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Hit and run driver arrested

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Nearly a week after fleeing the scene of an accident, the driver who caused more than \$7,000 in property damage to a Hertford home was arrested last Wednesday.

Michael Coston, 30, of 480 Pender Rd. was charged with two counts of injury to personal property, one count of injury to real property, failure to report an accident, reckless driving to endanger and driving while license revoked.

Hertford Police Chief Dale Vanscoy said Coston was placed on a \$3,000 secured bond and is currently being held in Albemarle District Jail after he turned himself into police for the May 10 accident that demolished portions of the property at 104 N. Edenton Road St.

Vanscoy said though police are still unsure why Coston and his unnamed passenger fled the scene that evening, he did say they have found no evidence drugs or alcohol played a part in the accident.

"The only thing we can figure is he [Coston] ran because he did not have a drivers license," Vanscoy said.

However, Vanscoy could not comment on why Coston's license was initially revoked.

According to Vanscoy, the evening of May 10

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DANCING FOR A CAUSE



PHOTOS BY SUSAN HARRIS

Neither rain nor wind could stop the weekend's Chowan/Perquimans Relay for Life. When Saturday dawned with sunshine, participants enjoyed fun activities to show their support of Relay's purpose: to raise funds for cancer research and patient support services through the American Cancer Society. Perquimans had five teams in Relay. During one of Saturday's events, Growmasters' team members (left to right) Wade Winslow, Bill Newbern and Tommy Harrell show their sportsmanship and commitment to the cause by participating in a hula relay. Both Winslow's and Harrell's wives are cancer survivors. Over \$136,000 was raised this year, exceeding the \$125,000 goal. The total includes team fund raising, corporate donations and luminary sales.



Rucker, Bass lead '05 class

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This week 92 area high school seniors will move their tassle to the right, declaring them Perquimans County alumni during the annual graduation ceremony at Memorial Stadium Friday evening.

Beginning at 6 p.m. keynote speakers, class valedictorian Julia Rucker and salutatorian Brent Bass, will deliver prepared speeches to their class.

The three remaining of the top five academic honor students, Sara Messina, Yasmin Sultan and Eric Stokely, will deliver the greeting, invocation and farewell.

Along with close to 20 other graduates, Bass and Sultan also plan to dedicate

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Julia Rucker



Brent Bass

Owner of submerged car seen

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Authorities are still working to flesh out details that may explain why a 2000 Chevrolet Lumina was found fully submerged near a secluded Snug Harbor boat ramp in Yeopim Creek last weekend.

The vehicle's owner, Stanley Jones Jr. of Edenton, was nowhere in sight when Perquimans County Sheriff's deputies pulled the vehicle from the creek last Saturday, despite efforts by divers from the Perquimans County Water Rescue team to locate Jones.

Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley said since the vehicle was found neither Jones nor the Lumina have been reported missing, but Jones has been spotted in both Perquimans and Chowan counties.

"Individuals reported seeing Jones last Sunday in Snug Harbor and Hertford, and the following week in Chowan," Tilley said.

According to Tilley, sheriff's deputies from Chowan County were among those who saw Jones, who eluded capture when they tried to

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Employees at the Hertford Post Office collected more than 1,500 pounds of food during the recent national Annual Letter Carriers Food Drive. Winfall and Belvidere postal employees also participated.

USPS collects food

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Postal workers from Perquimans recently joined carriers in more than 10,000 cities across the United States for the annual Letter Carriers' Food Drive, one of the single largest one-day food drives in the nation.

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PHOTO BY ERIN RICKERT

Hertford residents Jack and Lois Lavery enjoy some catered Captain Bob's barbecue after spending the day shopping during the Pig-Out on the Green event Friday. The Laverys, who moved to the area eight years ago from Richmond, Va., said Pig-Out on the Green was the first event they ever attended in Hertford when they first moved and they have come back every year since. Despite raining conditions and competition from several other events going on in the area, event coordinators said Pig-Out on the Green was a success with over 450 tickets sold — only about 50 less than last year. Hertford native Keith Rouse and his band provided dinner entertainment.

New Hertford shop offers something for everyone

ERIN RICKERT

vic video games.

Tired of the fast-paced lifestyle Virginia Beach afforded them, Chester Thorne and his wife Barbara decided to make a change.

"It just got to be too much," Barbara said. "We just wanted to go out to someplace quiet and settle down."

So earlier this year the two bought a fixer-upper and moved to Hertford where they were awarded not only their dream for a quieter lifestyle, but were able to open a shop housing what has been their hobby for decades — antiques, collectibles and new and clas-

Lady & Mr. Goodstuff, their shop at 405 Grubb Street, now open from 10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, celebrated its grand opening with a Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce sponsored ribbon cutting Thursday.

At the shop, Chester boasts, the couple sells something for just about anybody, from period antique furniture to dolls and art glass.

"We have antiques, but we are leaning heavily in carrying something for everyone," Chester said.

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PHOTO BY ERIN RICKERT

Chester and Barbara Thorne cut the ribbon for their business, Lady & Mr. Goodstuff, last week during a chamber-sponsored ribbon cutting attended by Becky Winslow and Chamber Director Sid Eley.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 72
Low: 55
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
High: 78
Low: 58
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
High: 75
Low: 55
PARTLY CLOUDY