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Emergency notification system in place for county

CodeRED made possible by partnership between Progress Energy & health department

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 "This is a great service and a great example of partnership within our community."
 Person County Manager Heidi York spoke those words Monday morning when discussing a

partnership between the Person County Health Department and Progress Energy that will provide county residents an emergency communication network.
 The alert system, called CodeRed, allows officials to quickly deliver messages to Personians during emergency and hazardous situations. Citizens will re-

ceive automated calls from the system in such instances using numbers stored in the county's 911 database.
 Messages can be targeted to specific areas or the county as a whole. The system is capable of automatically performing thousands of calls per hour.
 "During severe weather and

other emergency situations, the ability to communicate important safety information quickly is essential," York said. "The CodeRed system gives us a powerful new tool to keep the public informed and help to ensure the safety of the citizens of Person County."
 Health Director Janet Clayton

told the Person Board of County Commissioners Monday that the health department and Progress Energy formed a partnership this past spring with mutual interest for the implementation of an emergency communication system for the county.
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MIPs replace action plans for PCS teachers

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 Teacher "action plans," used in schools as a tool to improve teacher performance, have now been replaced with Mandatory Improvement Plans (MIP), due to legislation passed during the most recent session of the General Assembly.
 North Carolina Session Law 2011-348, Senate Bill 466 states, "A mandatory improvement plan is an instrument designed to improve a teacher's performance or the performance of any licensed employee in a low-performing school by providing the individual with notice of specific performance areas that have substantial deficiencies and a

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State's jobless rate inches up in September

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 For the fourth consecutive month, North Carolina's unemployment rate rose slightly in September to 10.5 percent, according to information released Friday by the state's Employment Security Commission (ESC).
 The state's jobless rate in August was 10.4 percent, which was up from 10.1 in July and 9.9 percent in June. In the three months prior to June, North Carolina's unemployment rate had held steady at 9.7 percent.
 Friday's release detailing the state's unemployment rate for September noted that, despite an increase in the jobless rate for the month, the number of employed people in North Carolina increased slightly.
 Since September 2010, private

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Crews demolished the former Kirby house at the intersection of Ridge Road and Chub Lake Street this week in preparation for a turning lane and traffic light at the intersection.

'When the walls came tumbling down'

Demolition of house first noticeable step toward turning lane, traffic light at Ridge Road/Chub Lake Street intersection

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 The first major noticeable step in the project to widen the road, build a turning lane and place a stoplight at the intersection of Ridge Road and Chub Lake Street was taken this week.
 The former Kirby house, a longstanding fixture at the intersection, was demolished Wednesday.
 Interim City Manager Tom-

my Warren told Roxboro City Council this week that the house would be torn down. He also added that the North Carolina Department of Transportation is reviewing the redesign of the intersection and traffic signal.
 The project is being done through a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant.
 The purpose of the work is to provide a left turning lane on Ridge Road so that cars will be able to turn right

on Chub Lake without waiting for left-turning traffic, thus not idling as long, which contributes to air quality problems. The stoplight would allow cars to turn right on red from Ridge onto Chub Lake Street.
 The funding for the project is offered to municipalities through Rural Planning

Organization funding to aid in reducing transportation-related emissions that lead to increased levels of air pollutants. When cars sit idling, waiting to turn onto or off of either of the roads, there are increased emissions, leading to more pollution, Warren told *The C-T* in an earlier interview.



Mayor's reception

A group of German Exchange students gather at Roxboro City Hall for the Mayor's reception Wednesday afternoon. Refreshments were provided by Alpha Delta Kappa.

Carson Lunsford also earns spot in state Distinguished Young Women competition

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 Person High School student Carson Lunsford was named 2012 Distinguished Young Woman of Caswell County on Oct. 15 after participating in the Distinguished Young Women (DYW) - Eastern At-Large program.
 The at-large option is available to young women who don't have a program in their county. Because Lunsford lives in Caswell County, she wasn't eligible to compete in the DYW of Roxboro program.
 For Lunsford and her three fel-



Carson Lunsford

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