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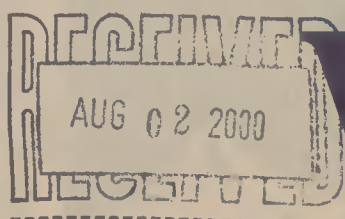
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## Hertford man charged with statutory rape

### 13-year-old allegedly pregnant for second time

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Editor

A 22-year-old Hertford man was arrested and charged with

statutory rape last week. Delton Donae Mallory, 22, of Route 4, Box 1000, was arrested at his residence after eluding capture for the alleged crime, according to Perquimans Sheriff Eric Tilley. Tilley said Mallory allegedly already has one child with the teenager. Information was received by the Department of Social Services that the girl is pregnant again, allegedly with

Mallory's child. The sheriff said both Mallory and the girl were counseled by authorities after the birth of the first child that sex between the two is considered statutory rape, regardless of consent. Tilley said because the alleged victim is 13 years old and Mallory is more than 5 years older than the alleged victim, statutory rape laws apply to the case.

The sheriff said officers could not locate Mallory, and finally executed a search warrant on his property, where he was found and taken into custody. He was confined to Albemarle District Jail under a \$50,000 secured bond. A jail official confirmed Monday that Mallory was still in custody. The case was the second in July resulting in a rape charge. Anthony D. Boykins, 35, a

migrant worker living in the Hertford Inn at the time of his arrest, was charged with first degree rape on July 1. Bond was set at \$50,000 secured. Tilley said a fellow migrant worker reported the alleged rape to the sheriff's department and identified Boykins as her attacker. A deputy was sent to interview the witness and investigate the alleged crime. The next day, the alleged vic-

tim again spoke with the deputy, informing him that she was willing to testify against her attacker in court. But two days later, Tilley said the alleged victim notified the sheriff's office that she had lied about the attack and did not want to pursue prosecution. She subsequently left the area. Charges were against Boykins were dropped.



Patrick Parr

## County bird is mallard

### Parr wins essay contest to name county bird

SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

Things are just ducky in Perquimans County.

The mallard is now the county bird. The duck was chosen with a county-sponsored essay contest. Patrick Parr submitted the winning essay and received a \$50 savings bond. Patrick was a student in Linda Layden-Mewborn's sixth grade class. The class was the only one to participate in the contest, which was open to all fifth and sixth graders. Layden-Mewborn said the contest facilitated research and writing skills for her students.

In his essay, Patrick wrote: "The mallard should be the Perquimans County bird because it lives near the water, is colorful and is strong. Perquimans County has some of the same characteristics.

"The mallard is usually associated with water because it lives, swims and feeds in it. Perquimans County, located on the Perquimans River, is associated with water, too. We use it as a source of income, like fishing, and for recreation.

"The mallard has colorful feathers such as brown and green. Our county has lots of faces that are different colors, just like the mallard.

"Finally the mallard is a strong duck. It is the largest of all ducks. Just like the mallard, we are powerful. Our county may not be big but the people are powerful when we work together.

"The mallard should be representative of Perquimans County because it's associated with water, is colorful and is strong...just like Perquimans County."

Patrick is the son of Ron and Jane Parr. Commissioner Evelyn Stubbins coordinated the contest on behalf of the county.

## Bunch honored for 50 years of service

SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

He thought maybe someone from the U.S. Postal Service was coming to Belvidere to give him a shirt or something.

That's what Belvidere postmaster Roy Bunch thought might be going on when he got a call from Rocky Mount some time ago about his shirt size.

What Bunch received, however, was a party at Albemarle Plantation last Thursday recognizing his 50 years of government service.

"The fact they were going to have this type of thing I didn't have any idea," Bunch said. And he didn't know any of the whispermings around him had anything to do with him receiving his 50-year service pin.

Bunch, a quiet, unassuming man, said he was surprised when a limousine pulled up in his yard Thursday afternoon.

"I just thought it was longer than I needed," Bunch laughed calling his reaction to the white stretch limo.

He knew he and his wife, Clemma, were being chauffeured to a restaurant, but that's all he knew. He determined from the directions given to the driver that it was Albemarle Plantation, but he still had no idea what was in



The celebration cake commemorated Roy Bunch's 50 years of service.



Daily Advance photo

Belvidere postmaster Roy Bunch is congratulated by his supervisor, Nela P. Horton of Rocky Mount, for his 50 years of government service, 48 as postmaster in Belvidere.

store for him.

Then he got out of the limousine in front of the Plantation clubhouse and saw a porchful of people applauding him. He said he was surprised, especially with the number of people there in mid-afternoon.

Bunch spent 18 months in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was hired as the Belvidere postmaster on Nov. 19, 1951. He was officially sworn in on Jan. 24, 1952. Harry Truman was president, color TV was introduced, postmasters were paid with local funds, and it cost 3 cents to mail a first class letter when Bunch began his duties.

Back in 1951, Bunch knew just about everyone served by the Belvidere post office. Now, the area is more transient and the traffic has increased in the post

office. At one time, almost all those who stopped in the Belvidere post office were from the neighborhood. Today, many folks who go through Belvidere on their commute to work stop by when they pass the post office. Still, Bunch said he knows most of his customers.

Bunch said the Belvidere post office processes over twice as much mail now as in 1951. More people pay bills by mail now and there has been an increase in direct mail also, he said. Belvidere serves about 545 households, both on a rural route and in post office boxes. He and one carrier handle the facility.

Forty-eight years is a long time to do one job, and although he can't put his finger on the exact reasons he's stayed on that long, he knows he has enjoyed waiting on his customers.

And it was obvious Thursday his customers have appreciated having Bunch in their post office. Many turned out for the party in

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## Main Street manager hired

Belinda C. Washlesky will begin her duties as the Main Street program manager for the town of Hertford Monday.

The part-time manager will coordinate activity within a downtown revitalization program that utilizes historic preservation as an integral foundation for downtown economic development.

Washlesky will be responsible for the development, conduct, execution, and documentation of the Main Street program. She will be the principal on-site staff person responsible for coordinating all program activities locally, as well as for representing the community regionally and nationally as appropriate.

Hiring a part-time program manager was one of the stipulations agreed to when Hertford applied for the Main Street designation. Hertford's size allowed the town to hire a part-time manager.

Washlesky comes to the town with over 20 years of related experience, most recently as Marketing Office Manager for Sound Home Builders Inc., a local contractor in Albemarle Plantation. Prior to that, she was a real estate settlement agent for Culpepper and Dixon in Edenton.

In addition, Washlesky served as executive assistant to the chairman and owner of Ole Hansen & Sons, Inc., a real estate developer in New Jersey. She also worked for many years as an administrative assistant to the vice presidents of marketing for International Banking Technologies in Georgia and for Storage Tek, a major computer operation in Atlanta.

Washlesky received an associate of arts degree from the University of Alaska and a bachelor of arts in business studies and marketing from the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, graduating summa cum laude from both schools.

Originally from Georgia, Washlesky has lived in Hertford for over 3 years with her husband, Paul T. Washlesky, a Coast Guard lieutenant. She enjoys golf and time with Heidi, her miniature dachshund.

Washlesky's office will be located in downtown Hertford at 118 W. Market Street, which was the former office of Dr. Robert E. Lane.



Belinda C. Washlesky

## Stallings replaces Stallings at Central

SUSAN R. HARRIS  
Editor

A new face with a familiar name will make his home away from home in the principal's office at Central School this week.

Billy Stallings has accepted a contract to serve as principal at Central School, pending school board approval, according to Mary Kay Peele, administrative assistant to superintendent Gregory Todd.

Stallings resigned as assistant principal at Currituck

County Middle School to accept the job in his home county. In addition to his administrative duties, Stallings is a veteran high school baseball coach, who coached other sports during his long career in Currituck.

Stallings earned his bachelor's degree from Elizabeth City State University and his masters degrees from East Carolina University. He began his career in education in Perquimans County, moved to Union County and has spent about 20 years in Currituck.

## Indian Summer, Hearth & Harvest festivals near

Indian Summer Festival and Hearth and Harvest Festival 2000 is just around the corner.

Organizers are preparing for a day of fun in downtown Hertford and at the Newbold-White House on Saturday, Sept. 9.

Booth applications for Indian Summer Festival are available. Booths will be set upon Church Street, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on festival day.

Arts, crafts, display and information booths are \$30 for an 8x10 and \$50 for an 8x22. Electric hook-ups are available on a limited basis for a \$10

charge. Anyone wishing to rent a craft or display booth should make checks payable to HHBA/Indian Summer Festival, C/O Mary White, The Wishing Well, 144 N. Church Street, Hertford, NC 27944, phone 426-2021.

Food booths are \$50 (8x22 only). Those interested in a food booth should contact Chamber of Commerce president Gay Murray at 426-1426.

The day's events are being organized by the Historic Hertford Business Association, Chamber and Perquimans County Restoration Association.

### WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
High: 88  
Low: 73  
SCATTERED T'STORMS

FRIDAY  
High: 88  
Low: 71  
SCATTERED T'STORMS

SATURDAY  
High: 89  
Low: 72  
SCATTERED T'STORMS