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'If it's for the betterment of the county, let it be'

BOE appears poised to transfer former Helena School property to commissioners

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"If it's for the betterment of the county, let it be," Jimmy Wilkins, vice chair-

man of the Person County Board of Education, spoke those words Monday referencing the possible transfer of the former Helena School property from the school board to the Person Board of County Commissioners.

Ownership of the former Helena School property in Timberlake appears as if it will soon be transferred to commissioners. That was the general consensus Monday when commissioners met in joint session with the

board of education. Commissioners last month passed a resolution requesting the board of education transfer the Helena property to the county. Board of education members

got their first look at the resolution during Monday's meeting. The request from commissioners came after board of education officials recently announced

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FRANK BERRY

Fun at Personality Festival

Chance Farmer helps Noah Blackwell tackle the slide during the annual Personality Festival this past Saturday morning in Uptown Roxboro. For more photos of the annual two-day festival, please see page B1 of today's edition.

2 more arrested on heels of recent drug probe

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Law enforcement officials this week released information on two more suspects arrested in connection with "Operation Peek-A-Boo," a five-month undercover investigation.

Forty people were arrested last week by sheriff's deputies who began their roundup on the heels of the investigation last Wednesday.

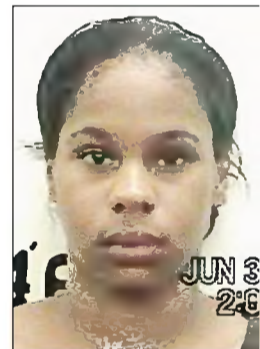
Person County Sheriff Dewey Jones said last week that Operation Peek-A-Boo, which began in May and continued through September, utilized video and audio equipment to help document illegal drug activity.

The vast majority of those arrested in connection with the investigation were placed under secured bonds of \$100,000 after the District 9-A district attorney's office bypassed the district court level, sought indictments from the Person County Grand Jury and then sought secured bonds in Person County Superior Court.

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James Roach III



Jessica D. Wade

Middle schools in county receive state recognition

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Southern Middle School and Northern Middle School each earned recognition for advances in effectively implementing the Positive Behavior Intervention & Support (PBIS)

initiative. Person County Schools (PCS) is currently in the process of training and implementing PBIS system wide.

According to a PCS press release, PBIS is a statewide initiative that focuses on decreasing

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Roxboro
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Professional development heightening this year

PCS teachers prepping for new state standards

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For Person County Schools, along with other schools in the state, this is the year for professional development.

While professional development workshops are always a regular aspect of the teaching profession, a heightened and more consistent effort by the state and local districts is being made in the area, in order to prepare teachers for the new curriculum and learning standards that will be implemented in schools statewide next fall.

According to a North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (DPI) press release, the state's Race to the Top grant is funding the professional development on

the new Common Core and Essential Standards. The Common Core Standards cover reading and math, while the Essential Standards include all other content areas, such as science and social studies.

Each school district, said PCS Program Specialist for Grant Writing, Professional Development and Public Information Paula Chandler, was charged with forming its own professional development team, which Chandler said in Person County consists of a mixture of representatives from all disciplines within the schools. The PCS team attends training sessions led by DPI staff, and in turn brings the required training to the rest of the school personnel, said Chandler.



Person County Schools' teachers work in groups during a recent professional development session. Pictured, left to right, are Jim Van Farowe, Brad Bailey and John Koket.

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