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Hertford woman convicted of embezzlement

in Greenville last week.

A Hertford woman was contrial of embezzling approxial grand jury last October. victed on eight counts of mately \$32,000 from the Holly embezzlement in federal court Square Branch of the First Attorney Janice McKenzie Carol Anne Elliott, 44, was Company in Elizabeth City.

According to United States Citizens Bank and Trust Cole, evidence presented during the trial indicated that found guilty following a jury Elliott was indicted by a feder- Elliott, while employed as a were in fact made, they did not maximum sentence of 30 years Bureau of Investigation.

teller at the bank, pilfered post to the customers' commercial night deposits accounts. between Oct. 23, 1992 and Jan.

U.S. District Judge Malcolm 4, 1993. Witnesses testified that J. Howard will sentence Elliott

imprisonment, a fine of \$1 million and a supervised release term of five years.

Investigation of this case was although the night deposits in May. She could receive a conducted by the Federal

RUNNING THE COUNTY



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

works and what kinds of decisions commissioners local government and its operation.

Fourth graders "took over" running the county last make. In addition to learning about the commissionweek when they learned from county commissioner ers, the students visited county offices in the court-Charlie Skinner (above) how county government house and courthouse annex to learn more about

After-school program gives parents options

County will have another after-school care option next fall.

The Perquimans Cooperative Extension Service received a \$22,600 grant late last fall to provide support services for what should become a self-supporting after-school care program serving children in kindergarten through third grades.

The grant allowed the extension service to hire a part-time block grant manager to coordinate the program. Josie Wills, a Perquimans County High School graduate who received a bachelor's degree from N.C. Central University in May, was hired in January as program manager. Wills said she has spent the weeks since being hired attending curriculum conferences, writing a handbook for those participating in the program, and taking care of other administrative duties.

Although her degree is in political science, Wills worked in day care settingsthroughout her college career. One of her scholarships required community service, and she was assigned to a day care setting. She also worked with after school programs in Durham.

Wills said the program was initiated after the Perquimans Extension Service, in conjunction with the planned to an eight-week period, but Pasquotank County Extension Wills said she does not know what the Service, conducted a survey to asses cost will be on that program. the child care needs for school-age children in the county. Of the 900 sur- in both programs.

Working parents in Perquimans veys sent home with students at Hertford Grammar School and Perquimans Central School, 440 were returned.

The survey revealed that 29 children go home with other siblings after school. The youngest sibling caregiver was 9, the oldest, 19. Over 200 of the children go home to their parents. About 50 go to the home with another adult relative. Forty-five children go to the home of a relative or friend. Thirty-seven children are enrolled in a day care center or private child care

Over 60 percent of the families responding said that lack of good child care keeps them or their spouses from working as many hours as they would like. Slightly over 50 percent said they would use supervised child care if it were available. About 75 said they would use it every day.

Wills said the cost of after-school care will be \$4 per day per child. There will be a discount for a second child in the same family. Wills said that a teacher was hired to start the program this school year, but left to accept a full time job, so she expects the after-school program to begin next year, probably based at Hertford Grammar School.

A full-day summer care program is

There will also be a registration fee

Coastal Carolina Medical Center opens for business

more than likely, it'll be known as "Dr. Lane's office."

The new medical center, dubbed the Coastal Carolina Medical Center by Chowan Monday.

Lane moved his practice from the office he owns on Market Street to the new Church Street Extended location last week. He is leasing Hospital.

At the new building, Lane actually has an office, as well as three examining rooms, a lab, an X-ray room, an emergency room, and a stress and cardio testing room. There are

It's officially the Coastal also examining rooms and Carolina Medical Center, but offices sufficient to house two more doctors. With an overwhelming patient list. Lane is actively seeking another

physician to join the practice. In addition to expanded Hospital, building owners, offices, Chris Lane, office manopened its doors to patients on ager, said a new computer system has been installed which has a link with Chowan Hospital, allowing Lane and his staff quick access to patient records.

The Lanes said the move has the facility from Chowan been hectic, but both look forward to the opportunity to serve patients more efficiently in the new office.

> The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting during Sunday's open house.



Dr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Lane take a moment to relax in the hallway of their new offices on Church Street Extended. The new facility is known as Coastal Carolina Medical Center. The building was constructed by Chowan Hospital.

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Schools to host school-to-work forum

The Perquimans County graduates. School System will host a addressed will be: school-to-work forum on a.m. in the high school cafete-

The forum will feature a Model Youth Apprenticeship Program from Washington High School with panelists Jan Burnette, Apprenticeship Coordinator; Keith Norwood, National Spinning Corporation; a student currently working as a youth apprentice; and Barry Judge, Apprenticeship Consultant, North Carolina Department of

School officials will be seeking input from parents, teachers, students, business owners, business managers and others in the community on several issues involving the school to transition Perquimans County Schools attend the program.

How can school-to-work Monday, March 6 from 8-11 progams make an essential contribution to every student's education as well as the wellbeing of the nation?

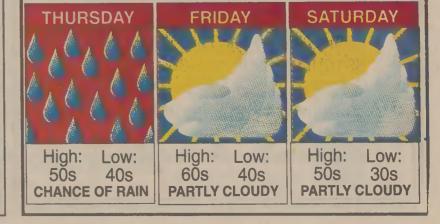
What is the connection between learning in the workplace and learning in the classroom?

How can school-to-work transition programs mutually benefit local industries, the school system and the community?

The school system offers opportunities through several programs for students to gain work experience. The workschool connection is recognized as an important component of education.

Those who would like to attend the forum should register by calling Brenda Lassiter for at 426-5741. There is no fee to

Outside



Trade Mart employees, company representatives, and local officials gathered for the gand opening of Trade Mart on Church Street Extended in Hertford Friday. A ribbon cutting was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Trade Mart is owned by Trade Oil Company in Greenville. Co-owner and vice president Edwin Clark said the company has 33 locations in eastern North Carolina, and offers gas and convenience items. Trade Oil is an independent

gas marketer.