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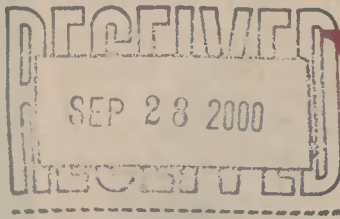
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## Two arrested on cocaine trafficking charges

### Officers nab 30 grams of coke

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Two people were arrested in Perquimans County on drug trafficking charges early Saturday morning.

Kathy Lamb Dail, 44, of 1323 Beech Springs Rd., Tyner, and George Nathan Felton, 38, of 1342 Paradise Road, Edenton, were both charged with trafficking cocaine. Dail was also charged with maintaining a dwelling for the purpose of

selling/manufacturing cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Dail's bond was set at \$51,000 secured; Felton's at \$50,000 secured. Both posted bail.

Based on information received by the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, Investigator Nathan Zachary secured a search warrant for Dail's mobile home, which is in Perquimans County. Deputies from Perquimans and Gates counties and officers from the Elizabeth City-Pasquotank Drug Task Force executed the warrant and found 30 grams of cocaine, a gun and drug paraphernalia. They took over \$800 in cash from Felton, who was

at Dail's home at the time of the raid. Dail may face additional charges for the weapon found in her home.

Had there been less than 28 grams of cocaine found, Dail and Felton would have been charged with possession of cocaine, rather than the more serious offense of trafficking.

Felton is presently on probation for a past drug conviction. He has been under investigation for quite some time, according to the sheriff's department.

The pair was scheduled for a first appearance in Perquimans County District Court on Sept. 27.



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Law officers raided this Beech Springs Road home early Saturday, confiscating 30 grams of cocaine. The raid led to the arrest of two people on drug trafficking charges.

## Hertford may get visitor's center

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Tourists in Hertford may soon find several agencies welcoming them to the area at a shared visitor's center.

The town of Hertford applied for a \$25,000 Rural Tourism Development Grant to turn a downtown building into a visitor's center. The building, which is owned by Robert Earl and Chris Lane at 118 West Market Street, formerly served as Lane's medical practice.

The Lanes wrote a letter last month, stating their intent to give the office to be used to house a visitor center, chamber office, Main Street Program office, arts headquarters and other purposes related to the development of heritage tourism in the county. Until such time as the building is decided to a non-profit organization, the Lanes offered the building rent-free for those purposes.

Backed by the Lane's donation of the building, the town applied for the grant to furnish the lobby, purchase needed equipment, furnish a conference/board room, purchase signage and lights for the front of the building, and renovate areas inside and outside.

The building already houses the Main Street Program, and the chamber board has discussed moving to the Market Street location.

If funded, Main Street Program Director Belinda Washlesky will serve as project coordinator for the renovation. She and Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development local Development Officer LuAnne Pendergraft worked jointly to write the grant proposal.

Washlesky said a visitor's center is an important component of heritage tourism development. Having a staffed office for tourists to visit to get information on local attractions, including shops, eateries, bed and breakfasts and historic places, is imperative to the successful development of the county as a heritage tourism destination.

## WALKING TO D'FEET ALS



PHOTOS BY SUSAN HARRIS

The rain did not deter over 300 walkers from participating in the Walk to D'Feet ALS in Hertford Saturday morning. The Hertford walk, coordinated by the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation in cooperation with the ALS Association North Carolina Chapter, was the first of several ALS walk-a-thons planned statewide. About \$40,000 was raised.

## ALS walk nets \$40K

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Spirits were high Saturday as over 300 participants strolled through Hertford in the rain to raise money for ALS Foundation North Carolina Chapter.

And raise money, they did, to the tune of about \$40,000, according to Helen Hunter, widow of Jim "Catfish" Hunter. Jim Hunter died in September 1999 from complications of ALS.

About 2 dozen of Jim Hunter's family members joined friends, ALS patients, and families of others with ALS in the walk.

Helen Hunter said a Hertford County man recently diagnosed with ALS walked part of the 3-mile route. His family and friends raised over \$5,000 of the \$40,000 raised with the walk-a-thon. Another family from the Hampton

Roads area who lost a loved one to ALS also participated.

Helen Hunter; her children, Todd, Kim and Paul; in-laws, Joanna and Larry; and grandson, Taylor were among those walking to help raise funds to cure the cruel disease.

ALS, also commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a progressive disease that attacks nerve cells called motor neurons which control the movement of voluntary muscles. The muscles receive no nourishment, causing a wasting away of muscle. The disease also attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord.

At present, researchers do not know what causes ALS, nor is there a cure, although scientific breakthroughs over the last few years have led to new drugs which slow the progression of the disease. The disease progressively takes more and more muscle from its



victims, but does not affect the brain. Most patients live 3 to 5 years after diagnosis, although there are documented cases of long-term survival.

Helen Hunter and her family watched as their loved one, a national hero due in part to his physical prowess, lose the ability to hunt, fish, drive his truck around his farm, teach his first grandchild to pitch — do those things which he loved. And they and their friends

want to help find a way to keep others from watching a loved one suffer from ALS.

For information on ALS and the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation, log onto the web site at [www.catfishhunters.org](http://www.catfishhunters.org). The site contains information about the disease, treatment options, links to other ALS sites and more. Ways to donate to the Foundation can also be found on the site.

## West Academy now one-way street

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West Academy Street is officially one-way.

Town maintenance employees installed the one-way signs at the ends of the one-block long street last week. Parking places have been painted on both sides of the street.

West Academy is the street that runs in front of the county library and the American Legion Post 126 building. It runs into Grubb Street on the north and Market Street on the south. Traffic can now run north to south on the street. Vehicles may turn onto West Academy Street from Grubb Street and exit via Market Street.

The change had been approved by the Hertford Town Council in May. Council members agreed that the street was too narrow for parking on both sides and two-way traffic.

The Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Softball Tournament that was rained out last weekend will pick up Saturday at 9 a.m. at the county softball fields in Winfall.

## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
 High: 75  
 Low: 56  
 PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY  
 High: 67  
 Low: 48  
 PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY  
 High: 71  
 Low: 55  
 PARTLY CLOUDY