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Men charged with robbery

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A Hertford man was taken into custody inside the Has It Store in New Hope as he allegedly robbed it.

Herbert Anthony Wilson Jr., 18, of 3957 New Hope Road was arrested and charged with three felonies after officers reported finding him behind the cash register going through store property on Aug. 14. Wilson was charged with breaking and entering, larceny after breaking and entering, and possession after larceny. He was taken to Albemarle District Jail under a \$10,000 secured bond.

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Vaccine shortage changes state rule

A national shortage of the combined tetanus and diphtheria toxoids (Td) has brought changes in state vaccine requirements and availability.

The North Carolina Commission for Health Services adopted a temporary rule that suspended the requirement for college and university students to receive a booster dose of the combined tetanus and diphtheria toxoids vaccine, according to Albemarle Regional Health Services. College and university students are still required to have received three doses of Td-containing vaccine, in most cases administered to them as infants and young children prior to entering kindergarten.

Providers of immunizations, including doctors, clinics and health departments, should maintain a roster of all students for whom Td vaccine is deferred. Upon notification that vaccine supplies are restored and that North Carolina's temporary suspension is lifted, these students must update their Td immunization series with booster doses as a requirement for college and university attendance.

Albemarle Regional Health Services also announced that for the duration of the shortage—expected to last 12–18 months—the use of Td is permitted only for the following:

- persons without documentation of Td vaccination within the last 10 years that are traveling to a country where the risk of diphtheria is high;

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FUN AT THE FESTIVALS!



PHOTOS BY SUSAN HARRIS



Indian Summer and Hearth & Harvest festivals brought family activities to four venues in Hertford Saturday. Children flocked to Missing Mill Park, where they enjoyed a variety of rides and games (above). They also enjoyed period activities such as making cornshuck dolls (right) at the Newbold-White House. For festival details, see page 10. More photos are on pages 6 and 7.

Big P's brings soft-serve ice cream to town

SUSAN R. HARRIS

R.P. and Dianne White are offering some sweet deals these days. Not on their cars, but on the soft serve ice cream they're now selling from their Ocean Highway site.

Cones, shakes, banana splits, fudge brownie sundaes, fountain drinks and more are offered through a window to the left of the car dealership.

The sweet treats can be taken off site, eaten in the car, or enjoyed at the picnic tables complete with umbrellas on the lot.

Called Big P's Ice Cream, the shop is open 11 a.m.—9 p.m. Monday—Saturday and 1-8 p.m. on Sunday.

R.P. and Dianne hope everyone will come and give Big P's a try. They'll sell you a car while you're there, too!



R.P. and Dianne White (left) celebrate the grand opening of Big P's Ice Cream on Ocean Highway (U.S. 17 Bypass) in Hertford Friday with a ribbon cutting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Main Street reports growth

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Belinda Washlesky has said good things were happening in downtown Hertford since taking her job as Main Street Program manager last summer.

Monday night, she proved her point as she gave Hertford Town Council the first Main Street annual report.

The downtown district had an infusion of \$774,076 between July 1, 2000 and June 30, 2001. Eight facades were redone, five buildings renovated, 30 new jobs created, four new businesses added and four businesses expanded.

Two projects account for the majority of the funds spent downtown. The courthouse renovation added \$334,890 to the total. That project represents most of the \$403,776 in public money spent.

Inteliport has added an upscale training center, walls, bathroom renovations and broad band wireless telecommunications infrastructure amounting to \$200,000 of the \$370,300 in private money spent. Mike Zarpas purchased the gas station on the corner of Church and Grubb streets as well as a house on Grubb Street for \$81,000. Erie Haste bought the building and lot on Grubb Street between Front and Church for \$66,000.

Businesses added include Mary's Florist and Gift Shoppe, The Home Plate Cafe (now Church Street Grille), Guardsman Wood Pro, The Tin Rabbit and The Nail Room. Riverwalk Gallery closed during the same time, to make a net gain of four businesses.

Downtown businesses, including county government added 60 jobs net, some full-time, some part-time.

Several businesses expanded including Inteliport, Centura Bank, The Washing Well and the county courthouse.

Buildings renovated under the Main Street definition include the new Visitor Center, Inteliport, Continued on page 12

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
 High: 79
 Low: 59
 PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
 High: 73
 Low: 57
 WIND & RAIN

SATURDAY
 High: 74
 Low: 58
 SUNNY