

Napier's body recovered from Mayo Lake

■ Sheriff: 'There were no visible signs of any type of trauma on the body at all'

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"We have recovered the body and sent it to the medical examiner's office in Chapel Hill."

A relieved Person County Sheriff Dewey Jones uttered those words when speaking via cell phone just before 3 p.m. Tuesday.

Jones was referring to the body of Chad Napier, which had been missing in Mayo Lake since the early morning hours of Jan. 31.

Thirty-six days after the search for

Napier's body began in the cold waters of Mayo Lake, his body surfaced Tuesday, Jones said.

"The body was really in pretty remarkable shape considering how long it has been," Jones said.

The area of Mayo Lake where Napier's body was found has water depths of 60 to 70 feet with very low visibility at the bottom of the lake, Jones said earlier. The water temperature at the surface has hovered near 38 degrees since Napier's disappearance.

The body was discovered Tuesday by Person County Rescue Squad members just south of an area where a cadaver dog

had alerted recovery workers Monday.

"The dog did alert in the same general area [Monday]," Jones said.

While a preliminary autopsy report will not be available for "a few days," Jones said Tuesday "there were no visible signs of any type of trauma on the body at all."

In addition to having assistance from cadaver dogs during the search from Napier, authorities have also used divers, robotic cameras, sonar and helicopters.

Numerous state, local and regional rescue officials aided in the search for Napier.

"We have had a lot of help from a lot of people," Jones said. "We are grateful to all of them. A lot of people have put in a lot of hours during this."

The total man hours spent on the search was close to 2,000.

Napier, 32, of 275 Crystal Springs Rd. in Timberlake had reportedly gone out for a canoe ride in the early morning hours of Jan. 31. He was reported missing by Alan Brent Foushee, 40, of 163 Anderbrock Dr. Foushee told authorities Napier yelled for help from the cold waters of Mayo Lake and that he swam out to try and save him, but was unsuccessful.



Chad Napier



Photo submitted

RECYCLING CENTER UPGRADE — Rickey Hardee and employees of DAVCO Steel work Monday to install a new metering drum that will improve the efficiency of the sort line at Person County Recycling Center.

Improving efficiency

■ DENR grant enables Person Co. Recycling Center to obtain new piece of machinery

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Thanks to a grant from the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) the Person County Recycling Center has a new piece of machinery that will improve efficiency.

Wanda Rogers, director of Person Industries, which operates the county recycling center, said this week that the metering drum is attached to the infeed of the conveyor system on which recyclable materials are sorted. The metering drum will "improve the efficiency of the sort line by creating a manageable amount of recycling materials that drop on the line to be sorted," Rogers explained.

The metering drum was installed by DAVCO Steel on Monday and Becky Clayton, who manages the recycling center, said she and her staff looked forward to increasing the amount of materials they can sort.

The center has a potential of handling 5,000 tons of recyclable materials each year. Now in its second year of operation, the center handles about 1,100 tons a year.

The center has increased its tonnage by over 100 tons since last year.

Rogers and Clayton said the recycling center is now able to accept electronics, such as computers and televisions, at no charge. Electronics will be banned from North Carolina landfills beginning July 1.

Clayton said she and her staff plan to hold Customer Appreciation Days

on March 18 and 19. Customers who bring in recyclables on those days will receive a goodie bag while supplies last, and names will be placed in a drawing for door prizes of rain barrels donated by Epoch Solutions, large recycling containers and T-shirts.

There will also be shredders available for citizens who wish to shred personal and confidential documents. The shredders will be available on Friday, March 18, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., said Clayton.

Also that day, Carl Cantaluppi, area horticulture agent with the Person County Extension Center will offer a compost demonstration at 10 a.m.

The center offers tours for schools, civic groups and businesses interested in learning more about the center or about recycling.

Timberlake man arrested on multiple sexual exploitation charges

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A Timberlake man was jailed Friday under a \$2 million bond on multiple charges alleging sexual exploitation of a minor.

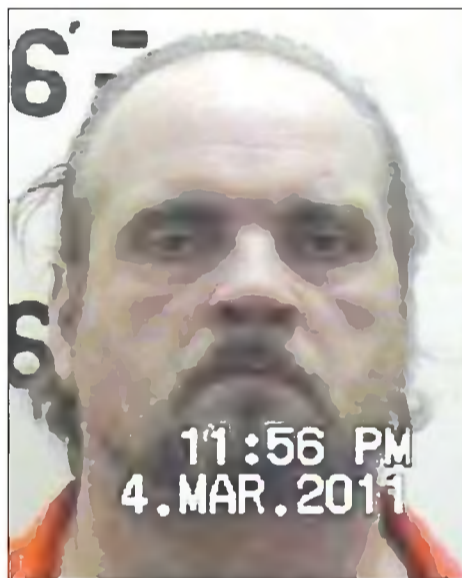
Deputies with the Person County Sheriff's Office arrested Rickie Music, 45, of 771 Ned Moore Rd. in Timberlake on seven felony counts of sexual exploitation of a minor. Music is alleged to have had child pornography on a computer in his residence.

According to Person County Sheriff Dewey Jones, his office was contacted by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force on Feb. 28.

"The SBI actually conducted the investigation and contacted us," Jones said Tuesday. He added that SBI authorities had managed to track the IP address used in the alleged illegal activity to Music's Timberlake home.

"With the information the SBI provided us, we were able to obtain a search warrant and then search his home," Jones said.

While executing the search warrant,



Rickie Music

deputies reportedly seized multiple computers, along with a host of DVDs, compact discs, and other items.

According to an incident report on file at the sheriff's office, Music confessed to having child pornography on his computer following his arrest.

Music is scheduled to appear in Person County District Court on April 12.

Internet site set up for county farmers' market

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Those interested in selling their products at the Person County Farmers' Market, and those who plan to shop there can now visit the market's Web site for information.

Kent Duke, who manages the farmers' market site on a volunteer basis said this week that customers could visit <http://personcountymarket.com> to check for hours of operation, "What's Happening at the Market," and find out what products were being offered in a given week and for information about

vendors.

Duke said, "We are still accepting applications for vendors and the market rules and application can be downloaded off the Web site under a post in the 'What's Happening at the Market' section."

Duke said he would "be doing a featured vendor post about every two to three weeks once the market is up and running this year," where customers can get more information about those who sell their locally produced crops, meat and baked goods at the market.

Person County Extension Director

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Christy Bondy named director of public library

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Christy Bondy was named director of the Person County Public Library on March 1.

She has served as interim director since Linda Howerton retired from the top position last fall.

Bondy has worked at the library for the past 10 years, serving as children's librarian for nine and a half years of that time.

Bondy graduated summa cum laude from North Carolina Central University in May 2010 with a master of library science (MLS) degree. Her undergraduate degree is a bachelor of science in interdisciplinary arts for children: theatre from the State University of New York

College at Brockport.

Before coming to Person County, Bondy worked as a program assistant at the Arts Guild of Old Forge, Inc. in Old Forge, N.Y.

When asked how she became interested in being a librarian, Bondy said, "My mother has worked at a library for 29 years, so I basically grew up in a library, which is what piqued my interest in working at one."

Of her accomplishments with the Person County Public Library, Bondy said, "I built a good collection of children's materials, and implemented several new children's programs that have been successful over the years, including our North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences after-school programs."

Regarding her future plans for the library, Bondy said she hoped to increase

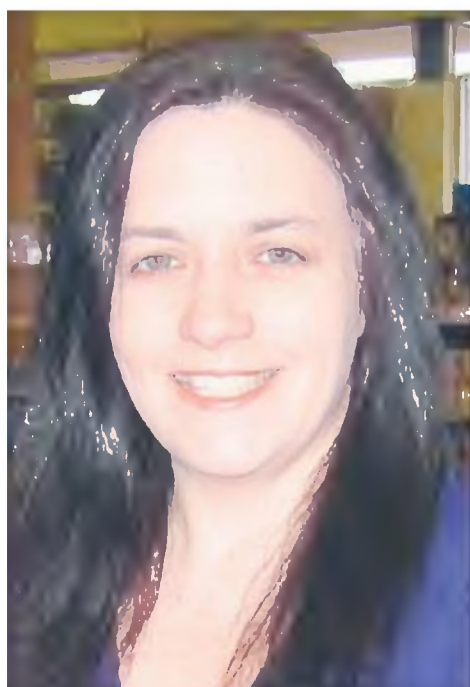
awareness of library services available to Person County citizens.

"I also plan to explore digital and technological resources that would be beneficial services to the county, and to increase advocacy for the library by

building on the great relationships that the library has had with the community," Bondy stated.

County Manager Heidi York said, in a note to county commissioners explaining her choice of library director, "Christy Bondy has been serving as interim library director since the middle of September and has brought fresh ideas and innovative programming to the library." Following Howerton's retirement, Bondy served as interim director while also continuing her role as children's librarian. York indicated to commissioners that the children's librarian position would remain frozen through the current fiscal year. It is uncertain whether the position will be reinstated with next year's budget.

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Christy Bondy

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