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# THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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## Grant money to help expand Winfall park

ERIN RICKERT

A grant, recently awarded to Winfall, will provide funds needed to complete the boardwalk overlooking the Perquimans River in Winfall Landing Park.

The CAMA grant, part of the Public Beach and Coastal Waterfront Access

Program, will supply 75 percent of the funds needed to finish the 240-foot long, 7-foot wide walkway — the final of three phases designed to beautify the park.

The project, costing close to \$19,500, will be paid for in part by \$14,625 in CAMA grant funds. An additional match of \$4,875

by the town was required in order to receive the grant money.

The money for the match will be provided through a sponsor, according to Winfall Mayor Fred Yates, who refused mention of the sponsor's name.

Yates said the project could begin as early as the first of the year once a con-

struction company is chosen — meaning completion of the boardwalk could come as soon as February 2005.

"Once we award the bid [to a construction company] you are looking at 30 days completion depending on the weather," Yates said. "We should be able to find someone [contractors] pret-

ty quickly."

The new boardwalk will attach to the existing 200-foot of walkway obtained in the first phase of the park project through money provided to the town by a 1995 CAMA grant. Upon completion, the new boardwalk will not only provide added recreation for citizens, but will serve as a precaution-

ary measure, according to Yates.

"Safety is number one right now," Yates said. "Right now there is nothing to stop the children from going into the water. This should provide that."

Yet this project is not the end of work planned for the 3.37-acre park.

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## Store clerk cited by ALE

SUSAN R. HARRIS

A local convenience store clerk was cited recently for selling tobacco products to a minor, according to Alcohol Law Enforcement Agent Marilyn Cahoon.

Lucy Riddick received the citation.

Cahoon said the agency ran an operation in Perquimans on Nov. 26, sending an underage customer into 13 stores in the county. Only One Stop sold to the minor, Cahoon said.

Cahoon said that her office operates in the 16 counties of the northeast, and that operations are run every month. The counties to be targeted come to the regional office from Raleigh, she said.

The purpose of the operations is to try to get the rates of sale to minors down, and hopefully, curtail the use of tobacco products by underage users.

Cahoon said her agency has found that regularly running operations in counties reduces the incidence of sales to minors. The agency runs about 60 operations per month in the region.

"I think over the years that we're making a dent in it (underage sales)," Cahoon said.

ALE officers recruit teens to pose as buyers for the operations, often with the help of schools. Once chosen, the minor goes into a store outside his own

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## No Puffin



No Puff Daddy and his rap group invited cancer patient Julie White on stage at Perquimans High School with them to discuss her personal health battle resulting from tobacco use.

## Anti-smoking message is personal for sub teacher

In collaboration with Chowan Regional Health Care Foundation and the SADD and SURGE teams at Perquimans County High School, guest speakers are invited annually to present on the dangers of tobacco. This year's guest speaker,

Sterlen Barr also known as No Puff Daddy, is the CEO of Rapping About Prevention Inc., is a health educator and motivational rap artist. He educates, inspires, motivates and encourages youth to stay healthy and tobacco-free.

Recently he delivered a high-energy presentation

using facts, humor, personal experience, audience participation, and a live rap performance to students at Perquimans Middle School and Perquimans High School.

During his presentation at the local middle and high schools, Barr invited Julie White to speak. Julie, a substitute teacher for Perquimans County Schools, allowed Barr's message to become real as she shared her personal testimony of lung cancer.

"My name is Julie White. I am your favorite substitute teacher," she said.

The students cheered, voicing approval of her words. She continued by removing her scarf and showing her hair loss, resulting from the chemotherapy treatments which she is undergoing.

"The message I want to share with you (students) is never pick up a cigarette. If you don't start....you don't have to stop. If you already smoke....stop!" White said.

"The emotional message delivered by Julie White made this year's message personal," said Principal Hans Lassiter.

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## Man aids capture of his carjacker

ERIN RICKERT

A recent car chase that brought a citizen and law enforcement from two counties together in pursuit of a carjacker ended Dec. 5, with the successful capture of 46-year-old Elizabeth City resident Tony Cecclphus Gibbs.

The chase was spurred when Gibbs of 405 New Jersey Road, Elizabeth City stole a 2000 Chevrolet Silverado truck from the driveway of West Grubb Street resident Jeffrey Vaughn.

Vaughn was enjoying the afternoon with his family

that Sunday when a man was spotted walking across the front yard of their Hertford home.

Thinking nothing of this very usual occurrence, the Vaughn's went on with what they were doing.

Minutes later, at approximately 4:10 p.m., Vaughn's wife Mattie alerted him that his Chevrolet truck was leaving the driveway, but neither Vaughn was behind the wheel.

It was then that Vaughn grabbed the keys to the family's Nissan Altima and followed his stolen truck while dialing 911 on his cell phone.

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## Holiday open house set at Newbold

ERIN RICKERT

The annual Colonial Christmas Celebration at The Newbold-White House, sponsored by the Perquimans County Restoration Association, will take place from 6-8:30 p.m. Friday.

"We usually have several hundred people come out and we are expecting an excellent turnout this year," said Chris Lane, president of the Perquimans County Restoration Association.

The free event will not only allow guests the opportunity to tour the historic 1730s home, but also enjoy live Christmas music and the lighting of a yule log.

Local talents performing in the Visitors Center include Julie Stamper, par-

lor harpist, who will perform at 6 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m. Julie will be joined by flutist Ken Ries, violinists Hannah and Courtney Lane will take stage at 7 p.m. and the Perquimans High School Jazz Ensemble will end the night with music beginning at 7:30 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m.

Harpist Elizabeth Hawthorn will entertain guests touring in the Newbold-White House from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Natalie Bero, who helps coordinate the event annually, said their main event, the lighting of the yule log, is a tradition they have been carrying out at the Newbold-White House for years.

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## Dotty's offers hot meals, cozy accommodations

ERIN RICKERT

Craig and Theresa Christensen searched all over the United States for a bed and breakfast they could call their own, only to discover the perfect fit months later in Hertford.

Originally from Lake Tahoe, Nev., these former Harrah's casino dealers began work on Dotty's bed and breakfast and café in summer 2003.

Now, just over a year later, the couple celebrated the opening of both the café and the bed and breakfast with a Chamber-sponsored ribbon cutting Friday.

The café, which opened last week, operates from 7

a.m. — 3 p.m. Wednesday — Sunday, but Theresa said in a month the two plan to reevaluate not only the hours but also the menu for changes.

Menu items include waffles, French toast, wraps, hamburgers, Philly cheese steaks, hoagies, nachos, sticky buns, homemade turtles, espresso beverages and an array of salads.

In addition to their regular menu items the Christensens plan to serve new daily specials not routinely featured for \$4.95.

Theresa said plans to furnish a corner of the café with a loveseat, books and board games for guests to use could be added as soon



PHOTO BY ERIN RICKERT

The Chamber of Commerce sponsored a ribbon cutting for Dotty's Bed and Breakfast and Cafe Friday.

as next month.

"We want to be part of the community," Craig

said. "We hope we can be as accommodating as everyone else has been so far."

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## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 53  
LOW: 33  
SUNNY

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 55  
LOW: 37  
FEW SHOWERS

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 54  
LOW: 36  
PARTLY CLOUDY