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## School of choice class sizes will be monitored by PCS

### Person County Schools' students will begin new year Thursday morning

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Person County Schools will start its first day of classes

Thursday, and central office staff will be keeping an eye on enrollment numbers and class sizes at the district's two school of choice options — Oak Lane and Stories Creek elementary schools — ac-

cording to PCS Human Resources Director Dan Holloman.

Oak Lane and Stories Creek were designated transfer options for students in the South Elementary district this year, after South

was placed under Title I School Improvement.

Currently, Stories Creek and Oak Lane have a total of approximately 85 to 90 students enrolled from the South district. Trans-

fers were accepted until Aug. 17, the first day back to school for teachers.

Two teachers had been moved

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## 'I feel the earth move'

### 5.9 quake near Richmond rattles walls in Person

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The Courier-Times was inundated with telephone calls Tuesday afternoon at approximately 2 p.m. Carole King was not one of the callers, but one would surmise many were likely humming the lyrics to her former hit song, *I Feel the Earth Move*.

Yes, Personians, that rattling, rumbling and shaking felt across Person County was the result of an earthquake.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) reported that an earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale occurred at 1:51 p.m. Tuesday near Mineral and Louisa, Va., which are approximately 40 miles northwest of Richmond. The earthquake was the largest in Virginia since May 5, 1897, according to the USGS.

The earthquake was reportedly felt as far south as Atlantic Beach; as far north as New York City; and as far west as Ohio. Reports Tuesday were that portions of the Pentagon, White House, Capitol and National Mall in Washington, D.C. were evacuated.

People throughout Person County felt the effects of the earthquake, which the USGS said was about a half-mile below ground.

According to North Carolina Emergency Management officials there were no immediate re-

ports of damage in the state and The C-T was not informed of any damage locally by Person County Emergency Management Services officials.

No damage may have been reported, but shortly after The C-T updated its Facebook page, stories from Personians began pouring in.

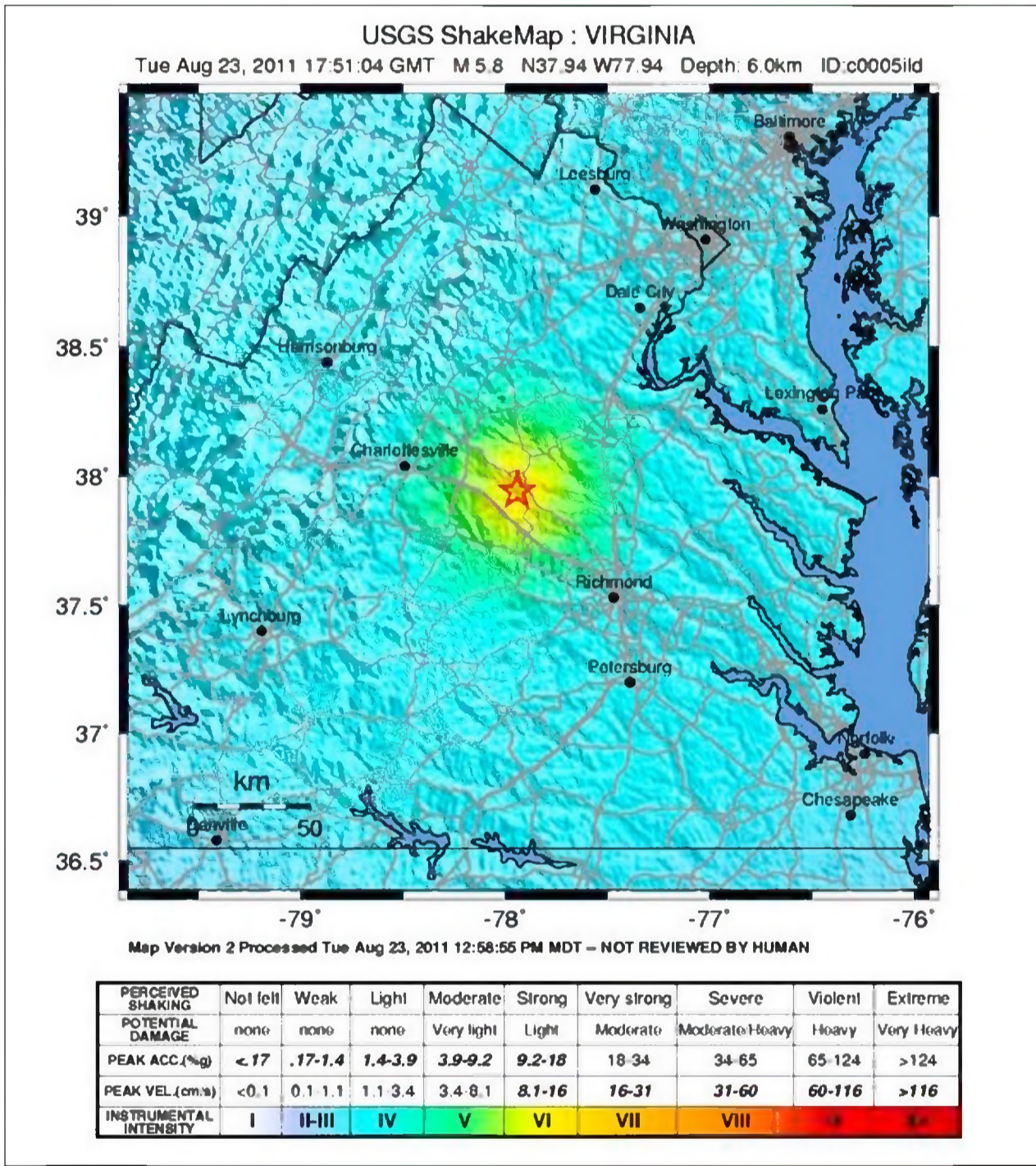
"The Roxboro Building shook pretty good," Randy King, owner of Electronic Solutions, Inc., wrote. The building shook "enough so that we all proceeded out the front door to see what was going on. Front doors continued to rattle until the end. Haven't felt anything like that since working at the power plant and the turbine out of balance during start-up. Lots of steel and concrete moving."

"We had [pictures] fall, the computer monitor walk and my child's crib shook and woke her up," Becky Johnson Link posted. "It was a little unnerving."

Facebook reports on The C-T site also indicated that the earthquake was felt at Piedmont Security Insurance on Durham Road, Piedmont Parachute on Durham Road, Person High School and in Hurdle Mills.

"Felt it here in South Boston, Va., Samantha Williams Hall wrote. "Shook my house, knocked two glasses off the counter and moved my [refrigerator]. Not an experience I liked alone."

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## Rougemont woman struck by car, dies

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A Rougemont woman died Friday night as a result of injuries she sustained when she was struck by a vehicle on N.C. 49 North.

April Lynn Walters Walker, 35, of 220 Wiley Lunsford Rd. in Rougemont was pronounced

dead at Person Memorial Hospital following the accident that occurred just prior to 9 p.m., 1.3 miles north of Roxboro.

According to a report filed by investigating North Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper J.A. Gentry, Walker "darted into the travel lanes" of N.C. 49 North and was struck in the northbound lane by a 2004 Cadillac, which was driven by Thomas

Mitchell Blanks, 47, of 752 Wind Dancer Lane. Blanks was reportedly traveling 45 miles per hour at the time, which is the posted speed limit on that portion of N.C. 49 North.

No charges were filed in connection with the accident.

A memorial service for Walker will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Brooks & White Funeral Home Chapel.



Ray Jeffers

## Jeffers elected first vice president of NCACC

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Person County Commissioner Ray Jeffers was elected first vice president of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners on Saturday during the association's annual conference, which was held in Cabarrus County.

Superior Court Judge Jim Ammons performed the inaugu-

ration ceremony for Jeffers and the other elected commissioners who will serve as NCACC officers in 2011-12.

As first vice president of the NCACC, Jeffers will work closely with the other members of the NCACC Executive Committee to guide the NCACC Board of Directors on legislative and administrative issues affecting counties throughout the year.

Jeffers is in his first term as a member of the Person Board

of County Commissioners. He has served as a member of the NCACC Board of Directors in each of the past two years.

In 2010-11, he chaired the association's Task Force on Youth Involvement. In 2009-10, he chaired the NCACC Agriculture Steering Committee.

Jeffers is also the NCACC's designee on the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund Board.

"I am truly honored to be elected by my peers and colleagues from across the state," Jeffers said. "Having chaired two NCACC committees and serving two consecutive years on the board of directors, I am overjoyed and looking forward to this new position and the years leading up to my term as president."

"I have outlined two initiatives I desire to undertake during

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