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It was announced this week that Person Memorial Hospital has officially joined Duke LifePoint Healthcare.

Duke LifePoint's acquisition of Person Memorial finalized

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"Duke LifePoint brings new resources and capabilities to

Person Memorial [Hospital], which will strengthen the hospital and its ability to respond to the healthcare needs of people in this region."

Robby Jones, chairman of

the Person Memorial Hospital (PMH) Board of Trustees, spoke those words Monday after it was announced that PMH had officially joined Duke LifePoint Healthcare, a joint

venture of the Duke University Health System and LifePoint Hospitals.

The PMH transaction was

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New PMH CEO will begin work on Oct. 17

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Person Memorial Hospital (PMH) will have a new chief executive officer (CEO) on Oct. 17.

Duke LifePoint Healthcare on Tuesday announced that Chad Brown has been appointed CEO replacing Jamie Guin, who has served as CEO at PMH since 2008.

Duke LifePoint Healthcare, a joint venture of the Duke University Health System and LifePoint Hospitals, announced Monday that it had finalized acquisition of PMH.

Brown brings more than 15 years of healthcare experience to PMH. Most recently, he served as president and CEO of Caring Transitions of Greater Knoxville (Tenn.), a senior services company.

"Chad is a proven leader with a track record of success in all aspects of hospital administration — from patient satisfaction and physician relations to process improvement and market development," Jeff Seraphine, president of Duke LifePoint Healthcare and a LifePoint Hospitals division president, said. "We feel strongly that Chad is the right fit for Person Memorial and the community it serves."

Brown was also previously vice president of operations at Fort Sanders Regional Medical Centers in Knoxville, chief operating officer at Hendersonville (Tenn.) Medical Center, associate administrator at Ocala (Fla.) Regional Medical Center and associate administrator at Allegheny Regional Hospital in Low Moor, Va.

In addition, Brown is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Exec-

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BHCS makes final payment on land acquired in '08

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Bethel Hill Charter School (BHCS) made its final payment Tuesday of last week on land it acquired in 2008.

According to BHCS Principal John Betterton, Bill Shotwell agreed to sell the land to the school to allow Bethel Hill room for a bus parking lot. Shotwell also agreed to finance the purchase. The school has been making payments of about \$30,000 each year since 2008, with the largest part of each payment coming from parents of BHCS students, said Betterton.

"The BHCS [Parent/Teacher Organization] has been very generous to help the school meet each of those payments," Betterton said.

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Waving at Relay

Cindy and Steve Watkins wave to other Relay for Life attendees as they start the Cancer Survivors' Walk Friday. Pictured in front is Mary Grace Schumacher. See page B1 for more Relay for Life photos.

Early voting totals for city positions may surpass 2009

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Early voting totals for the City of Roxboro's municipal elections are on pace to be higher than the most recent city elections in 2009, according to Person County Elections Director Brenda Whitlow.

Shortly before 1 p.m. Tuesday, Whitlow said that 196 votes had been cast during the early voting period, which continues through 1 p.m. Saturday.

Two years ago, Whitlow said a total of 216 early votes were cast for the city elections.

"It looks like it's going to be about like normal," Whitlow said. "Looking at the

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Jim Thorpe

Jim Thorpe: 'It's good to be back'

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CARY — "It's good to be back."

Roxboro native and professional golfer Jim Thorpe spoke those words Saturday morning

prior to teeing off in the second round of the Champions Tour annual stop in Cary at the SAS Championship.

Thorpe was addressing a fan standing near the first tee. The fan called out to Thorpe and said, "It's good to have you back, Jim."

Thorpe, 62, missed a year of

competition on the Champions Tour after he was sentenced in January of 2010 to one year in federal prison for failing to pay income taxes.

Thorpe began his 12-month sentence in April of 2010 at a minimum-security federal prison in Montgomery, Ala. He was

released from that facility in late January of this year and served the remainder of his sentence at a halfway house in Florida.

The prison sentence was handed down after Thorpe pleaded guilty in September of 2009 to two

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