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## Stephen Steese 'excited about coming to Roxboro' to serve as city manager

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In less than two weeks, Stephen Steese will begin his tenure as Roxboro's newest city manager.

Roxboro City Council announced Steese to succeed Jon

Barlow as city manager in September. Since then, Steese has been finishing up his duties as city manager in Woodruff, S.C. and making plans to transition to Roxboro's city manager.

"I am excited about coming to Roxboro," Steese told *The Courier-Times* Tuesday. "The city has a lot to offer and I am looking at it

as a great opportunity for me and my family."

Steese said the move from Woodruff in upstate South Carolina to Roxboro would be a step up for him.

"For me, it is an opportunity to advance my career," Steese said. "Roxboro is a bigger city with a bigger budget and more

utilities."

Steese added that he was excited about Roxboro's "proximity to the Triangle [Area]," and the potential for economic development that exists locally.

Steese's first day as Roxboro's city manager will be Monday,

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Stephen Steese

## 40,620 Operation Medicine Drop proves to be success

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40,620.

That was the number of dosages of prescription medications turned in Saturday when the Person County Sheriff's Office hosted an Operation Medicine Drop Take Back Event at Wal-Mart.

Operation Medicine Drop is an effort coordinated by the North Carolina Department of Insurance, Safe Kids North Carolina, the State Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and local groups to prevent accidental poisonings and substance abuse and to protect water sources.

Across North Carolina, 265 Operation Medicine Drop events were held this past weekend. The prescription and over-the-counter medications collected will be destroyed.

"Operation Medicine Drop was a huge success this year with over 40,000 dosages of prescription medicines turned in," Person County Sheriff Dewey Jones said. "I would like to thank everyone who helped in their efforts to get these unused medications out of reach from our kids and away from those who have addictions."

Jones said the local Operation Medicine Drop was, in part, so successful due to a recent undercover drug roundup in Person County.

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## User friendly

City of Roxboro crews were busy Tuesday morning working on the Lamar Street entrance to Roxboro City Hall. The entrance is being widened to allow citizens easier access in and out of the parking lot when visiting City Hall.

## ACT will be administered to high school juniors in March

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In March, all high school juniors in Person County Schools (PCS) will be administered the ACT college entrance exam as part of a state-wide accountability model that is being developed.

According to PCS Accountability Director Deane Deaton, administration of the test is being funded by the state, and is part of the federal and state drive to prepare students to be college and career ready.

The test, as stated on www.act.org, is universally accepted for college admission and is subject-based.

Said Deaton, the scores would be used to help PCS improve instruction. And since it is state-funded, there would be "equity across the board," in terms of giving all students a chance to apply to college if they so choose, said Deaton. The costs for the SAT, on the other hand, must be absorbed by students or parents.

When students take the ACT on March 6 at Person High School, they will be tested in the subject areas of English, math, reading, science and writing. There will also be a makeup day, but Deaton said the date has yet to be determined.

Deaton explained that administering the test would take a total of approximately four hours, giving students about two hours and 55 minutes to actually work on the

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## Farm-City Week in Person County

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Winners of the Farm-City Week 4-H poster contest were recognized Tuesday during a luncheon held in the auditorium of the Person County Office Building.

Each year during Farm-City Week, the 4-H program hosts a poster contest for fourth-graders in the county. This year's theme was *Locally Grown Foods*, and posters were judged on originality, relativity to theme, use of color and imagination, and creativity.

First place winner was Kate-

lynn Grothe, daughter of Kristina and John Grothe, and a student in Ms. Barker's class at Bethel Hill Charter School. She received a certificate, first place ribbon, a \$100 savings bond and a pizza party for her class.

Coming in second place was Matthew Bradsher, son of Michelle and Derrick Bradsher, from Ms. House's class at Helena Elementary School. He was awarded a certificate, second place ribbon and a \$75 savings bond.

The third place winner was Lily Hoard, daughter of Jessica and Gary Hoard, from Ms. Barker's class at Bethel Hill Charter

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The Farm-City Week 4-H poster contest winners were recognized Tuesday. They are, from left to right, Katelynn Grothe (first place), Matthew Bradsher (second place) and Lily Hoard (third place).

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