

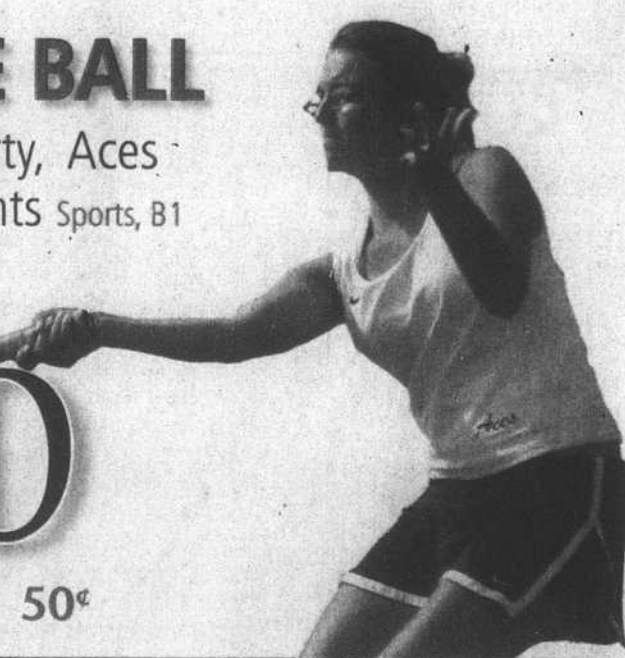
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## Giving Back

Lynn Perry volunteers with hospice, food pantry A3



## SAT scores sag

Local participation increases, performance decreases

by Earline White  
Managing Editor

More students are taking the SAT, but the scores are dropping locally, mirroring that of students' performance nationwide.

Sixty percent of Holmes' students took the SAT, one of the major college entrance requirements, last year, up from only 47 percent the year before.

But the scores in math, critical reading and writing, the three areas tested, dropped overall by nearly 50 points collectively.

"We would be happy to see higher scores, but we're very pleased that so many more of our students took the SAT this year," Superintendent Allan Smith said.

"The number and percentage of N.C. high school seniors who take the SAT show us that students are planning for education beyond high school," said State Superintendent June Atkinson.

N.C.'s math score on the SAT dropped four points

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## HABITAT HOUSE UNDERWAY



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Jeff Ziolkowski prepares the foundation for the Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity's newest home on E. Hicks Street. Habitat organizers are asking for volunteers to help Sept. 12 to assemble the new home for Samantha Twine and her four children. Those interested can contact Frank Kelly at [fanckelly@embarqmail.com](mailto:fanckelly@embarqmail.com).

### GRANDPARENTS DAY — SEPT. 9

## Spending time with grandkids makes for happy days

by Earline White  
Managing Editor

The secret to a lasting, healthy marriage is to "do whatever she says," Jim Hare joked.

The secret to being good grandparents is to "teach respect, honesty and to be yourself," he said.

Whether cheering on the grandkids at a baseball or softball game, or at a drama club production, Jim and Anne Hare can be spotted at nearly every sporting event and high school play.

Using a weekly planner as their guide, Jim and Anne Hare keep just as busy a schedule as their active grandchildren.

When the oldest grandchild, Chelsea, was born,

Jim was just as nervous as he was when his own first child was on the way and he accidentally locked himself out of the house.

"Having grandkids is a lot like having your own," Jim said. "They come over and leave stuff behind," he laughed.

Laughter and footsteps echoes throughout the Hare house.

The kids have been over most of the summer — the boys, Alex and Cole, helping Jim, or Papa as he is called, build a waterfall for the fishpond outside; the girls, Chelsea and Megan, shopping with Anne, aka Grammy.

"They really give Jim a time because he's hard of hearing," Anne said as the four kids descend to the floor to scratch the belly of

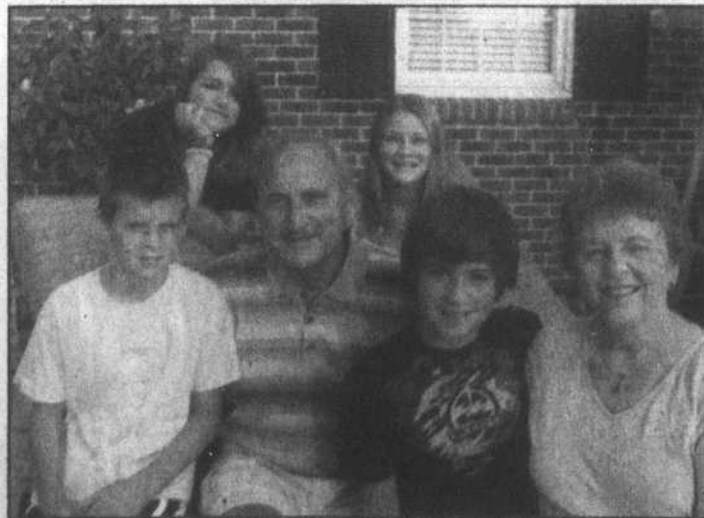
the family dog, Daisy.

"If you can't say anything nice ...," Anne said quoting Thumper from the movie "Bambi." It is a saying the granddaughters hear often, they said, and laughed with their grandmother. Anne blushed.

Anne doesn't remember much of her only living grandparent, her grandmother. "She lived in Greensboro and at the time that seemed like a million miles away," she said.

Jim, on the other hand, grew up just down the road from his own Papa, just a walk from where he and Anne live today on the family farm.

"I used to spend a lot of time there," Jim said, "especially after Papa had a



Jim Hare and his wife Anne and their grandchildren, from left, Cole Hare, Chelsea Perry, Megan Hare and Alex Perry.

stroke. Somebody had to stay with him at night. We were a close family. We had a lot of good times."

Family time is one of the many things that Jim and

## Court fees rising

by Rebecca Bunch  
Staff Writer

In the past, those convicted of driving while impaired could apply for limited driving privileges without expense.

But that has changed. Obtaining limited driving privileges if you're convicted on a DWI charge now carries a \$100 fee.

The fee is the result of action taken last month by the N.C. General Assembly.

Existing fees also rose by varying amounts, ranging from \$10 to \$50 in additional court costs.

For example, DWI civil revocation of a license now costs \$100, up from \$50 last year.

And failure to appear for a scheduled court date is no laughing matter; it too will cost you \$100. (see chart on page A2).

Chowan Clerk of Court Mike McArthur said he was not surprised that the new fee was approved by legislators because of the ever-increasing number of people coming before the court on DWI charges.

"That in turn takes more of the court's time to verify the information attached to the request, and more time to process the paperwork."

McArthur noted that the limited driving privilege used to cover narrowly applied limits such as use of a vehicle to drive to and from work. But that perspective continues to broaden.

"Life necessities are what they are to satisfy," he said. "Certainly allowing someone to go to and from work applies, but so does allowing

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