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Person Memorial Hospital sold

■ Duke Lifepoint Healthcare to assume ownership; current PMH employees are guaranteed a job

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"This is a great day for health-care in Person County. It is an awesome day."

Those words were spoken by Person Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees Chairman Robby Jones Friday, after the hospital signed a memorandum of understanding for acquisition by Duke Lifepoint Healthcare.

Jones had just returned from a morning spent announcing the news to hospital employees. He said all employees of Person Memorial would be guaranteed a job under the terms of the acquisition, and may get better benefits than those they now have.

He said the hospital board had worked for the past several months "to develop a strategic plan that will effectively strengthen our hospital for the future. As we explored our op-

tions to secure the future of the hospital to continue to serve the people of Person County," Jones continued, "it became clear that an affiliation would be critical to the future" of Person Memorial.

Jones went on to say that, as the board looked at partnering options, "Duke Lifepoint emerged as a great fit for our hospital. Duke Lifepoint shares

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Person Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees Chairman Robby Jones announced Friday morning that Duke Lifepoint Healthcare had signed a memorandum of understanding to purchase PMH, which was dedicated at its Ridge Road location in September of 1950.

2 arrested in shootings that injured 4 this week

■ Roxboro police: Investigation into both incidents continuing and more arrests are likely



Vernon Antwan Elliott Bailey

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Roxboro police arrested two men Wednesday in connection with a pair of shooting incidents that occurred in the past week within the city.

Four people suffered gunshot wounds in the two separate incidents.

Brentley Derrick Yancey, 23, of Fayetteville and Vernon Antwan Elliott Bailey, 21, of 74 Dylan St. were each arrested on multiple charges and jailed under secured bonds of \$500,000.

Both were charged with at least one felony count each of attempted first-degree murder, assault with a deadly

weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury and discharging a weapon into an occupied dwelling or vehicle. The two were also charged with misdemeanor counts of going armed to the terror of the public.

Yancey is a former Roxboro resident. He is currently in the U.S. Army and stationed at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville. He was arrested Wednesday in Fayetteville and transported back to the Person County Law Enforcement Center.

Roxboro Police Chief Deputy M.A. Kirby said Friday the investigation into the shootings was continuing and that additional arrests and charges were likely.

The Monday shooting incident oc-

curred at 1721 Sunset Drive in Ca-Vel Village shortly after 10 p.m.

At that location, shots were reportedly fired into a crowd of people attending a cookout, as well as homes and vehicles. Two persons suffered gunshot wounds at that location, including one man who was shot in the neck.

Yancey and Bailey are also charged in connection with a shooting that took place in the early morning hours last Saturday. At that location, two people suffered gunshot wounds, including one who was shot in the chest after a bullet passed through his arm.

At both locations, multiple gunshots were fired with high-powered assault rifles, according to Kirby.



Brentley Derrick Yancey

Wilkins recovering at Duke Medical Center after suffering ruptured appendix



Rep. Winkie Wilkins

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He may be in a Duke University Medical Center hospital room, but that hasn't stopped state Rep. W.A. (Winkie) Wilkins, D-Person, from keeping an eye on what's happening in Raleigh this week.

Wilkins, who has been at Duke with a ruptured appendix since Monday night, said he'd been in constant touch with his assistant and other members of the House of Representatives this week. He was prepared, and his doctors had agreed to allow him, to go to Raleigh to vote on the state budget if needed.

"We talked one time about the possibility of wheeling me into the chamber to vote," he said in a Friday telephone conversation from his hospital room. "But," Wilkins continued, "in the end

my vote would not have made a difference."

Wilkins said he was "in a good bit of pain" when he arrived at the Duke emergency department Monday night. After several days of "huge doses of antibiotics," he said Friday that he felt

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Board of Education will review proposed CTE plan at Thursday meeting

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During its regularly scheduled meeting next week the Person County Board

of Education will review several items pertaining to the 2011-12 school year.

The Person County Board of Education will hold its next meeting on Thursday, June 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the board of education board room, located on the ground floor of the Person County Office Building at 304 S. Morgan St. in Roxboro.

Nutrition Director Lyn Holt will present the 2011-12 nutrition budget proposal, as well as award next year's nutrition bids to selected vendors.

The board will also decide on a meeting time for the June 30 board meeting, and the schedule for the 2011-12 board meetings.

In other business, an update on the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Program Review and the 2011-12 local CTE plan and budget will be presented.

A program review taskforce was organized earlier in the year and held its last meeting on May 11.

The taskforce was comprised of members of the community, educators and business/industry representatives, and led by Robert White, retired director of CTE at Guilford County Schools.

The taskforce was divided into three

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Deputies seize over \$130,000 worth of marijuana Tuesday

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Law enforcement authorities seized multiple marijuana plants in Person County this week with a street value reportedly in excess of \$130,000.

The Person County Sheriff's Office, working in a joint effort with the North Carolina Highway Patrol, the National Guard and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, seized 54 plants from 11 different plots during the operation on Tuesday.

Highway Patrol and National Guard

helicopters were used as part of the operation.

Sheriff's deputies said the marijuana was seized from plots that were located in Hurdle Mills and Moriah. Each plant, deputies said, has a street value of approximately \$2,500.

Deputies also said that at one location where marijuana plants were seized two booby traps had been set.

No arrests had been made as of Friday in connection with the marijuana seizure.

Deputies said, however, the investigation was continuing and arrests were likely in the near future.



MARIJUANA SEIZED — Person County Sheriff's Office investigators seized 54 marijuana plants, valued at approximately \$2,500 each during an operation Tuesday.

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