a trooper since 2003.

"You may have one trooper for two counties, instead of just one. We still work in zones, but it would be nice to have two in each zone and one for each county."

When troopers graduate the academy they are asked about their preference for a duty station. Everette said the agency tries to accommodate his or her wishes, but sometimes it may mean being sent someone else to

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STAFF PHOTO

Members of Bethel Baptist Church and New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church pray for students at a joint service on Aug. 26 at New Bethel.

Churches seek to support kids, schools

BY REGGIE PONDER
 The Daily Advance

Bethel Baptist Church and New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church came together as one community at New Bethel on Aug. 26 to pray for students and consider ways to support

students in the Perquimans County Schools.

At the close of the service the Rev. Joey Nixon, guest speaker for the service, led a prayer for dozens of students as they gathered at the front of the sanctuary. Large contingents of students were present from

both Bethel Baptist Church and New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

Perquimans County Schools Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman spoke about being committed to 100 percent at home and at school.

"Would you get on a plane

with an 87 percent landing rate?" Cheeseman asked. "Then why are you happy when a child comes home with that on their report card?"

Cheeseman said that what happens on the first

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Extension to hold gardening mini-series

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

The N.C. Cooperative Extension Service will hold a series of five free programs on "Gardening In The Albe-

marle" starting Sept. 18. The seminars will be held at the extension office at 730 N. Granville St. in Edenton. The sessions run from 5:15 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Katy Shook, the agent that handles the three-county Master Gardener program, said extension starting doing the mini classes in 2007. They hold them every other year during years when the Master Gardener program

isn't being held.

"The training is very similar, but this is five weeks and the Master Gardener program is 14 weeks," Shook said. "But the courses are very similar."

There is a fee associated with the Master Gardener program and participants are expected to give back their time as volunteers to

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State reports tourism is up

From Staff Reports

Domestic visitors to and within Perquimans County spent almost \$11 million in 2017, an increase of 4.4 percent from 2016, according to Visit North Carolina. The new figure is about 4.4 percent higher than 2016.

"Perquimans County has such history and natural beauty," said Sharon Smith, Perquimans County's tourism director. "North Carolina began on the shores of our beautiful rivers. This continued increase in

visitor spending tells us that more folks are recognizing this. We know that many Perquimans attractions and events are drawing more visitors from outside the county, and we're looking forward to welcoming many more as we discover new ways to showcase our community's unique history and culture."

According to the report, travel and tourism spending last year generated about 50 local jobs, both full and part-time. The

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