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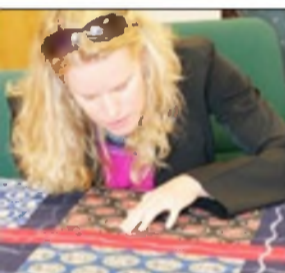
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## Council close to hiring new city manager

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Roxboro City Council is close to hiring a new city manager.

Mayor Sam Spencer said Tuesday that he and council members had narrowed the field of 46 candidates down to a final few and would likely "be able to extend an offer to the successful candidate" in two weeks or less.

He said the council had "completed the initial interviews"

with finalists and was now "gathering information for a final assessment in selecting a new manager."

Spencer said council would meet again next week to make that assessment, and hopefully make an offer the following week.

The mayor said council members had originally set October as the date of hire for the new manager, who will succeed Jon Barlow, who left in March to take over as Fuquay Varina town

manager.

Spencer said the month of October was chosen as the target date because, by the time council had advertised for the position, as required by statutes, allowed time for candidates to submit applications, and narrowed down the field, the successful candidate would need time to work a notice in his or her current position.

Advertisements for the Roxboro city manager position ran from early April, shortly after Barlow resigned, until July 15.

The city advertised in the League of Municipalities' newsletter, *Southern Cities*, and in newspapers.

Spencer noted that, given the economic situation in the state and nation now, "There are a lot of well-qualified people out there looking for work."

Since Barlow left on March 25, Assistant City Manager Tommy Warren has served as interim manager. He has been on staff

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Roxboro Mayor Sam Spencer

## Person's jobless rate climbs to 10.4 percent in July

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After remaining just below 10 percent for two consecutive months, Person County's unemployment rate climbed above that threshold in July, according to numbers released Friday by the Employment Security Commission (ESC) of North Carolina.

Person County's jobless rate, which had remained steady at 9.9 percent in May and June, climbed 0.5 percent in July to 10.4 percent, according to Friday's ESC numbers.

One year ago, Person County had an unemployment rate of 10.9 percent in July.

Statewide, the unemployment rate decreased in 48 of North Carolina's 100 counties in July after it increased in 91 counties in June.

Jobless rates in July statewide increased in 39 counties and remained the same in 13. Rates decreased in 11 of the state's Metropolitan Statistical Areas, increased in two and remained the same in one.

Not seasonally adjusted, government sector job loss off-

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## RPD K-9 Officer Danny receives bulletproof vest

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Danny works for the Roxboro Police Department (RPD). His job involves apprehending criminals and working in narcotic detection.

Danny is also a dog, and like his human counterparts in the department, he sometimes faces situations where he could be at high risk for bodily harm. Now Danny will have the same protection the officers do, as the RPD was recently granted a bulletproof vest for Danny through the Colorado-based non-profit organization Kevlar for K9s.

Roxboro Police Sgt. Daniel Roberson thought of K-9 Danny after the department received a vest grant for its officers, which was used to provide new vests for officers whose vests were about to expire. However, when ordering the vests earlier this month, he discovered that the grant didn't cover K-9s. Roberson then turned to IACP Net, an online network through the

International Association of Chiefs of Police that the department had been a member of for less than two weeks. In searching the network's database for grants, he found the Kevlar for K9s Web site, put in a request for a vest, and within the same day the department had been approved at no cost for a vest worth almost \$800.

According to Roxboro Police Chief Todd Boycher, initial membership into IACP Net cost around \$800, and was included as part of the department's "small capital outlay" this past year. In addition to grants, membership with the network allows the department access to policies, programs and peer communication, among other things. With one grant, Boycher said, the initial cost was covered, and any other benefits the department receives through the network will be extra.

Danny's handler, Officer Chris Cates, is glad to have the extra protection for his K-9 partner. He said he was grate-

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Tyler Deion Bowes-McCoy

## 'What happened to him was so unfair'

### Roxboro woman wants story of grandson's death told

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Tyler Deion Bowes-McCoy was born prematurely on June 5, 2007. He also died prematurely, from an apparent brutal beating,

on Oct. 4, 2009.

Last month, a jury in Pittsylvania County, Va. convicted a 36-year-old nurse of second degree murder for Tyler's death, and recommended a prison sentence of 40 years.

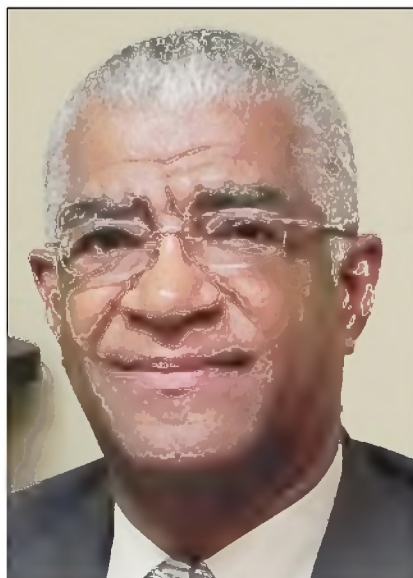
Stephanie Scates was dating

Tyler's father at the time of the child's death. She agreed to keep Tyler while his dad watched a football game with friends. The child was rushed to the hospital later that night, with 25 head in-

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## Eugene C. Hines is new CEO of PFMDC

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PFMDC CEO EUGENE C. HINES

New Person Family Medical and Dental Centers (PFMDC) CEO Eugene C. Hines spent 32 years working in the public health field for state and county government, and several years as a private consultant. Now he is spending time getting to know PFMDC and the Roxboro community, with the goal of improving on the center's commitment to provide quality health services

to Personians.

A North Carolina native, Hines earned a master's degree from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health in 1975, after which he took a job with the state as a sickle cell program consultant in western North Carolina.

He had also worked with North Carolina Memorial Hospital (now UNC Hospitals). Hines later served as director of the Lee County Health Department, and held similar positions in other counties.

Hines learned about the opening at PFMDC while searching for opportunities to offer consulting services to rural community health centers. He said his interest in leading a community health center was sparked further after talking with the CEO of the North Carolina Community Health Center Association, as well as others who had served as CEOs of community health centers.

He became CEO of PFMDC on June 1.

"I feel very welcomed to the

community," Hines said. "Everybody's been very friendly, both in the agency and the community people I've met so far. I feel that I've gotten tremendous support from the board of directors, and look forward to continuing working with them."

Hines said he believed it most important that the public know how important it is to have "regular preventive care," and that people not wait until they are sick to see a medical or dental

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