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## Chanoke man missing since Jan. 27

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The Daily Advance

The car driven by a Chapanoke man missing since Jan. 27 was found abandoned in Elizabeth City Sunday, his wife said.

The white 1998 Oldsmobile Regal that Corey Sylvester was last

seen driving was found Sunday morning in the parking lot on Water Street beside First South Bank. Inside, investigators discovered the keys still in the ignition and an untouched fast-food restaurant sandwich on the seat, according to Sylvester's wife Pamika.

Pamika Sylvester said last week that her husband

failed to come home after what was supposed to be a brief trip to Elizabeth City. Corey Sylvester was supposed to pick up the youngest of the couple's three children from a day-care center on his way home, but he never made it there, his wife said.

When he still hadn't arrived home by 10 a.m. the

next morning, Pamika said she called authorities.

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Office is handling the investigation, but Sheriff Eric Tilley and Deputy Marlow Reel, who is heading up the investigation, could not be reached for comment Monday.

Capt. G.F. Koch of the Elizabeth City Police

Department Confirmed Monday that the car Sylvester was driving has been found. But he deferred all other questions to Tilley.

Sylvester's co-workers, friends, wife and family have said it is not like Sylvester to disappear. Some of the fear the worst.

Sylvester picked up his paycheck at Furniture Lion

the morning he disappeared, said his boss, Archie Garrett. He had worked at the furniture store for about five months as a delivery man, Garrett said.

Information about Corey Sylvester's whereabouts should be reported to the Perquimans County Sheriff's office at 426-5615.

## GIVING OUT SMILES

## Dental staff polishes smiles

ERIN RICKERT

Eleven year-old Shaleek Shellbee was able to make his first trip to the dentist Friday through the help of an annual program initiated by the American Dental Association.

Give Kids a Smile Day, a program focused on providing free oral health care to thousands of low-income children across the country, was taken on locally by Jack L. Boone's dental office on Ainsley Avenue four years ago.

Though the office is typically closed Fridays, doors were open from 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. to 32 area school children aged 5-18 in need of assistance.

A team of four assistants and newly graduated dentists Alison Boone-Heyder, Boone's daughter, and her husband Markus Heyder, had the task of repairing



PHOTO BY ERIN RICKERT

Dr. Alison Boone-Heyder provides free dental care at the practice of her father, Dr. Jack Boone in Hertford, during Friday's Give Kids A Smile Day. For the fourth year, Boone and his staff volunteered their time to offer dental care to children as they participated in the national Give Kids A Smile program.

these neglected smiles.

The two, who graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill last year, are currently practicing in Fayetteville,

but drove the more than three hours to Hertford to help.

"They [the Heyder's] are newly graduated and seeing it fast and hard today,"

said Andrea Boone, Jack's wife and the office manager of the practice.

While several of the students were visiting for

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## Grant provides radios for the deaf

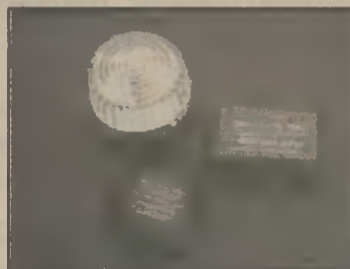
ERIN RICKERT

Thanks to \$500,000 in grant money, many of the deaf and hard of hearing residing in North Carolina will be alerted to severe weather conditions with a specialized NOAA weather radio.

With the money from both a state and federal grant, the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management purchased 3,500 of these specialized radios meant for statewide distribution through February.

Ed Jenkins, natural hazards planner for the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, said the radios were purchased to ensure all state residents could take the protective action necessary during times of potential disaster.

"It's an outgrowth of lessons learned during Hurricane Floyd," Jenkins said. "A study was done around that time that determined not enough radios were available for the deaf and hard of hearing. We discovered area grant money could be used to help solve this problem."



Special radios for the hearing impaired alert them to impending severe weather.

Jenkins said the Division of Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing maintain a list of North Carolina residents that require special equipment and they were able to designate the number of radios each county would receive based on the list.

Six of these radios, which alert the hearing impaired through pillow vibrations, text messages and strobing light, were presented to Perquimans County.

Harry Winslow, coordinator for emergency management in Perquimans County, said he received the units in December 2004, but was forced to wait for

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## Joyners enjoy 65 years together

ERIN RICKERT

Elizabeth and Clarence Joyner have spent what many would call a lifetime together.

Known by friends and family as Peggy and Truman, the couple will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary this year, just days before lovers across the country shower their sweethearts with candy and flowers for Valentine's Day.

"We have had a loving relationship all these years," Truman said. "I look back over the time and I wouldn't change any of it."

As youth, the two met in 1939 after their families decided to take a fishing trip to Harrison's Fishing Pier.

Truman said at that time you could rent a small row-boat for 50 cents and fish all



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day if you wanted.

Yet that afternoon, the only thing Truman could think of doing all day was to look at Peggy sitting in the boat just across the water from his own.

Truman said once the

two of them were on dry land he made sure they became more acquainted and they soon found themselves saying, "I do" less than a year later on Feb. 10, 1940.

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## Mortons enjoy love a second time

Erin Rickert

Most would agree those lucky enough to find that person who knows and loves all your quirks even once in a lifetime is an incalculable blessing.

Yet despite the odds, Perquimans County residents Grover and Audrey Morton were lucky enough to find this kind of love a second time.

Longtime acquaintances,

Audrey, 76, and Grover, 73, were married late in life nearly 20 years ago in Burgess Baptist Church after each lost their first spouse to illness.

The two knew each other through church where Audrey and her first husband, Joe, and Grover and his first wife, Ruth, used to share a pew each Sunday.

Grover even worked for Audrey's husband at the Harvey Point Military

Base until sudden heart complications ended Audrey's 28-year marriage to Joe.

It was then, Audrey said she decided never to find someone else to share her life after her first husband.

For close to 10 years she stuck by that decision and remained a widow.

Around the same time, Grover was accepting life

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Audrey and Grover Morton lost their first spouses to death, but found love again with each other.

## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 51  
LOW: 29  
MOSTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 47  
LOW: 28  
MOSTLY SUNNY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 51  
LOW: 30  
SUNNY