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## Chinquapin Rd: **Rocks slashing** motorists' tires

SUSAN R. HARRIS Editor

It's like playing Russian roulette with your tires.

Kathy Turner, a resident of Chinquapin Road, said for weeks now motorists have suffered flat tires when navigating the rock road. She estimates 20-30 tires have had to be plugged or replaced over the past three months or so.

The problem started this sümmer, Turner said, when the road was re-rocked. Since then, flat tires have been commonplace. Her husband has had five tires damaged, her són, three. Others on the road, including Glenn and Charlotte Jones, have also had to replace tires. Turner said several people who went down the road to

pick grapes at Perry Farms also had to have tires repaired.

Turner said the expense and inconvenience of having a flat tire is a concern, but she is more worried about the danger of someone getting in an accident. A driver losing control and wrecking a vehicle or one of the three buses that travel the road daily being involved in an accident is a real possibility, she said.

Jones also expressed his concern over the safety of those driving on the road in a Sept. 12 email sent to J. Jennings at the Department

Transportation:

"I am very pleased that paving of Chinquapin Road in Perquimans County has progressed as well as it has however Continued on page 6

### FESTIVE TABLESCAPES



The Perguimans County Restoration Assocation brought back the popular fund raiser Festive Tablescapes earlier this month. The event groups homeowners, florists, jewelry and gift shops, and caterers for an afternoon of touring beautifully decorated dining rooms and kitchens with festive themes. Among the homes tourists enjoyed was the gaily-decked, Mardis Gras theme of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Earl Lane in Winfall. Mrs. Lane is the president of PCRA.

## New bank opens in Hertford

East Carolina Bank joins local community

> **SUSAN R. HARRIS** Editor

A new bank officially opened in Hertford Friday.

The East Carolina Bank held a ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration to mark the opening of its Hertford branch. The full-service institution is making its temporary headquarters at Perquimans Village Shopping Center in the building former-

ly housing CVS Pharmacy. Plans are to build a permanent home for the bank near the intersection of Hwy. 17



East Carolina Bank employees and officers gathered for a grand opening celebration Friday. The bank, which is operating out of the building formerly occupied by CVS Pharmacy, was welcomed with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Government officials from Hertford, Winfall and Perquimans County were on hand for the occasion.

to the county, it is staffed with several familiar faces. At the helm is Becky H. Winslow, who serves as vice president and branch manager. She brings over 20 years of banking experience to her new position.

While East Carolina is new Heritage Tourism Council, the Perquimans Historic District Committee, and the Chamber of Commerce.

> Another banking veteran, Kathy Lassiter, serves as branch operations manager.

Joining the management Winslow is also active in the team are tellers Anita Garrett Bypass and Harvey Point Road. community as a member of the and Kevin Bennett.

"We are very excited about bringing our unique style of community banking to the citizens and businesses of Perguimans County as well as the town of Hertford, and we are additionally pleased to have someone of Becky Winslow's stature and experi-

forge our success," stated Arthur H. Keeney III, ECB President and CEO who was on hand for the grand opening. "Adding this branch in Hertford furthers our mission of providing multiple banking options to our customers, including convenient traditional branch services, banking through automated teller machines, 24 hour access through XPRESS Banking, and internet banking and online access at www.ecbbancorp.com."

East Carolina Bank has already given back to the community. The bank was a major sponsor of the recent farm tour. As part of the grand opening, a money ribbon was cut and the \$500 on the ribbon given to the Perquimans County Rescue Squad.

Branch hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday. The phone number is 426-3839.

Based in Englehard, The East Carolina Bank is in its 80th year of serving the citizens of eastern North Carolina through 17 full-service offices including new branches in Hertford as well as New Bern.

ECB Bancorp, Inc's (The East Carolina Bank) common stock is listed on NASDAQ's SmallCap Market under the ence join the ECB team and symbol "ECBE."

## Jones gains votes in canvass

Incumbent actually carries Perquimans

> SUSAN R. HARRIS Editor

Thank goodness we're not in Florida.

That is the sentiment expressed by election officials in Perquimans County, wherethe election, for the most part went smoothly.

Elections Director Eula Forbes said Monday that there was an outcome change in one race after the official canvass. Election officials found that Rep. Walter B. Jones Jr. actual ly carried the county in the U.S. House District 3 race over: Leigh H. McNairy. Jones got. 2,085 votes to McNairy's 2,078. Unofficial results on election night showed McNairy on top 2,076-1,983. Forbes said a clerical error caused the change. Jones received 303 absentee votes, but the number was written down and added as 203.

There was another case of a number being misread from a voting machine print-out, but that mistake did not change any outcomes, Forbes said.

In Belvidere, a voting machine would not work, causing a back-up at that precinct. Forbes said the poll closed around 8:30 p.m., an hour after the scheduled closing time, to allow all those waiting in line to vote. There was one functioning machine at the poll.

The only other problem on election day was with a voting machine in New Hope. It functioned properly all day, but a programming glitch kept it from allowing totals to be run at closing time. Forbes said a technician with the company stationed in the county on election day was able to fix the problem.

Perquimans had a big turnout, with over 50 percent of the county's 8,155 registered voters casting a ballot. Forbes said 4,488 people voted here. There were 607 absentee votes requested. Of those, 405 took advantage of the law that allowed one-stop, no-excuse voting.

#### Hertford Grammar hosts Veteran's Day program

SUSAN R. HARRIS Editor

"May history never write my obituary...," Eva Kalvick read speaking as the American flag at the Hertford Grammar School Veteran's Day assembly last Thursday.

Kalvick represented Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW, Post 6060 in Elizabeth City at the ceremony. She said she was glad to see each classroom at the school display the flag which had meant so much to so many veterans over the years. Kalvick gave a brief talk about the flag, which she said was born on June 14, 1777.

She encouraged the students to thank a veteran for

helping keep America free on Veteran's Day.

Dr. Ruth Guyer, a former Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy, talked to the students about the role of women in the mili-

"Women are for the most part treated equally" in the military, Guyer said. While women are not allowed in combat positions, they do support combat positions and are often near the front lines in military action, she said. The other difference in expectations is in the physical fitness requirements. She said the requirements for women take into consideration the physical differences between men and

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The Hertford Grammar School Chorus sings and signs "Remembering You" during the school's Veteran's Day program last Thursday.

#### WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY HIGH: 62 Low: 43 PARTLY CLOUDY

> FRIDAY **H**IGH: 58 Low: 35 **SHOWERS**

SATURDAY **H**IGH: 50 Low: 33 PARTLY CLOUDY