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## Person County's jobless rate falls below 10%

### Number of unemployed Personians decreases by 85 after also falling one month earlier

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For the second straight month, Person County's unemployment rate declined, according to numbers released Friday by the Em-

ployment Security Commission (ESC) of North Carolina.

The latest ESC numbers revealed that Person County's jobless rate in September dropped 0.6 percent to 9.6 percent. That decrease came after a decline of 0.2 percent in August.

One year ago, Person County had an unemployment rate of 9.5 percent in September.

Statewide, the unemployment rate decreased in 92 of 100 counties in September after it had increased in 47 counties in August. Unemployment rates in Sep-

tember increased in four counties statewide and remained the same in four.

Rates decreased in all 14 of the state's Metropolitan Statistical Areas. One month earlier, the rate increased in 10 of those areas.

The September data demonstrates a decrease in the unemployment rate for most of North Carolina's counties," ESC Chairman Lynn R. Holmes said. "However, many counties still face

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This residence on Morgan Street is festively decorated for the fall season and for Halloween and even has a hairy bystander (left) present to greet people who will be out trick-or-treating on Halloween on Monday night.

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## Trick-or-treating set Monday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m.

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Children throughout Roxboro and Person County will be hitting the streets Monday night to take part in the annual Hallow-

een trick-or-treat festivities.

Roxboro Police Chief Todd Boycher and Person County Sheriff Dewey Jones have announced that trick-or-treating will be observed in Roxboro and Person County from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Monday.

Boycher also said he would prefer to see the majority of trick-or-treating completed early in the evening.

"We would love for the trick-or-treaters to go out as early as possible," Boycher said. "If they are out after dark, we would pre-

fer to see them accompanied by a responsible adult."

Boycher said he would "caution parents to know where their children are at all times and to stay in populated areas."

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## PCS' report cards available online

Person County Schools (PCS) report cards of annual progress for the 2010-2011 school year are now available online. School officials will be distributing hard copies of their individual school's report card to parents in the next couple of weeks.

The report cards, which are in the 10<sup>th</sup> year of publication, feature a collection of information about student performance and attendance, class size, school safety, teacher quality and classroom technology. The School Report Cards Web site features data from the school, district and state levels for the 2010-11 school year.

Schools Supt. Dr. Larry W. Carter commented, "The School Report Cards is a good way for the community, parents and other

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## Operation Medicine Drop today at Wal-Mart

The Person County Sheriff's Office will participate in the Operation Medicine Drop Take Back Event today from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Wal-Mart on the Durham Road.

Personians will be allowed to bring prescription and over-the-counter medicines to the take-back event. Law enforcement authorities will then destroy the medications.

Operation Medicine Drop is a partnership of Safe Kids North Carolina, the Riverkeepers of North Carolina, Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of North Carolina and local law enforcement agencies working together to encourage the public to safely dispose of unused and unwanted medication.

## Technology aiding RCS in implementing teacher training plan

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Roxboro Community School (RCS) is taking advantage of technology to implement its mandatory professional development training this year.

Like most school districts in the state, RCS applied for a waiver, after the state added five instructional days to the school calendar this summer. The waiver option later made available was contingent upon the days being used for professional development instead.

Because each teacher at RCS

has his/her own laptop, said RCS teacher Melissa Bartlett, the school is using online modules to complete some of the training, and spreading the training out over the course of the year, instead of conducting it in day-long increments.

Most Thursdays, said Bartlett, time is scheduled at the end of the school day for teachers to gather in the media center to receive training.

Topics include the Common Core and Essential standards that will be implemented in schools statewide beginning next school



Roxboro Community School teacher Wanda Ball introduces other teachers to a training module during a professional development session Thursday afternoon.

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