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Mayor Spencer to serve as grand marshal of Roxboro Christmas Parade Dec. 17

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Roxboro Mayor Sam Spencer will serve as grand marshal for the annual Roxboro Christmas Parade next month.

The parade, sponsored annu-

ally by the Roxboro Jaycees, will begin at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17.

The parade will follow the traditional Main Street route that begins at the Carver Drive intersection and ends at the Gordon Street intersection.

Spencer was first elected to

Roxboro City Council in 1983 and was successfully re-elected for 14 consecutive terms. He was named mayor last year following the death of former Mayor Tom Brown.

Spencer, a former educator in the Person County Schools system, did not seek re-election

to the mayoral position or city council this year.

The deadline for parade registration is Friday, Dec. 9. All units must be in place no later than noon on the day of the parade.

The theme for this year's Rox-

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Sam Spencer

PHS teacher accused of wrongdoing resigns post

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Megan Ellen Trainor, a former Person High School (PHS) math teacher accused of inappropriate behavior with a student, resigned from her position Friday.

PCS Supt. Dr. Larry Carter confirmed Tuesday that Trainor, 24, of 321 Floyd Hicks Rd. in Timberlake, had resigned, effective immediately.

Trainor was arrested last week on a felony charge of taking indecent liberties with a minor and a misdemeanor count of preparing obscene photographs. She was suspended from her teaching position on Nov. 9 and a warrant for her arrest was issued Nov. 11.

The minor Trainor is alleged to have taken indecent liberties with was 16-years-old at the time and was a PHS student.

The male, now 17, is no longer a student at PHS.

Trainor was released from custody last week under a \$100,000 unsecured bond, pending a Dec. 13 appearance in Person County District Court.

As part of her bond and pretrial release conditions, Trainor is not allowed to have any contact with the victim or any other male under the age of 18 who is not related to her.

She is also not allowed to have any activity on any social networking site or "text or send any pictures or images via cell phone."



City waives fees for voluntary annexation

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Roxboro City Council last week unanimously agreed to remove annexation fees and any zoning fees that had been associated with voluntary annexation requests in the past.

Prior to last week's action, the city charged a \$175 annexation fee when property owners asked for voluntary annexation into the city limits. In addition, a \$175 zoning

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Merchants enjoying effects of RDG's promotion

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Many local merchants are already feeling the positive effects of the Roxboro Development Group's, "Shop — Eat — Enjoy Roxboro." The notion that local support of businesses is key to Roxboro's micro-economy certainly strikes an enterprising note with the group.

"We haven't scheduled any extended hours but we have a pretty steady customer base and we're hoping the new

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Shannon Pointer (left) shares car seat safety information with Crystal Morin at South Elementary School Monday. The car seat safety checks scheduled at elementary and pre-schools in the county are part of a child safety seat awareness initiative Pointer created.

Parents of elementary students receive car seat safety info

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Through the first week in December, parents picking up their children from elementary or pre-schools in Person County will be given information on car seat safety and have the opportunity to have their car seats checked for proper installation.

The scheduled school visits for the safety checks are being performed through an initiative formed by Person County Schools (PCS) Lead Nurse Shannon Pointer, as part of her graduate studies internship. As part of her internship with the Person County

Health Department, Pointer was charged with coming up with an initiative to address a problem or health concern in the county.

Pointer chose to focus on reducing childhood injury through awareness, in order to "reduce injuries and keep kids safe, especially during this time of busy travel seasons," she said.

The child safety seat awareness initiative is a collaboration between the health department, PCS, Roxboro Fire Department (RFD), N.C. Highway Patrol and Partnership for Children.

During each school visit, Pointer, highway patrol officers and

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