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## Hertford hires 3 police officers

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Hertford residents can expect to see some new faces behind the wheels of the Hertford Police Department's blue and white cruisers.

Hertford Police Chief Aubrey Sample Jr. announced recently that three new officers have been hired by the department. The officers will replace retiree Robert Harvey Sr. and Timothy E. Bunch, who resigned earlier this month. The department also received an additional officer in the town's 1993-94 fiscal budget.

"We definitely needed the extra position," Sample said. "I think it's going to enhance our capabilities to provide adequate service."

Andre Alfred, 30, a native of the Bronx, New York, assumed his new duties on July 16. The U.S. Air Force veteran has over two years of law enforcement experience with agencies in Greenville and Ahsokie, as well as the Albemarle Narcotics Task Force. He is married with two children.

Frederick Whitaker and Christine Anne Ward will begin work on Aug. 2.

Whitaker, 22, is a graduate of Northampton County High School. He has nine months experience with the Gates County Sheriff's Department.

Ward, 21, received her Basic Law Enforcement Training certificate last winter. From Dare County, Ward has a background in security work.

Sample said he was pleased with the addition of the new officers.

"We chose the best qualified candidates from our applications," Sample said. "We felt fortunate to have a good field of qualified applicants from which to choose. I think these three officers will make positive contributions to our force."

Sample said Aug. 2 will be the first day since Harvey was injured in October that the department has been up to full staff.

## Flooded with emotion



Joan Gust (right) of Portage Des Sioux, Missouri, reacts to the news Sunday that the Mississippi would continue to rise, forcing her to evacuate her home. Her neighbor, Paul Vosenkemper (left), dons knee boots to navigate through the swirling water. Perquimans residents can help the flood victims through a relief program sponsored by Daddy Ruth's Hertford Cafe and The Perquimans Weekly. (AP photo)

## Local flood relief effort set

### Businesses team up to help victims

People in Perquimans County have always reached out to neighbors down on their luck. The neighborhood will stretch across several states as locals will have the opportunity to help victims of the flooded Midwest through the efforts of

two local businesses.

Daddy Ruth's Hertford Cafe and The Perquimans Weekly are co-sponsoring a relief effort for flood victims. On Monday, Aug. 9, Daddy Ruth (Will Ferguson) will donate all the money taken in at the restau-

rant during lunch to help those in the flooded areas. Not only is Ferguson dipping into his pockets, the waitresses at Daddy Ruth's are donating their salaries and tips to the cause.

In addition to the monetary assistance, clothing, non-per-

ishable food and household goods will be accepted for shipment to the disaster area. Prior to Aug. 9, donations will be accepted at The Perquimans Weekly office Wednesday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Everything collected during the drive will be sent to the local offices of national relief organizations for distribution.

## Prisoners hit the road

### Inmates work on state highways

From Staff Reports

They won't look like the chain gangs of yesteryear, but inmates in North Carolina prisons will hit the road once again.

Correction Secretary Franklin Freeman signed a contract earlier this month with the Department of Transportation which puts up to 2,009 inmates to work each Monday through Friday on North Carolina roads.

As many as 1,273 minimum custody and 736 medium custody inmates will be sent to DOT for road work assignments. Inmates from 63 of the state's 91 prisons, covering every region in the state, will be assigned to DOT.

In years past, chain gangs were easily recognized by their black and white striped uniforms and chained legs. Today's road gangs can be identified by olive green or brown uniforms. Minimum custody inmates will wear olive green prison clothes and work under the supervision of a DOT employee. Their work duties include repairing potholes, erecting road signs and clearing road rights-of-way.

Medium custody prisoners will wear brown uniforms. Working in groups of 8-12, the prisoners will dig ditches, clean litter from the roadside or trim rights-of-way under the supervision of two or three armed correction officers.

State law authorizes the prison system to assign inmates to roadwork. This is the 16th year the prison and transportation departments have reached the legislatively required agreement under the existing law, but the practice of putting inmates to work on state roads dates back to 1887. At that time, the law required judges to sentence less serious offenders to hard labor on the county roads and highways. Enactment of the law led to the first widespread use of chain gangs in the state.

## Recycling: An old idea for a new time

Grandma recycled because money was tight during the depression. Nothing was thrown away that could be reused. But as society changed, so did the era of the disposal. "Use it and throw it away" was the busy family's motto.

Now concern over the environment has led to the re-emergence of the use-it-again philosophy. This time, however, federal mandates regulating the amounts and types of waste allowed in landfills across the country have given greater urgency to the recycling drive. Local government units were forced to spend huge chunks of money to comply with new laws and help begin the process of cleaning up the environment.

Perquimans County answered the new regulations in part by building recycling centers, also called convenience centers, at strategic points

around the county. The first site to open was in New Hope on land leased to the county by the Durants Neck Ruritan. Next, centers opened on U.S. 17 North and Center Hill Highway. The most recent site in operation is located on U.S. Highway 17 South. Last week, the county let bids on the final planned site in Belvidere.

Separating garbage carried to the centers is not mandatory, but is encouraged, according to tri-county landfill director Jerry Parks. He said the number of people sorting garbage is growing.

But Parks said some residents are still uncertain about how to recycle and what types of trash are accepted at the centers. Following is a break-down of what types of waste are accepted at each center and the landfill, and how to prepare waste for recycling.

### Newspaper

Newspaper are accepted at all sites. Magazines, catalogs and telephone books should not be bundled with newspapers, as they are not accepted. Newspapers should be stacked in flat bundles or stacked flat in paper bags.

## Bids awarded on county's 5th recycling center

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Bids were let last week for the county's fifth and final planned garbage collection center at a total cost of \$26,900.

Tildon Whitehurst was the low bidder for the Belvidere center, with a price of \$18,100. Whitehurst was awarded the contract. Parks and Land Development Inc. and Barnhill Construction also submitted bids, at \$19,410 and \$19,636, respectively.

Albemarle Fencing was the lone bidder for fencing the facility. Pricing by the specifications, Albemarle Fencing turned in a bid of \$8,625. The commissioners requested an

additional bid for heavier standing member posts, increasing the bid to \$8,800.

County manager N. Paul Gregory Jr. said the county will probably opt to plant red tip bushes around the perimeter of the center rather than install the green plastic fence stripping used at the other four sites. Gregory said the plastic tends to act as a sail in high winds, causing some property damage.

The county's other four convenience centers are located on U.S. 17 North (Bray site), U.S. 17 South (Allen's Service Station), Center Hill Highway (beside the former FCX building) and New Hope (on the Durants Neck Ruritan Building site).

### Aluminum

Aluminum beverage cans are accepted for recycling. Pie plates and foil contaminated by food are unacceptable. Cans can be crushed if storage space is limited.

### Tires

Truck and car tires from personal vehicles are accepted at the tri-county landfill site only. The tires must be free of grease and mud.

### Glass

Clear, brown and green glass from beverage bottles and food jars is accepted at all sites. Bottles and jars should be rinsed and the lids removed. Glass should be separated by color at drop-off sites. It is not necessary to remove labels. Window glass, light bulbs, crystal, ceramic and cookware is not accepted for recycling.

### Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard is accepted at the U.S. 17 North, Center Hill Road and landfill sites. Boxes should be broken down. Boxes like cereal boxes and shoe boxes are not accepted for recycling.

### White goods

All sites accept old residential appliances such as air conditioners, washing machines, dryers and refrigerators. The appliances should not be crushed. White goods from commercial operations or appliance dealers are not accepted.

### Waste oil

Waste oil from conventional combustion engines is accepted at both U.S. 17 sites. Hydraulic oil, solvents, oil solvent mixtures and gasoline are not accepted.

According to information from Parks, recycling protects the environment, saves energy and can help save county tax dollars by decreasing the amount of garbage hauled to the landfill.

Parks also noted specific facts about recycling:

•Less energy is used to melt recycled glass than virgin materials in the production of new containers.

•Recycling one ton of glass saves more than three cubic yards of landfill space.

•Recycling one ton of aluminum saves 27 cubic yards of landfill space.

•Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to fill the can half full with gasoline.

•Each ton of waste paper re-

cycled saves more than three cubic yards of landfill space.

•Using recycled paper instead of virgin pulp uses less than half the amount of water.

•Recycling one ton of newsprint saves 17 trees.

•One part of used motor oil can contaminate a million parts of water.

•Americans who change their oil throw away 120 million gallons of recoverable motor oil each year. If recycled, it would save the United States 1.3 million barrels of oil per day.

### Recycling Recipes

In an effort to promote recycling and reusing products that would ordinarily end up in the garbage, *The Perquimans Weekly* will begin a Recycling Recipes column. Readers are encouraged to share their recycling and reusing hints. These hints can save consumers money and help the environment at the same time. The first recycling recipe appears below:

**Wrap children's birthday presents in the comics section of the newspaper.** The comics are bright, attractive, and provide one more use for the newsprint before it finds its way into the landfill.

Call *The Perquimans Weekly* at 426-5728 or write us at P.O. Box 277, Hertford, N.C. 27944 to share your hint with us.

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