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## Arrests

The Hertford Police reported the following arrests:

On Feb. 5, Emanuel Haratio Lee, 17, of 319 Market Street, was arrested and charged with injury to real property. An unsecured bond of \$200 was set.

On Feb. 4, Phillip Terell Tann, 26, of Route 3, Box 168, Ahoskie, was arrested and charged with shoplifting. A secured bond of \$200 was set.

On Feb. 6, Cindy Holley, 31, of Route 3, Box 441, Tyner, was arrested and charged with larceny. She was released on a written promise to appear.

On Feb. 6, Carol Ann Jacobson-Baker, 53, of Route 4, Box 338, Edenton, was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 8, Alexis Lynnette Brown, 23, of Route 1, Box 84, Tyner, was arrested and charged with concealment of merchandise. An unsecured bond of \$200 was set.

On Feb. 10, Kenneth Matthew Perkins, 25, of 811 N. Road Street, Elizabeth City, was issued a citation for improper passing.

On Feb. 10, Jerry Calvin Wood, 34, of 596 Okisco Road, Elizabeth City, was arrested and charged with second degree trespass. An unsecured bond of \$200 was set.

On Feb. 10, Jayson Ditagus Warren, 21, of 952 S. Clubhouse Road, Virginia Beach, Va., was arrested and charged with failure to appear and possession of crack cocaine. A secured bond of \$10,200 was set.

On Feb. 11, Reese Devon Johnson, 23, of Route 2, Box 87, Edenton, was arrested and charged with being a fugitive of New York. No bond was set.

On Feb. 11, Charles Henry Ward, 55, of Route 5, Box 164, Hertford, was issued a citation for speeding.

On Feb. 12, Jimmie M. Croy, 21, of 3549 Tremaine Road, Columbus, Oh., was arrested and charged with speeding. A secured bond of \$100 was set.

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

On Feb. 2, Patricia Gessner Aydlette, 35, of 5171 Sunset Circle, Holiday Island, was arrested and charged six counts of worthless checks. She was released on a \$200 secured bond.

On Feb. 2, Charles Henry Ormand, 35, of 125 King Street, Winfall, was arrested and charged with failure to appear. He was released on a \$200 secured bond.

On Feb. 13, Randy Wayne Reichle, 35, of 7-M Chestnut Street, was arrested and charged with second degree trespassing, larceny, and communicating threats. He was confined to Albemarle District Jail in lieu of a \$600 secured bond.

On Feb. 15, John Ivan Chobot, 40, of Route 3, Box 409, was arrested and charged with failure to appear. He was released on a \$400 secured bond.

## Proclamation

The Town of Hertford proclaimed February Black History Month recently.

Mayor John G. Beers signed a proclamation recognizing the valuable contributions made by African-Americans.

The purpose of Black History Month is to educate all Americans about the experiences, struggles and accomplishments of Blacks. With this education, the proclamation states, a better understanding of the black experience can be obtained, and through that understanding, better relations between races.

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## The day of hearts and flowers



Hearts and flowers filled Dozier's Florist Friday and Saturday. There was not room to place a petal between all the vases bearing roses and carnations, teddy bears, candy and balloons. Owner Mary Ruth Smith called in family members and part-timers to help deliver hundreds of loving wishes sent during the two-day period. Valentine's Day is the busiest day of the year for florists, followed by Mother's Day. (Photo by Susan Harris)

## Residents bark over dog hunting in Bethel

By JULIAN EURE and SUSAN HARRIS  
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To hunt with dogs or not to hunt with dogs. That is the question in the Bethel Township.

It appears that the answer to the question is rooted in a dispute over who should have access to a privately-owned 1-mile dirt path near Harvey Point. Some Bethel residents who use that path to get to their homes on Goose Nest Lane from Harvey Point Road don't want hunters who hunt with dogs using it.

The squabble apparently began when a Goose Nest Lane resident had differences with a neighboring property owner who uses the path to get to an open field where he and several friends have permission from the owner to hunt.

The waterfront property owners, including Mace Walton and Wayne Ashley, say the group doesn't always observe "hunters' etiquette," informal rules hunters try to follow when they're on someone else's property.

The group apparently has used the path to hunt even after heavy rains. Driving big-tired trucks, the hunters tear up the road, making getting to their homes a difficult chore for residents.

The group has been accused of opening fire at deer dashing across an open field that adjoins the waterfront lots.

One run-in between the hunters and the residents led Walton and Ashley to ask N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission officer Preston Tyndall to investigate whether the group was in violation of any state hunting laws. Tyndall did investigate, but told the residents there was nothing he could do. The group had written permission from Donald Madre, the landowner, to hunt on the property.

Because they could get no satisfaction from the state, some deer hunters said, the group began circulating petitions asking for a ban on hunting with dogs in the Bethel Township. Advertisements ran in both The Daily Advance and The Perquimans Weekly newspapers requesting that residents sign the petition supporting the ban.

In response, a group of landowners and hunters ran their own advertisements, asking people not to support the proposed ban. At an informal meeting of the group held recently, landowners voiced objections to being told what they could do with their own land, and farmers said they needed hunters to control the deer population.

"A landowner should be able to control his own land like he wants," said one landowner who is also a deer hunter.

One farmer said he lost over \$3,000 in profit on his soybeans because deer chose his field to graze in.

"Deer hunters don't give us any problem," the farmer said. "We control our land and the deer hunters, and they're good people. We need the deer hunters."

The group said there are already laws in place to deal with hunting violations, and they agree that those who do not follow hunting laws should be prosecuted. They also think that landowners can control those who do not follow "hunters' etiquette" by withholding permission to hunt.

The bottom line for the pro-hunting group was stated by a landowner.

"We work the land and we own the land and we don't want people coming in there telling us what to do."

The petitions have not been submitted to the Perquimans County Commissioners. The petitions must be submitted to the local government for approval before being submitted to the legislature for action. Banning the deer hunting with dogs would require state legislation.

## Who should pay? Hertford residents polled say they are being double-taxed for dispatch, inspection services

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

The opinions of residents on whether the town of Hertford should pay the county for a proportional share of dispatch and building inspection services seems to run along residential boundaries.

Results of the call-in poll taken by The Perquimans Weekly indicate that residents of the town of Hertford feel they are being double-taxed. Those who live outside the city limits said the town should pay a share of the services.

County manager Paul Gregory said Monday that the state's general statutes required municipalities to have building inspectors before counties were required to have inspectors. In 1986, the statutes changed, and counties were then required to have building inspectors.

At that time, Hertford and Perquimans County officials conferred and decided it would be cheaper for both entities if there was a shared building inspector. To fund the building inspection department, the officials decided to use the 1980 census as a basis for percentages of population. Those percentages would determine the amount of the budget that would be paid by each governing unit. Winfall was also brought in under the agreement. The 1980 census showed that 70 percent of the county's population lived outside the municipal boundaries of Hertford and Winfall; 20 percent lived in Hertford and 10 percent lived in Winfall. The county agreed to front the money for the cost of operation each fiscal year, then bill each municipality at the end of the year for their proportionate share.

In order to determine the amount to be paid by each unit, the total fees collected in the department was subtracted from the total cost of operation. The remaining balance, that not covered by fees, was divided using the population percentages. That same financial formula is still used. The percentages change as changes in population occur. Now 1990 census figures are being employed to determine the population percentages. The county share has grown to 75 percent, Hertford's is 20 percent, and Winfall's has dropped to five percent.

In fiscal 1990-91, the building inspection department cost the county \$38,358.82 to operate. Fees totalling \$23,312 were collected, leaving a balance of \$15,046.82 to divide among the governments. The county paid \$11,134.65 (74 percent); Hertford, \$2,858.90 (19 percent) and Winfall, \$1,053.27 (7 percent).

In fiscal 1991-92, the cost of operations was \$46,016. Fees collected totalled \$27,754, leaving a balance of \$18,307. The county paid 75 percent or \$13,730.25. The town of Hertford paid \$3,661.40 or 20 percent. Winfall's five percent share was \$915.35.

Hertford officials contend that the county should pay the total cost of the department. Their opinion is that Hertford and Winfall residents are paying twice for the service.

Because the building inspectors perform services beyond the county's requirements, the county government said that the towns should pay a proportionate share. Hertford town manager W.D. "Bill" Cox said that before there was a central dispatch, Hertford handled all calls for the Hertford Police Department and the county fire departments that were in operation at that time. The rescue squad and sheriff's department had their own systems.

A joint decision was made to operate a central dispatch system, both Cox and Gregory said. The original agreement was that both governments would contribute to the system. As with the building inspection department, the county agreed to front the cost of operation and bill Hertford for its proportionate share at the end of the year. Again, Winfall joined in.

In fiscal 1990-91, the cost of operating the department was \$95,923.05. The county paid \$70,983.06. Hertford paid \$18,225.38 and Winfall paid \$6,714.61. The next fiscal year, the cost of operation jumped to \$124,238, due to equipment purchases and repairs. The county paid \$93,178.50. Hertford's share was \$24,847.60. Winfall paid \$6,211.90.

Gregory said the cost of office space, heating and air conditioning is not added into the cost of operations. Only salaries, benefits, supplies and materials are charged.

Mayor John Beers said it is not economically feasible for Hertford to operate its own dispatch or building inspection department. But he said he believes because of the mutual assistance always extended between the town of Hertford and the county, the officials of both units should sit down and address the double-taxation issue.

"I think the county ought to take a good, strong look," Beers said.

Cox concurred.

"I think it's time for us to sit down and discuss it and see if we can come up with a different arrangement," he said.

## Author to conduct library program here

Dorothy Fearn Houlihan, co-author of the highly acclaimed *Mother Goose Time* programming handbook, and sister to the dynamic Perquimans County Librarian, Shelley Fearn, will conduct a very special "Mother Goose Time" program at the Perquimans County Library in Hertford on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. "Mother Goose Time" is a program designed for babies from 7 months to two years old which introduces the babies and their caregivers to a variety of rhymes,

songs and activities which help to develop language skills while playing. Houlihan and Jane Marino developed this programming concept, and conducted "Mother Goose Time" programs for babies and their caregivers for more than five years at the White Plains, New York Public Library. Their book gives the formula for planning and conducting successful programs so that anyone who works with young children can use playtime as a learning experience. Ms. Houlihan will not only demonstrate the program, but also will

share her expertise on programming for infants and toddlers with all interested librarians, teachers, and daycare workers following the program with the babies. Copies of the book, *Mother Goose Time* will be available for purchase.

Parents of children aged 7 months to two years are invited to call the Perquimans County Library (426-5319) to register for the program. Interested adults are invited to observe the program and stay afterward to meet Houlihan and share in her secrets of making

## What do you think?

Should hunters be allowed to use dogs to hunt in the Bethel Township? Call us with your opinion. You do not have to disclose your identity, but please be prepared to tell us in what township you live, whether you hunt or whether you own property that is or could be hunted. Call before Monday at 5 p.m. The results will be printed in next week's issue of *The Perquimans Weekly*.