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Duke LifePoint, PMH trustees sign agreement for acquisition of hospital

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"This acquisition is an exciting development for our employees, physicians, patients and community."

Those were the words of Robby Jones, chairman of the Person Memorial Hospital (PMH) Board of Trustees Friday after it was announced that Duke LifePoint Healthcare and PMH had signed a definitive agreement for Duke

LifePoint to acquire PMH. Duke LifePoint Healthcare is a joint venture of Duke University Health System, Inc. and LifePoint Hospitals.

Jones announced in June that PMH and Duke LifePoint Healthcare had entered into a memorandum of understanding for the acquisition of the hospital.

According to a Duke LifePoint news release, Friday's transaction "is expected to close within the next 60 to 90 days, subject to review and approval" by the

state's attorney general's office "and the satisfaction of other customary closing conditions."

In June, Jones said that all current employees of PMH would be guaranteed a job under the terms of the acquisition. He also said the employees may get better benefits than those they have now.

Terms of the agreement between the PMH Board of Trustees and Duke LifePoint Healthcare were not disclosed Friday.

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Duke LifePoint Healthcare signed a definitive agreement Friday to acquire Person Memorial Hospital.

Some changes announced for PCS bus routes

Former South students attending Oak Lane or Stories Creek will board buses much earlier

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With Person County Schools' new academic year beginning Thursday, Aug. 25, students riding buses will need to know when and where to get on the bus.

According to PCS Transportation Information Management System Coordinator Carol Bowes, parents of students in the South Elementary district attending Oak Lane or Stories Creek elementary schools should pay special attention to bus transportation details this year.

Because South was designated a Title I School of Improvement this year, students in the South district had the option of attending either Oak Lane or Stories Creek, the two schools designated as choices by the Person County Board of Education.

The children attending one of the alternate options will be bused directly to the school they will be attending.

Bowes advised parents, "Their children will be picked up on different buses and generally much earlier than they were used to when their child was attending South."

She added that parents should attend the school's open house to find out their child's bus number, and what time the bus will be arriving at the stop, as well as speak with the child's bus driver.

Because multiple buses heading to different schools may be coming to any given stop in the South district, Bowes said parents and students should also check the sign in the bus stairwell bearing the name of the school the bus is going to. A sign will be included in each of the buses that are taking children in the South district to one of the other two choice schools. Parents may also want to speak with the driver, said Bowes, and make sure their child is going to the right place.

All PCS children and their par-

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Cameron Bray fills out an information form in Wanda Ball's class on the first day of school at Roxboro Community School Wednesday.

'OUTSTANDING'

Opening days go smoothly at RCS

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On Thursday afternoon Roxboro Community School principal Walter Finnigan chose one word to describe the first two days of the new school year at RCS: "outstanding."

RCS welcomed students back on Wednesday, and everything, Finnigan said, had gone

smoothly, from schedules to car lines.

Finnigan said students were busy getting to know their classes and one another, as well as getting used to a new routine.

Ninth-grader Alyssa Cheek said she was both excited and nervous to be starting high school this year. Cheek, who hopes to one day become a doctor, said one of the things she

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Raleigh man dies in Monday accident

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A Raleigh man, who was a Person County native, died Monday as a result of injuries he sustained when the John Deere Gator he was operating on Carl Adcock Road was struck by a passenger vehicle.

Dale Martin Adcock, 73, died Monday in the Duke University Medical Center Trauma Unit. He had been transported via medical helicopter to Duke after initially being taken by Person County EMS to Person Memorial Hospital.

According to investigating North Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper B.B. Fleetwood, Adcock was driving the John Deere Gator north on Carl Adcock Road when he was struck by a 2005 Chevrolet, which was driven by David Stephens, 32, of 584 Hazel Lawson Rd.

The accident occurred at approximately 12:30 p.m., 9.2 miles north-east of Roxboro.

Trooper Fleetwood said Friday that Stephens was cited for careless and reckless driving and driving while license revoked.

A memorial service for Adcock was held Friday in Raleigh.

Voter registration will be offered at Personality

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The Person County Board of Elections will hold a voter registration drive at the upcoming Personality Festival on Saturday, Aug. 27 for those who need to register or those who need to update their voter information.

According to Board of Elections Director Brenda Whitlow, "In preparation for the upcoming Municipal Election, which will be held on Oct. 11, and the 2012 May primary the Person County Board of Elec-

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Amanda Weaver is county's new Children Services librarian

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Amanda Weaver has joined the staff of the Person County Public Library, as Children Services librarian.

"We're delighted to have Amanda join the library staff as our new children's librarian,"

Library Director Christy Bondy said Wednesday.

Bondy, who served as children's librarian before stepping up as director last October, said Weaver was "settling in" quite well in her new role.

Weaver grew up in a library. Her mother worked at the Henderson County Public Library for most of Weaver's childhood.

"Since the age of 10, I have known that I wanted to do something in the library field," Weaver said this week. "I remember reading in those quiet corners books in a variety of genres. I found that books had a special hold on me. The people and the stories, the active intelligence of whatever"

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Amanda Weaver is the new Children Services librarian for the Person County Public Library.