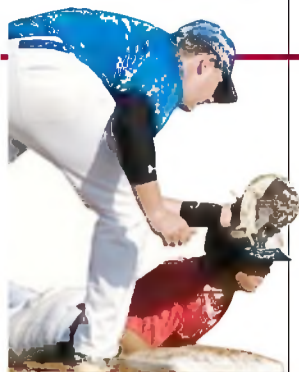
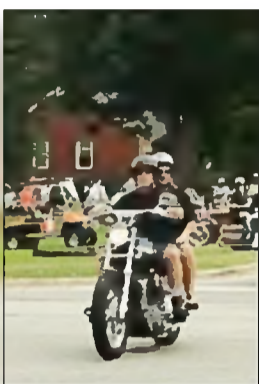


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 Roxboro's 16 & under baseball squad falls in state title series. **A6**



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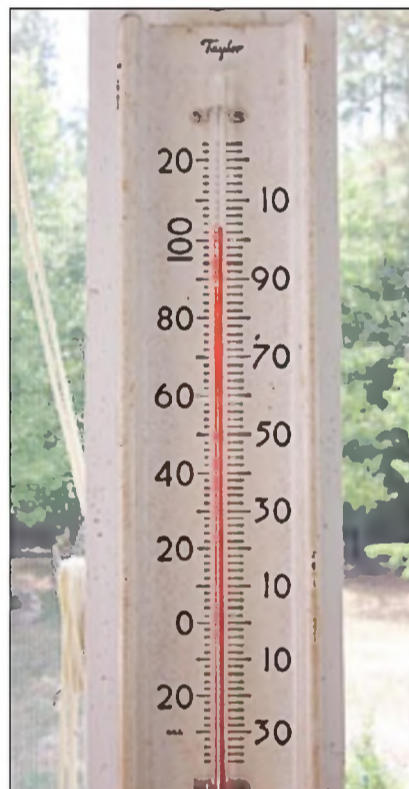
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IT'S HOT!!!

Person County has been mired in a sizzling heat wave for the better part of two weeks now and Friday was no different. In the photo above, the temperature had soared to the century mark at a Madison Boulevard business by noontime. We also spotted the temperature above the 100-degree mark at a separate business in Roxboro Friday morning prior to 11:30 a.m. In the photo at right, the temperature crept over 100 degrees earlier this week at a residence in Semora. The thermometer was located in the shade underneath a screened, covered porch. Things are likely to continue sizzling for the next few days, according to the National Weather Service. The forecast high for today is 97 degrees with a high only expected to creep slightly above 90 degrees on Sunday before roaring back near 100 degrees by early next week.



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Occupancy tax public hearing set Monday

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The Person County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing Monday to hear comments on whether the county should levy an additional one percent room occupancy tax.

The public hearing will be held before the regular Aug. 1 meeting begins.

House Bill 518 was passed by the state legislature in June, giving the county authority to increase the occupancy tax rate for motels, hotels and

bed and breakfasts in Person County.

Funds raised from the additional tax would go to support tourism and travel in the county.

According to the ratified bill, "Person County shall on a quarterly basis, remit the net proceeds of the occupancy tax to the Person County Tourism Development Authority." The bill goes on to state, "The Authority shall use at least two-thirds of the funds remitted to it under this subsection to promote travel and tourism in

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Person's jobless rate remains at 9.9%

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For the second consecutive month, Person County's unemployment rate remained just below 10 percent in June, according to numbers released Friday by the Employment Security Commission (ESC) of North Carolina.

After inching up by 0.1 percent to 9.9 percent in May, Person County's unemployment rate held steady at 9.9 percent in June, according to Friday's

ESC numbers.

One year ago, Person County had a jobless rate of 11.2 percent in the month of June.

Statewide, the unemployment rate increased in 91 of North Carolina's 100 counties in June after it had decreased in 40 counties one month earlier. Jobless rates decreased statewide in six counties and remained the same in two other counties in addition to Person. Unemployment rates increased in all 14 of the state's

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TEACHERS TEACHING TEACHERS IN PCS

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Person County Schools teachers will have the opportunity to participate in professional development sessions led by their fellow teachers this summer, through the new "T3 Professional Development."

T3 (Teachers Teaching Teachers) was developed by Paula Chandler, PCS program specialist for professional development, grant writing and public information.

With no funds budgeted for professional development in the coming school year, Chandler said that as professional development director, she had to think about how to provide teachers with quality professional development with no funding.

Chandler said she began to think about the professional development workshops that were most beneficial to her when she was a classroom teacher. She concluded that the most worthwhile sessions were always the ones led by teachers who were in the classroom at the time.

Chandler added that teachers view master teachers who they see "walking in their shoes" and having success in the classroom as having a lot of "credibility."

After sending out a district-wide survey asking educators if they felt they had resources or skills that could benefit other teachers, Chandler said she was pleased to get 15 responses from teachers working within a variety of grade levels.

The sessions will be offered on Aug. 11 and 16, and teachers have been given the opportunity

to register.

Chandler said she chose to hold the workshops before school starts because that seems to be the time when teachers are most "motivated and excited about learning something new."

Many of the sessions, noted Chandler, revolve around the use of technology in the classroom.

The Person County Board of Education recently approved a new district-level requirement in which certified personnel renewing their licenses in June 2012 should have one CEU (10 contact hours) in technology as part of the CEUs required by the state. Starting in 2014, personnel will be required to have two CEUs in technology.

The technology-based T3 sessions, said Chandler, will allow

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New logo developed to match schools' mission statement

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Person County Schools (PCS) is now releasing a new logo, following recent updates of its vision and mission statements.

"The mission of Person County Schools is to prepare students for success in a changing world," the new mission statement reads.

PCS Program Specialist for Grant Writing, Professional

Development and Public Information Paula Chandler said that since the new statements "brought [PCS] into the 21st century," the system wanted to do the same with the logo.

The old logo, with the apple (formed from the letters "PCS") sitting on top of the book, was introduced around 1992, said Chandler. There is no evidence of a logo prior to that time, she said.

In developing a new logo,

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Proposed redistricting maps likely headed for legal challenge

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The North Carolina General Assembly approved redistricting maps this week that could change the make up of state Senate and House districts, and the U.S. congressional district in which Person County lies.

State Rep. W.A. (Winkie) Wilkins, D-Person, said Friday that the changes involving his district, which now includes all of Person and a section of northern Durham County, could put him in contention with fellow

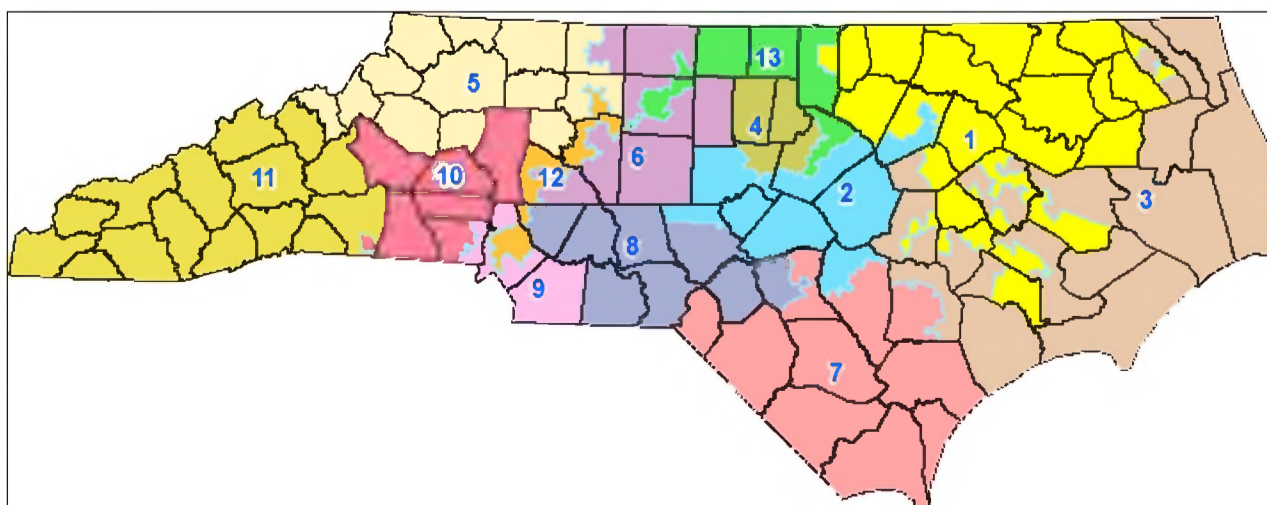
Democrat, Rep. Jim Crawford in Granville County.

Crawford, a Granville County native, has served 14 terms in the House of Representatives.

The newly drawn District 2, should it survive a court challenge that Wilkins said would be a certainty, would have Wilkins representing all of Person and portions of southern Granville County, with the exclusion of "one little old finger that includes [Crawford's] hometown," Wilkins said earlier this week.

According to the maps ap-

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North Carolina's proposed U.S. Congressional districts