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Grand jury indicts Roxboro man on 3 felony counts of extortion



Ronald A. Cardwell

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members of their family. Ronald Allen Cardwell, 64, formerly of 120 S. Morgan St., remains jailed in connection with the extortion charges. He was arrested in December and held at that time under a \$750,000 secured bond. District Court Judge Mike Gentry ordered a mental evalua-

tion of Cardwell and ordered that he be held without privilege of bond until that evaluation could be reviewed. The results of that mental evaluation, which has been completed, are sealed in the Person County Courthouse. The grand jury indictments allege that Cardwell threatened

and communicated threats to Roxboro businessmen Robert (Bob) Stovall Jr., Gordon Carver Jr. and Tommy Lawrence "with the intent wrongfully to obtain money..." The indictments also allege that Cardwell threatened family members of Stovall, Carver and Lawrence. The incidents that led to the

indictments against Cardwell reportedly took place between September of 2007 and December of last year. Information filed in December by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) allege Cardwell threatened "specific

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Council to consider changes in privilege license fees

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Roxboro City Council is once again exploring possible changes in how the city charges businesses that operate locally, and a public hearing addressing the matter will be held on May 10. Under the current structure, businesses in the city pay a flat fee to operate in Roxboro, regardless of their size or sales. Last fall, council members heard a presentation on a sliding scale under which some businesses would pay a minimum fee of \$50 for gross receipts up to a certain amount, and another, sliding scale fee, for amounts above the initial figure. The matter was tabled after a consultant presented information to council. Interim City Manager Tommy Warren said last week that Mayor Samuel Spencer had asked that the matter be brought back before council for further discussion. Warren said, in an agenda memorandum to council members, "Changing the method [by which] license fees are charged will increase the amount of revenue collected." The proposed change council is considering now would cause certain businesses to continue being charged the \$50 minimum fee and others would be charged the \$50 fee for gross receipts up to \$5 million and 50 cents for every \$1,000 over \$5 million.

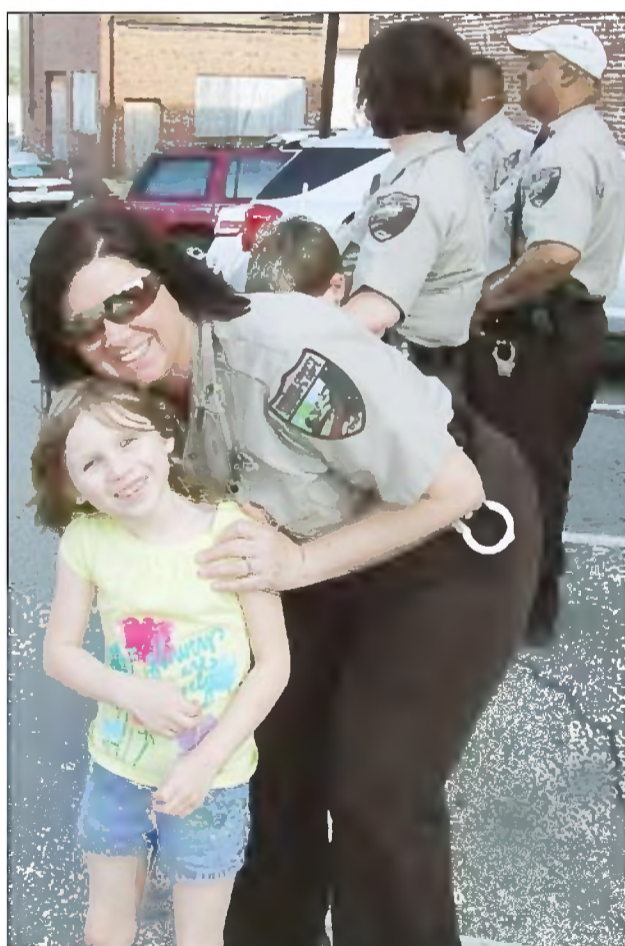
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WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD



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PARADING IN ROXBORO — The Person Board of County Commissioners last week proclaimed April 10-16 as Week of the Young Child in Person County to call attention to the need for high quality early childhood services. As part of the week's festivities, an annual parade is held in Uptown Roxboro. In the photo above, some of the parade participants head past the Person County Courthouse during the parade. In the photo at right, Person County Sheriff's Office Deputy Cheryl Poole gets ready to participate in the parade with her daughter, Payten. The events for the week will continue this morning with a special breakfast at Golden Corral on Week's Drive. On Thursday, early childhood professionals will be honored at a banquet and Friday will be Family Fun and Fitness Day at Huck Sansbury Park from 6 to 8 p.m. Family-A-Fair will be held at Sansbury Park on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and will feature free and low-cost activities. Among activities planned are information booths, giant inflatables, games, a scrap exchange, kite flying and entertainment.



Commission holds 1st of 2 Community Conversations

Second event slated April 26 at Helena School

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Last night, the Person Board of County Commissioners held the first of two planned "Community Conversations" events at Roxboro Community School. According to County Manager Heidi York, the idea of Community Conversations, which was sparsely attended Tuesday, was developed to show more transparency in county government and to give citizens a chance to speak to commissioners outside of the boardroom in a public hearing setting. It was also planned before York proposes her budget, so that commissioners would have the chance to hear what the community's priorities are for the upcoming budget. Those in attendance received the "Person County Government Citizens' Guide to the Budget," which included information about the county's budget challenges, property tax dollars, tax rates of neighboring counties, and where county funding comes from and how it is used. In her overview of the county's budget challenges York commented, "As you have read in the headlines, and I'm sure you have seen and felt yourselves, Person County Government has been impacted by our economy. So, over the last two to three years we have seen our revenues drop, while our need and the demand for many of our services has risen." York said that, while the required public hearing on the budget is scheduled for June 6, the county understands that public hearings can be intimidating to some people, and thus with the Community Conversations event, wanted to provide a more informal setting for citizens to voice their questions and comments. Attendees were asked to write their questions and comments on the index cards provided at the tables, where commissioners and county staff sat

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BOOK SALE — The Friends of the Person County Public Library will hold the annual Spring Book Sale in the library gallery on Thursday, April 14, from 4 to 7 p.m. for members of the Friends of the Library only. Memberships, which are \$15 per year, will be sold at the door. The sale will continue for the general public on Friday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. until noon. In the photo above, Sandy Pleasant (left) and Bill Crumpton discuss where a book should go.

PCS' Dan Holloman named president-elect of PANC

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Person County Schools' Director for Human Resources and Operations Dan Holloman has recently been selected as president-elect of the Personnel Administrators of North Carolina (PANC), "a professional organization open to all North Carolina public school professional staff members who spend the majority of their time on personnel administration," according to the PANC Web site. Having served in the field of education for 26 years, Holloman spent 11 of those years as a secondary school teacher. He was an assistant principal at

both the elementary and middle school levels for three and a half years, and a high school principal for four. Before joining the PCS staff, Holloman served six and a half years as section chief for the Center of Recruitment and Retention, and as special assistant to the director of the Human Resources Management Division at the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Schools Supt. Dr. Larry W. Cartner commented in a press release, "The PCS family extends congratulations to Dan for being chosen to provide leadership to the PANC organization. He is a true asset to PCS, and will be to the PANC organization as well."

Holloman has been affiliated with PANC for seven years and an official member for three. He said that while at DPI, his job involved interacting with personnel directors across the state on various initiatives for which he had oversight. For several years Holloman was also a presenter at PANC's biannual conferences. According to a press release, as president-elect, Holloman will work with the organization's president, steering committee and other officers in planning the conferences. "I am hoping I can be a voice for the Personnel Administrators of North Carolina," said Holloman. "I believe that my

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