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Perquimans County Restoration Association president Chris Lane and East Carolina Bank City Executive Becky Winslow welcome visitors to the Newbold-White Visitors Center during a Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours co-hosted by PCRA and the bank last week. Newbold-White House Site Manager David Webb looks on.

Town agrees to close street until school is over

Jimmy Hunter Drive to be closed school days 7-4

SUSAN R. HARRIS

The Hertford Town Council voted to curtail the vehicular use of Jimmy Hunter Drive until the end of the school year.

The school board initially requested that the town allow the portion of Jimmy Hunter Drive between Edenton Road Street and Ainsley Drive to be closed during school hours. The board placed mobile units on the other side of the street from the school's main building, forcing students to cross the street to attend class.

School officials indicated in a recent letter to the town that the schools have contacted the North

Carolina Department of Transportation regarding the street running through the campus and the resulting danger to students. DOT indicated that it would cut a new road between the mobile units and schools administrative building to reroute traffic. However, council members said they are not ready to dedicate a portion of the street to DOT as would be required to cut a new street. If they dedicated the street to DOT, council would no longer control the street.

Council voted to allow the school board to close the portion of the street in question from 7 a.m.—4 p.m. each school day through the end of the school year. The motion made by Carlton Davenport further stated that during the school year, a permanent solution to the problem be sought.

Couple killed in wreck

6-year-old loses both parents

SUSAN R. HARRIS and SEAN JACKSON

A Hertford couple was killed Friday evening just a few miles from their Snug Harbor Home.

Loren Perry Hillaker, 24, and Aaron Lorn Hillaker, 30, both of 349 Snug Harbor Rd., died from injuries sustained when their 1996 Pontiac Grand Am was

involved in a three-vehicle accident.

The Hillakers' 6-year-old daughter and two other youths, ages 13 and 14, were also in the vehicle at the time of the accident. All were taken to Chowan Hospital. The 13-year-old was treated and released. There is no word on how long the other children stayed at the hospital. The teens were friends of the family.

The driver of the second vehicle in the accident, Sylvia Ides of Hubert, N.C., was taken to Chowan Hospital and later transported to Pitt County Memorial Hospital by

EastCare helicopter. She was later released, according to N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper C.T. Griffin.

According to Griffin, the Grand Am was making a left turn off of U.S. 17 South onto Snug Harbor Road when it pulled into the path of the Dakota.

"It was just a failure to see (oncoming vehicles) before crossing a lane of traffic," Griffin said.

The Hillakers were pinned in the vehicle.

A third vehicle, a 2000 Ford furniture truck owned by RentWay Rental Company of Elizabeth City, was struck by Ides' Dakota after it struck the Grand

Am. The truck overturned in a nearby field after striking the furniture truck and came to rest on its side.

The furniture truck was at the intersection of U.S. 17 and Bear Swamp Road. Bear Swamp Road is directly across the intersection from Snug Harbor Road.

The truck driver was not taken to a hospital, but did Griffin said he complained of a sore neck.

Griffin said that there was no indication that drugs or alcohol were involved in the accident, and that all the drivers and passengers were wearing seat belts. He added that no charges will be filed.



Johnny Corprew explains the inner workings of the headers on his cotton combine to visitors during the Perquimans County Farm Tour Sunday afternoon.



Collin Byrum, the youngest Byrum in Tri-B Farms, shows off one of the pigs on the farm, which breeds and sells show pigs. (More photos, page 7)

Tourists glimpse life on the farm

SUSAN R. HARRIS

From Peruvian Pasos to pigs to peanuts, people got a taste of life on the farm during the weekend's Perquimans County Farm Tour.

Folks flocked to the fields in spite of Saturday's rain, according to agribusiness representatives who participated in the two-day event.

"I was really surprised

(at the number of people we had) Saturday," said Johnny Corprew. "They really asked some good questions, too."

Corprew opened both a peanut and cotton field to the public for the tour. Corprew, Donald Madre, Gene Madre, Tim Corprew, Ray Winslow and Lewis Smith explained the process of harvesting the crops and the equipment used.

Down the road at Ward &

Nixon Cotton Gin, tourists could see what happens when the cotton leaves the field.

New to the event this year was a display of boats and equipment used for commercial and recreational fishing at the Hertford boat docks.

Livestock was also a big component of the tour. The largest collection of Peruvian Paso horses in North Carolina was on the tour. Owned by Douglas

and Cheryl Perry, the horses are considered by many to be the smoothest riding horses in the world.

The Perrys welcomed Christian Zoeger, a native of Peru who now trains Peruvians in New York, to their farm to offer demonstrations and information.

At nearby Proctor and Sons Farm, Willis, Pete, Tim, Nicholas and Blake offered a look at Angus influence beef cattle. The

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Two new businesses make Hertford their home

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Church Street welcomed two new tenants recently — United Country Real Estate and Church Street Grille. The Chamber of Commerce sponsored ribbon cuttings for both.

Carolyn Hare is simply at home in the kitchen. As she tells it, she's always enjoyed mixing up taste treats with a different twist, listening to cooks with years of experience under their belts, and watching how good cooks prepare and serve meals.

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The Chamber of Commerce sponsored ribbon cuttings for United Country Real Estate (above) and Church Street Grille (right) recently. Both are located on Church Street in Hertford's main business district downtown.



WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 74
Low: 59
MOSTLY SUNNY

FRIDAY
High: 75
Low: 57
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
High: 74
Low: 57
PARTLY CLOUDY