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## The week at a glance

**No SPCA**  
Perquimans County won't participate in a three-county SPCA — at least not this year, according to county officials. Despite complaints from some residents over a small run down shelter used by the county to house stray dogs and cats, Perquimans officials say there isn't enough money available to become a one-third partner with Chowan and Gates counties. County manager N. Paul Gregory said he would welcome the formation of a local SPCA chapter, but has heard of no one chartering a local group.

**Waterfront work to begin**  
Work could begin as early as July 1 on a new waterfront park in Hertford and local water enthusiasts could be strolling its 170-foot boardwalk by Labor Day, Hertford Town Manager Bill Cox said earlier this week.

Located behind the town offices, the half-acre park will also include 23 new parking spaces, landscaping, new benches and an arc-shaped walkway leading to the boardwalk.

The town received a \$43,000 state grant to pay for the project. Two other sites are being considered, which could connect the new facility with Missing-Mill Park in the future.

**Landfill costs down**  
Perquimans County is expecting a small surplus in its Landfill budget next year, but it isn't likely that the \$25 residential user fee will decrease.

Instead, any money that isn't needed will be placed in the Landfill budget fund balance to pay for emergencies or equipment breakdowns, County Manager N. Paul Gregory said this week.

**Fire haunts Hertford PD**  
Almost two years after fire ravaged the Hertford Police Department, investigations are hampered by missing reports, file photographs are not available to identify suspects and the department is lacking equipment it once had, Police Chief Aubrey F. Sample said.

Reconstructing police reports and criminal records has been a long process, with only a part-time secretary on staff, he said. The Perquimans County Sheriff's Department and Winfall Police Department have helped to supply information to the department.

Sample also submitted a request for two additional officers to the Hertford Town Council recently. Two additional men would allow the force to keep one full-time investigator to follow up on open cases, Sample said. The same request was denied by the town council last year.

**Winfall backs out of task force due to funding**  
Organizers of a regional drug task force may invite Winfall's police chief to join its Board of Directors even though the town council there refused its financial support.

Winfall Police Chief Dale Van Skoy's membership will be discussed at the next meeting of the task force board, according to Joseph P. Tade, task force commander. Members of the Winfall town council claim they supported the idea but could not afford to offer financial support. To join, municipalities must provide \$14,000 in matching funds. The rest of the money came from a grant from the Governor's Crime Commission.



Photo by Susan Harris

## The sky fell

The barnyard was all aflutter last week when two first grade classes presented "The Day the Sky Fell," the story of Chicken Little's concern about the sky falling on her head. A wonderful performance was turned in by the children. Pictured are those with speaking parts: Tonya Wit-

man, James Caddy, Janet Horne, Dashaun Sheard, Jennifer Godfrey, David Bines, Michelle Rogers, Tara Thach, Krystle Moniz, Chala Bryant, Richard Noble and A.J. Overman. Please see page 3 for a story.

## Thach named athletic director at Perquimans High

### Ciamillo resigns

The Perquimans County Board of Education looked to its own coaching staff at Perquimans High School for a new athletic director/head football coach to lead Pirate athletics.

Harrell Thach, a Perquimans County native and member of the high school coaching staff for 10 years, was unanimously chosen by the board Monday night in regular session to replace Frank Ciamillo, whose resignation was formally accepted Monday.

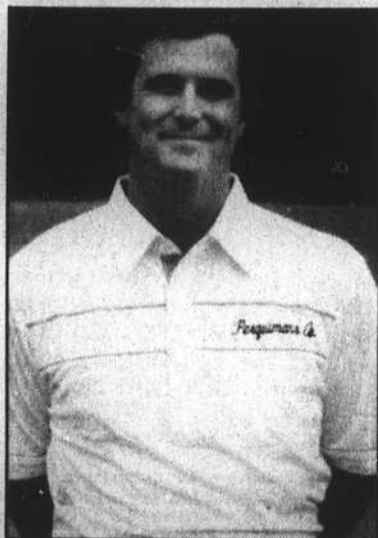
Dr. Randall Henlon, schools superintendent, read a letter of support from high school principal William Byrum written on Thach's behalf.

"I feel that he (Thach) can make a contribution to the athletic program," Byrum wrote.

Henlon also endorsed moving Thach into the position.

"I have excellent rapport with him," Henlon said, adding that he felt Thach would do a good job at the helm of the athletic department.

Board member Ben Hobbs said that the athletic program stands to benefit from having Thach on staff due to continuity. The athletic director's office has been a revolving door recently with five athletic directors in as many years. Hobbs said that as the parent of athletes, he appreciates the need for an athletic director to remain in the position and build up the program



Harrell Thach

without the changes that come with frequent personnel changes.

Thach said he was happy with the board's decision to allow him to try his hand in the athletic director's seat.

"I'm really looking forward to it," Thach said Monday night after hearing about the decision. "I feel like we can have one of the best programs in this end of the state, if not the whole state. We've got the kids that can do it and we've got the coaches that can do it."

Thach said another key to a good athletic program is the support of the administration, and he said Perquimans Schools administrators have been very supportive of athletics.

The opportunity to lead his

hometown high school is exciting to Thach.

"Being from Perquimans, it (the success of the athletic program) matters to me," Thach said. "This is my home and I'm proud of it. I want people to know about it, that we can have a strong athletic program."

Thach said he doesn't see the need for major changes in the athletic department or coaching staff. He indicated that he will meet with all coaches to discuss needs in the department and promote a team effort to improve and problem-solving.

The one area he knows he will attempt to expand is the athlete tutorial program he set up two years ago for basketball players. Watching the basketball team lose a number of players after first semester grades were tabulated year after year bothered Thach, so he enlisted the aid of high school faculty to tutor athletes after school. The program has been extremely successful, according to Thach, and he would like to see it expanded to help all athletes struggling with grades.

"I feel like it's something that's necessary," Thach stated. He added that the high school faculty has been very supportive and willing to assist the students.

Thach has coached for 10 years at Perquimans. Over the six years he coached the junior varsity football squad, the team tallied a record of 50 wins, eight losses and one tie. Under his guidance, the Pirates earned four conference championships and two runner-up titles.

The new athletic director also coached girls' basketball for eight seasons with a 92-34 record. The team was ranked in the top 10 in the state six out of the eight years, and earned a conference tournament championship, two tournament second-place finishes and the sectional runner-up title.

Thach has coached boys' basketball for the past two seasons, with the highlights being defeating Currituck in 1992 for the first time in 10 years and also defeating neighboring Edenton in the 1991 and 1992 seasons. He said that program is on the way up.

"We're going to turn that around this year a little bit," he said.

Thach attended Perquimans County High School and graduated from Fork Union Military Academy. He attended Campbell University, earned his social studies degree at Elizabeth City State University and received his agriculture certification from North Carolina State University. He taught agriculture at Perquimans high school for nine years and world history for one year. He played football, basketball, baseball and indoor track during his high school years. A knee injury kept him from playing collegiate sports.

He and his wife, Ann, a dental hygienist, live just outside of Hertford with their children, Lee and Tara, and Thach's mother, Lib.

## Robbed Hertford pair linked to bank heist

A Hertford man was gunned down by police Friday morning after he allegedly took part in a bank robbery in Norfolk, Va.

Kirk Ryan Zimmnick, 22, whose records at the Hertford Police Department list an address at 213 Front St., Hertford, was fatally wounded near a Granby Street cemetery after a 20-mile chase.

According to reports from Officer Larry Hill of the Norfolk Police Department, Zimmnick, his brother John Zimmnick, 23, and Deborah Krueger, 42, also of Hertford, allegedly held up First American Bank at the intersection of Little Creek Road and Halpin Drive at gunpoint around 11 a.m. Friday. A high-speed chase ensued after the trio left the bank in a Pontiac 6000. Police officers reported speeds of up to 90 miles per hour on Interstate 64. The Pontiac reportedly pulled off the road after taking the Granby Street exit, and the Zimmnick brothers left the car, firing at officers as they attempted to flee.

Kirk Zimmnick died of gunshot wounds sustained in the shootout. His brother was also shot, and was transported to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. Krueger was not injured, and was taken into custody by Norfolk Police.

Hill said that both Krueger and John Zimmnick were charged with bank robbery, three counts of use of a firearm during the commission of a felony and two counts of attempted capital murder.

Kirk Zimmnick was arrested by Hertford Police on Jan. 7 for assault with a deadly weapon after he reportedly attempted to run over a man with his car, according to police chief Aubrey F. Sample Jr. He was also arrested on April 3 and April 28 for assault on a female. Sample said at least one of those charges was filed by Krueger.

Sources said Zimmnick worked for a company called Resume Corner in Hertford. Krueger had recently worked for Jim Walter Homes. It was unclear whether or not she was still in the employ of the company at the time of the robbery.

Deb Kundee DeWeese, who managed a Snug Harbor property rented by Krueger until Dec. 1991, said Krueger was taken to small claims court to recover funds for property damage and unpaid telephone bills.

Sample said that the Hertford Police Department has provided background information and offered assistance to both the Norfolk Police Department and the FBI.

## Swindell is new director

W. Larry Swindell, owner of Swindell Funeral Home, Inc. in Hertford, was recently sworn into a two-year term as District I Director of the North Carolina Funeral Directors' Association. The installation was held Tuesday, May 12 during the banquet at the annual convention of the Association in Greensboro. District I includes the area from Bertie and Hertford counties eastward.

Elected by the other funeral directors of District I, Swindell will represent them at all meetings of the Association and help in making decisions for the betterment of funeral service. Other duties include co-ordinating and presiding over district meetings, helping organize educational programs and carrying problems and concerns of members to the directors' meetings.

## Arrests

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests:

On May 20, Claude Wilson Wood III, 27, of Rt. 2, Box 238, Hertford, was arrested and charged with failure to appear. He appeared before district court judge J. Richard Parker.

On May 22, Lenay Nathaniel Felton, 28, of 321 Stokes Dr., Hertford, was arrested and charged with two felony counts of breaking and entering and larceny. He was confined to Albemarle District Jail under a \$10,000 secured bond.

On May 22, George Nathan Felton, 30, of Rt. 1, Box 839, Hertford, was arrested and

charged with aiding and abetting breaking and entering and larceny. He was released on a \$5,000 secured bond.

On May 27, Terri Lynn Stallings, 25, of Rt. 1, Box 136, Belvidere, was arrested and charged with 10 counts of failure to appear on Pasquotank County orders for arrest and one count of failure to appear on a Perquimans County order for arrest. She was confined to Albemarle District Jail under a \$3,300 secured bond.

On May 29, Deborah Stallings Dalton of 320 Oneida Trail, Edenton, was arrested and charged on a Pasquotank warrant for failure to appear. She

was released on a written promise to appear.

The Hertford Police reported the following arrests:

Joseph Elliott Patrick, 45, of 90 Navarre, Irvine, Cal., was issued a citation on May 15 for exceeding a safe speed.

Charlie Outland, 33, of Luke Road, Sunbury, was arrested on May 16 and charged with failure to appear (two counts). Bond was set at \$1,300 secured.

Charlie Fleetwood Wilson, 38, of 319 Stokes Dr., Hertford, was arrested on May 16 and charged with a probation violation. Bond was set at \$200 secured.

Michael Sean Conner, 22, of

238 Brutton Ave., Newport News, Va., was issued a citation on May 16 for speeding and no operators license.

Hugh Donald McBrayer, 70, of Rt. 5, Box 180, Forest City, was issued a citation on May 17 for a stoplight violation.

Donnie Ray Crisp, 37, of Rt. 3, Box 657, Washington, was issued a citation on May 18 for speeding.

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