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# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Briefs Perquimans man found dead

### Officials investigate as homicide

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The Pasquotank County Sheriff's Department is investigating the possible homicide of a Perquimans County man which occurred on Old U.S. Highway 17, near the Pasquotank-Perquimans county line Sunday.

Russell Duane Matthews, 26, of Lot 15, Long View Es-

tates, Hertford, was apparently stabbed to death in his pickup truck early Sunday morning.

Sheriff Davis Sawyer said that Deputy Joe Ferrell received a telephone call regarding a possible shooting at 5:30 a.m. Sunday. Sawyer said after further investigation, it was determined that Matthews' wound was produced by a knife.

"Matthews worked for Mc-

Donald's on Ehringhaus Street, and he had left to go home at approximately 12:30 a.m.," Sawyer said. "His wife got concerned after 4:30 or 5 that he hadn't shown up after getting off from work. She called his brother who went out looking for him. His brother found him sitting in his pickup truck at the county line of Old (U.S.) 17 South. His brother took him to

Albemarle Hospital."

Albemarle Hospital officials confirmed that Matthews was taken to the hospital in a private vehicle. He was pronounced dead upon his arrival.

Sawyer said the death is being investigated as homicide.

"We are investigating it that way until such time as it can be confirmed otherwise. We are also waiting on the autopsy report from the medical examiner in Greenville," Sawyer said.

"I'm holding tight until I get the autopsy report on it," Sa-

wyer said in a telephone interview Tuesday morning. "They had three bodies at the medical examiner's office yesterday morning and it take a little bit of time since they do all the autopsies from Eastern North Carolina."

Chief Deputy A.B. Twiford, Ferrell and State Bureau of Investigation agents are involved in the investigation, Sawyer said.

Matthews was also a student at Elizabeth City State University.

### Acting Company to hold auditions

The Bootstrap Acting Company will hold auditions on Jan. 15, 16 and 17 from 7-9 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center on Grubb St. in Hertford.

The play "The Senator Wore Panyhose" by William VanZant and Jane Milmore requires a cast of seven men and three women.

### Farm-City Week Banquet scheduled

The Perquimans County Farm-City Week Banquet is set for Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Dr. David M. Jenkins, head of Agricultural Communications at North Carolina State University, will be the guest speaker.

Corn and Soybean Yield winners will receive their trophies at this time. The banquet is free to all interested persons, but a ticket is required and may be obtained from the Perquimans County Extension Center or the from one of the presidents of the four local Ruritan clubs. Tickets must be picked up by Jan. 10.

### Credit Union Shareholders to meet

The Annual Shareholders meeting of Perquimans Credit Union will be held Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Building on Grubb Street. Members are urged to attend.

### Pancake and sausage meals planned

The Perquimans County Chapter of The American Cancer Society will hold their annual Pancake and Sausage day featuring all the homemade sausage and pancakes you can eat on Jan. 25 at the Perquimans High School cafeteria. Breakfast hours are 7-10 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Supper hours are 5-7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided for the evening meal. Tickets are available from Cancer Society members, Hertford Savings and Loan Association, and The Perquimans Weekly office.

### Basketball benefit set

Perquimans County Schools personnel will take on the undefeated WGAI basketball team in a benefit game for Brian Center Saturday evening at 7 p.m. Admission is \$2. Athletic director Frank Ciamillo promises lots of action when his team hits the court.

### Councils to meet

The Hertford and Winfall Town Councils will meet in regular session on Monday, Jan. 13. Winfall meets at 7 p.m. Hertford convenes at 7:30 p.m.

### Aerobics class offered

The Perquimans County Recreation Department is sponsoring a six-week aerobic exercise class to begin Monday, Jan. 13 and end on Thursday, Feb. 21. The classes will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 8-9 p.m. at the Perquimans County Library. The cost for the class is \$20. For more information or to register call the Recreation Department at 426-5695.



Photo by Gary Cosby Jr.

### Battle for the ball

Lady Pirate Jenny Hurdle battles for the basketball with Edenton's Denise Wilder during Friday night's game in Edenton. The Lady Pirates came from a huge first quarter deficit to pull out a squeaker in the closing moments for a win. The men's squad collected their first win of the season in the next game in the evening's third nail-biter. See pages 6 and 7 for full details.

## New handicapped placards now required

RALEIGH - The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles announced recently that it has started issuing new temporary and permanent handicapped parking placards to people with mobility impairment.

The new placards, required by state and federal law, replace existing placards. Old placards expired Jan. 1.

DMV Commissioner Robert F. Hodges said mobility-impaired motorists can obtain an application from any state license plant

agency.

New placard applications include impairment certification that must be completed by a physician, ophthalmologist, optometrist or the Division of Services for the Blind. Changes in state law more narrowly defined mobility impairment.

Permanent handicapped placards must be renewed every five years. The permanent placard is a blue two-sided placard that hangs from the inside rear-

view mirror when the vehicle is parked in a designated handicapped parking space.

Permanent placards, which cost \$5, must be removed from the mirror when the vehicle is in motion. Old placards issued on or after July 1, 1989, may be exchanged for new placards free of charge. However, a new certification from a physician is required.



Photo by Susan Harris

### At the round table

Perquimans County Commissioners increased their visibility at meetings when this new board table was put to use recently. The new seating allows those who attend the meetings to see and hear the commissioners more easily. Pictured are (left to right) county manager Paul Gregory, Meck Nixon, Leo Higgins, Lester Simpson, and county attorney John Matthews.

## Thatch arrested for drug trafficking

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Department arrested William Lloyd "Hawk" Thatch, 43, of Rt. 2, Box 114 T, Hertford, on Dec. 20. Thatch has been arrested four times since mid-July and charged with felony offenses, including the July 11 murder of Perquimans County native J. Richard Rogerson Jr. and various drug violations.

The latest arrest stemmed from a Pasquotank County investigation. Thatch was charged with two counts of trafficking and possession of a Schedule II controlled substance (cocaine) and one count of conspiracy to traffic a Schedule II controlled substance. He was confined to Albemarle District Jail under a \$75,000 secured bond. He remained in custody over the holidays.

The Sheriff's Department also reported the following arrests:

Dec. 20 - Willie Lewis Ford, 33, of Rt. 5, Box 104, Hertford, was arrested and charged with conspiracy to sell and deliver cocaine and possession with the intent to sell and deliver cocaine. He was released under a \$32,000 secured bond.

Dec. 22 - Gary Lee Talmadge, 33, of 132 M. Cork St., Hertford, was arrested on a Pasquotank County criminal summons for a worthless check.

Dec. 23 - Richard Linwood Johnson, 62, of Rt. 1, Box 51, Belvidere, was arrested on a Pasquotank County criminal summons for two counts of worthless checks.

Jan. 1 - Martin Edward Bateman Sr., 31, of 104 Hemlock St., Hertford, was arrested and charged with assault on a female. Bond was set at \$200 secured.

Jan. 1 - Herman Felton Jr., 22, of Winfall, was arrested and charged with failure to appear for fraud of an innkeeper on a Pasquotank County order for arrest. He was confined to Albemarle District Jail under a \$200 secured bond.

Jan. 2 - Daniel Scott Markey, 29, of Rt. 5, Box 44, Hertford, was arrested and charged with a probation violation on a Chowan County warrant. Bond was set at \$300 secured.

The Hertford Police reported the following arrests:

Dec. 19 - Erman Carlton Lane, 24, of Apt. 1 Sunny Acres Nordside Road, Elizabeth City,

was arrested and charged with two counts of assault on a female, injury to personal property, and simple assault. Bond was set at \$500 secured.

Dec. 21 - Willie Celus Saunders Jr., 22, of Rt. 1, Box 521, Tyner, was charged with speeding.

Dec. 22 - Cetric Lasander Felton, 20, of Lot 24 Dogwood Trailer Park, Hertford, was arrested and charged with communicating threats. Bond was set at \$200 unsecured.

Dec. 22 - Leander Downing, 33, of Rt. 2, Box 68D, Edenton, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated and driving left of center. Bond was set at \$200 secured.

Dec. 22 - Michael David Anders, 24, of Rt. 2, Box 56-E, Edenton, was arrested and charged with larceny from a person. Bond was set at \$6,000 secured.

Dec. 22 - Clifton Linwood Wood, 32, of Lot 2 Dogwood Trailer Park, Hertford, was arrested and charged with assault by pointing a gun. Bond was set at \$200 unsecured.

Dec. 23 - Arvin Lavelle Johnson, 23, of Winfall, was arrested and charged with assault on a female. He was released on a written promise to appear.

Dec. 24 - Ricky Lee Spruill, 31, of 319 Stokes Dr., Hertford, was arrested and charged with simple assault. He was released on a written promise to appear.

Dec. 25 - Kenny Craig Modlin, 34, of 212 S. Church St., was arrested and charged with disposing of secured personal property. He was released on a written promise to appear.

Dec. 26 - Hattie Polly Overton, 28, 409 Cox Ave., Hertford, was arrested and charged with two counts of passing worthless checks and shoplifting. Bond was set at \$300 secured.

Dec. 29 - Anthony Wayne Downing, 35, of 1129 Riverwood Dr., Hertford, was given a citation for no operators license.

Dec. 29 - Anita Lynn Whidbee, 20, of Rt. 4, Box 1089, Hertford was given a citation for speeding.

Dec. 30 - Charles Ray Felton, 25, of Rt. 1, Box 839, was given a citation for speeding and driving while license revoked.

Dec. 31 - George Washington Sutton, 48, of 312 Stokes Dr., Hertford, was arrested and charged with assault on a female. Bond was set at \$500 secured.

## Pilgrim to perform at Perquimans Center

Barney Pilgrim, College of the Albemarle's Visiting Artist for 1991-92, will present a musical program at the annual Perquimans Restoration dinner on Jan. 10.

Pilgrim, classically trained on the violin and piano, also plays the synthesizer, mandolin, guitar, and pennywhistle. His program will be varied, consisting of early musical compositions emphasizing the music of Scotland, Ireland, and other early settlers of the Albemarle.

Pilgrim, now a resident of South Mills, has performed with groups across the state. Among these are Fiddlex, the Red Clay

Ramblers, the Playmaker's Repertory Company of Chapel Hill, and the Durham Savoyards.

The Restoration Association dinner begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour, followed by dinner. At the conclusion of the program, Representative R.M. "Pete" Thompson will present the Harvey Award for Distinguished Public Service to an outstanding Perquimans County citizen. Reservations may be made by calling 426-7567. The cost of \$7.50 per person.

### DEADLINES FOR THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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RETAIL ADVERTISING ... MON. 3 P.M.  
CLASSIFIED & LEGALS ... MON. 3 P.M.

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