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## Ridge Road, Chub Lake Street project still in the works

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Although it may at times seem as if nothing is being done, the City of Roxboro is moving forward with a project to widen the road, build a turning lane and place a stoplight at the intersec-

tion of Ridge Road and Chub Lake Street.

The city had submitted an application for federal funding that would have paid for the project in 2008, but the North Carolina Department of Transportation was slow to approve it.

Interim City Manager Tommy Warren said the city did not re-

ceive notice to proceed from the DOT in time to meet guidelines for full federal funding, however, so now the city must come up with 20 percent of the funding.

The cost of the project is now around \$450,000 and the NCDOT is responsible for 80 percent of that figure, which comes from federal highway funds. The cost

of the project has nearly doubled since the city began working on DOT approval three years ago. The city has sought extra funding because of the delays and increase in costs associated with the project.

Summit Engineering was contracted to do the design, survey and bid administration of the

project. That work must now be redone, Warren said.

Warren received notice recently that state Department of Transportation board member Chuck Watts had agreed to support the city's request for an additional \$100,000 in funding to

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### WHAT'S GOING ON?



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A water main break has caused havoc this week at Piedmont Community College. Work continued on the problem area Tuesday. The water main break forced PCC officials to halt classes Monday at 1 p.m. The daycare center at PCC was closed Monday at 12:30 p.m.

## 80 students in South district headed to new schools this year

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As of Tuesday, Person County Schools (PCS) had a total of 80 students in the South Elementary School district that would be enrolling at either Oak Lane or Stories Creek in the fall, after South's recent designation as a School of Choice.

When preliminary end-of-

grade test results for the 2010-11 academic year indicated earlier this summer that South Elementary School had not met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in the same subject (math) for two consecutive years, placing it under the designation of Title I School Improvement, PCS began making plans to offer transfer options for South students.

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## Michael Day resigns as EMS director; Payne named interim

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Person County Emergency Management Services Director Michael Day abruptly resigned from his position last Tuesday.

Day's tenure as EMS director for Person County began in August of 2005.

Person County Manager Heidi York, who declined comment on the specifics of Day's

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## 'A very exciting partnership'

### PCC, county will jointly administer cultural arts program

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Piedmont Community College and Person County are entering "a very exciting partnership," according to County Manager Heidi York.

During last week's meeting of the county commissioners, York and PCC President Dr. Walter Bartlett told commissioners that the county and the college would jointly administer the cultural arts program here.

Under the agreement, PCC will act as an independent contractor with the county. The two entities will jointly hire an administrator

who will be housed at the Kirby Theater and Gallery to oversee programming, performances, facility operations and class instruction.

Classrooms will be located in the old Roxboro Florist building, adjacent to the Kirby Theater. Bartlett said he anticipated seeing 50 to 100 students per day receiving instruction in art, sculpture, ceramics and music in the three classrooms to be housed at the site.

Bringing art students to the Uptown area instead of in classrooms on the PCC campus would offer "more of an artistic set-

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The old Roxboro Florist building, adjacent to the Kirby Theater, will soon house classrooms where students will receive instruction in art, sculpture, ceramics and music. Piedmont Community College and Person County recently entered into a partnership to jointly administer the cultural arts program in Person County.

### DEATHS

Mary Cousin Burton, 93

Roxboro

Voye Joshua Hill, 85

Roxboro

James B. Miller, 66

Blanch

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