

# The Perquimans Weekly 35¢

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## Construction to begin on Highway 17

**\$10.8 million project to be completed in January 1998**

After numerous delays, construction is finally expected to begin on U.S. Highway 17 between Hertford and the Chowan River Bridge east of Edenton next week.

The contract for the 8.3-mile project was awarded by the N.C. Board of Transportation earlier this month. Glover Construction of Pleasant Hill got the \$10.8 million contract.

The project calls for adding two lanes and a 46-foot median to the existing highway.

R.V. Owens of Nags Head, who represents Chowan and Perquimans counties on the board, said work on the project is expected to begin Aug. 28 when signs alerting motorists to the construction are put up by the contractor.

The contract is the last of three contracts awarded by the board to four lane 12 miles of U.S. 17 from Winfall to Edenton.

During construction, small streams and wetlands will be protected from contamination by soil or construction materials. Grass will be planted to cover bare ground caused by construction, Owens said.

Work on the project is scheduled for completion in January 1998.

## UP AND OVER



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

Alison Boone sets up front-liners (left to right) Kristie Roberson, Amber Curles and Donna Perry while Kim Stallings looks on during a volleyball scrimmage in Hertford Monday against Northeastern. The Lady Pirates open their conference season Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Perquimans.

## Holiday Island man shoots at local deputy

**No one injured in incident resulting from domestic abuse investigation**

By GINGER LIVINGSTON  
The Daily Advance

A Holiday Island man was arrested Wednesday, Aug. 16 for shooting at a Perquimans County deputy sheriff.

Cecil Ray Shaddeau, 58, of Box 5325 Holiday Island, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and released on a \$5,000 bond.

No one was injured during the incident. Shaddeau allegedly shot at Deputy Jon Schultz who was investigating a domestic abuse call at Shaddeau's residence, Perquimans County Sheriff David Lane said.

Shultz went to the house around 11:30 p.m. Tuesday after Shaddeau's wife reported

he was hitting her. When Shultz and Sgt. Anthony Spellman and Deputy Ralph Robinson arrived, Shaddeau became agitated and demanded they leave. He got a .38 caliber handgun and began threatening the officers, eventually shooting at Shultz. While the deputies drew their weapons, they never fired, Lane said. Shaddeau's wife left the house during the commotion.

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The bullet was a stray and did not injure Shultz or anyone else. Lane was contacted and advised his officers to drop back until he could arrive at the scene.

When the deputies pulled back, Shaddeau left the house and hid from deputies. However, he turned himself in the next morning and was charged.

"The deputies did a good job. They didn't overreact in a bad situation and that meant they saved a life - not only his but an officers'," Lane said.

## Fickle Felix threatens coast, then turns

**Perquimans braces for the hurricane that wasn't**

Hurricane Felix sent Perquimans County residents on frenzied preparation rounds last week, only to stall, then change course in the Atlantic.

Last Tuesday and Wednesday, forecasters predicted that Felix could be the first major hurricane to hit coastal North Carolina in many years.

As early as Sunday, riptides along the southern North Carolina coast attributed to Felix were blamed for the drowning of an 18-year-old Magnolia man at Fort Fisher. Red flags were raised all along the Dare and Currituck Outer Banks.

Dare County officials declared a state of emergency and required the evacuation of thousands of vacationers. Although the evacuation was mandatory, some Outer Banks residents refused to leave.

Felix was moving toward the North Carolina coast at approximately 14 mph until Wednesday, when it came to a near standstill. Forecasters predicted the most likely site of landfall as Cape Hatteras.



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Perquimans County residents braced for Hurricane Felix last week. Fortunately, fickle Felix stalled over the Atlantic, then began making its way back toward Bermuda. Be-Lo Supermarket (above), prepared for the threat of the storm by boarding its windows.

Warnings were issued for the Albemarle Sound.

The wind picked up and Perquimans got a smattering of rain, as residents stocked up on non-perishable foods and bottled water at local grocery stores, taped and boarded windows, and stored lawn furniture.

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Court was postponed on Wednesday, as were high school band and football practices and a freshman orientation.

With the storm stalled off the Outer Banks, Perquimans paid close attention to weather broadcasts on Thursday. Then Felix began losing strength and turned back toward

Bermuda.

No damage was reported in Perquimans County; however, high winds and pounding surf battered the Outer Banks, causing erosion, loss of a few beach houses and problems on Highway 12.

Vacationers were allowed to return to Dare County by Thursday.

## State will crack down on deadbeat parents

**New child support enforcement law among toughest in nation**

Deadbeat parents who fail to make child support payments could find their livelihoods threatened when a new law takes effect next year.

Governor Jim Hunt said that his plan to crack down on deadbeat parents will make North Carolina's child support enforcement laws among the toughest in the nation.

Starting next year, the state will revoke business and professional licenses from parents - such as doctors, dentists and lawyers - who are three months behind in their child support payments or who

don't make their court appearances. Deadbeat parents will see their driver's licenses, hunting and fishing licenses and new vehicle permits denied, and will be tracked down across state lines through their employers.

Other steps that will be taken include printing the pictures and names of deadbeat parents on "Ten Most Wanted" posters all over the state and denying vehicle registrations.

Hunt said the measure will make it easier for child support enforcement agents to directly withhold child support payments from employers

in other states. Insurance companies will also be notified to help collect unpaid support through settlements more than \$3,000. Utilities and financial institutions will be required to provide account information.

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"We're going after deadbeat parents where it hurts - their pocketbook, their livelihood

and their recreation," Hunt said. "We're even going to put their faces on wanted posters in every store, library and public place we can think of in the state."

Hunt detailed the child support enforcement effort at a press conference in Charlotte earlier this month. Mecklenburg County's "Top Ten" list was successful, with nine of its original top 10 deadbeat dads found. The number 1 offender owed over \$72,000.

There are approximately 500,000 people in the North Carolina child support system struggling to support their families as a result of deadbeat parents who aren't living up to their obligations, Hunt said.

"This new law means that North Carolina means business when it comes to deadbeat parents," Hunt said.

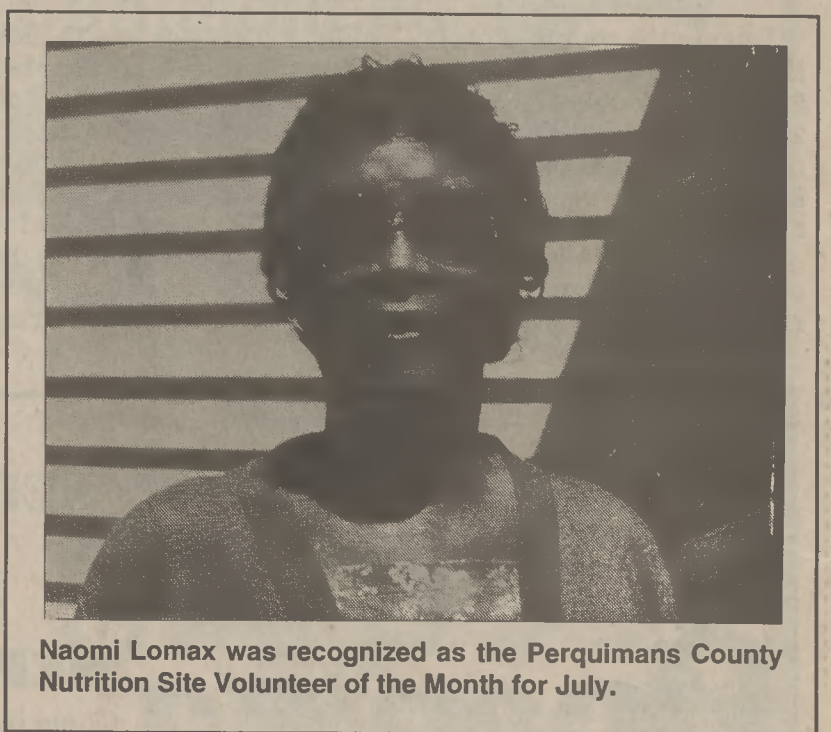
## Final teaching slots filled Monday night

With school set to start Thursday, the Perquimans County Board of Education approved the employment of two teachers and a teacher assistant, bringing the instructional staff up to full speed.

The board approved hiring Brenda Matthews as a fourth grade teacher at Perquimans

Central and Johnnie Walton as health and physical education teacher at Perquimans Middle School. In addition, Susan Owens was approved as a teacher assistant at Hertford Grammar School.

The board was informed that Karen Whitley, ESEA Title I teacher had resigned.



Naomi Lomax was recognized as the Perquimans County Nutrition Site Volunteer of the Month for July.

## Outside

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
High: 90s Low: 60s PARTLY CLOUDY	High: 90s Low: 60s PARTLY CLOUDY	High: 90s Low: 60s PARTLY CLOUDY