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## New dates approved for Personality



The streets in Uptown Roxboro were filled with people at last year's Personality Festival. This year's event has been rescheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15, and Sunday, Oct. 16.

## Annual festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 15 & Sunday, Oct. 16

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After gaining approval from Roxboro City Council earlier this week, the Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce has officially announced the rescheduled dates for the annual Personality Festival in Uptown Roxboro.

The 32nd annual event will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, and Sunday, Oct. 16.

Personality was originally scheduled for Friday, Aug. 26, and Saturday, Aug. 27; however, weather uncertainties related to Hurricane Irene forced the post-

ponement of the event.

Initially, organizers planned to reschedule Personality for Friday, Oct. 14 and Saturday, Oct. 16, Roxboro Area Chamber of Commerce President Marcia O'Neil said the Friday, Oct. 14, date conflicted with homecoming at Person High School, though.

O'Neil told *The Courier-Times* that in addition to receiving approval from Roxboro City Council, Personality organizers also received "the blessings" of Long Memorial United Methodist Church and Roxboro Baptist Church to hold the event on

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## 2011 SAT scores released, but can't be compared to 2010

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SAT reports came in this week for public schools, but because of a change in the reporting of scores, the 2011 data can't be compared to the results reported in 2010.

According to the N.C. Department of Public Instruction (DPI), under the College Board's new rules, 2011 reports included all test-takers through

June, while previous years' reports only included those students who took the test through March. Test-takers were included in the annual cohort for test administrations through June in 2010, but the College Board only reported scores through March.

At Person High School, the average combined critical reading and math score among the 166 senior test-takers was 939

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## State's jobless rate climbs to 10.4% in August

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For the third consecutive month, North Carolina's unemployment rate rose slightly in August to 10.4 percent, according to information released Friday by the state's Employment Security Commission (ESC).

The state's jobless rate in July was 10.1 percent, which was up from 9.9 percent in June. In the three months prior to June, North Carolina's unem-

ployment rate had held steady at 9.7 percent.

Friday's release detailing the state's unemployment rate for August noted that the labor market retracted last month and even with an employment increase of 16,500 workers, the unemployment rate for August was 10.4 percent.

"Since January, the data shows private sector job growth," ESC Chairman Lynn R. Holmes said. "The Employ-

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## City gives nod to MCNC's plan to link schools to high speed Internet network

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The City of Roxboro will allow Microelectronics Center of North Carolina (MCNC) to install fiber optic cable in city rights of way in order for MCNC to link public schools and Piedmont Community College to a high speed Internet network.

According to MCNC's Web site, "In 2009, MCNC teamed up

with North Carolina education, government and business communities to connect all 115 K-12 public school districts to [the North Carolina Research and Education Network] NCREN." As a part of this ongoing project, MCNC is also "implementing a plan to provide services to community colleges and charter schools in North Carolina."

MCNC first approached the city a few months ago, but city

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## A chill in the air

Personians woke up Friday morning to temperatures dramatically colder than Thursday's highs, which were in the upper 80s. Temperatures were in the 50s Friday morning and stayed that way throughout the day, forcing many to find some fall and winter apparel. In the photo above, Mike Wilson opted for a hooded jacket before he began mowing this lawn at a North Main Street residence.

## Commissioners to consider new location for PCC's EOC

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The Person Board of County Commissioners will meet in regular session Monday, Sept. 19, at 9 a.m.

At the meeting, commission-

ers will review a memorandum of understanding between Piedmont Community College (PCC) and the county for use of property at 204 W. Barden St.

The property, located beside the Person County Emergency Management Services building, formerly served as the site of the

county's health department and the Person Counseling Center. In recent years, the facility has been used for storage purposes by the county.

According to information released by County Manager Heidi

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