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## Hertford woman stabbed

MARGARET FISHER

A woman was stabbed after a confrontation with another woman at Meads Mobile Home Park.

Lakisha Hunter, 35, of 205 East Railroad Ave. was sitting in a parking area of the mobile home park on Wednesday, Sept. 14. At about 10:55 p.m., Tara Miller-Sanchez, 35, of 227 Meades Circle pulled up in a car and began arguing with Hunter, said Chief Dale Vanscoy of the Hertford Police Department.

The confrontation became physical when the two women began striking each other, Vanscoy said.

"Sanchez pulled out a knife and allegedly stabbed Hunter in the back," Vanscoy said.

After Sanchez fled, Sgt. Lee McPherson was called to the scene. Hunter was taken to Chowan Hospital and released.

A warrant was obtained against Sanchez who then turned herself in to Hertford Police on Sept. 19. She was taken to Albemarle District Jail and a \$5,000 secured bond was obtained.

## SIGNING THE WAY



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A bright new sign greets visitors alongside by Missing Mill Park. The \$2,200 sign is part of the beautification and upgrading of the park that came about from a grant to the Town of Hertford from the North Carolina

Recreational Trails Program. This week, bike racks will be installed. The project should be completed within two months. The improvements have increased park use, said Town Manager John Christensen.

## Snug Harbor fire ruled arson

MARGARET FISHER

Another episode of arson occurred Monday morning in Snug Harbor, making it the second fire this month and the fourth this year.

A smoldering towel was discovered under the home of Erin Flood, her two children and Robert Rue who reside at 126 Redwood St.

"I woke up at 6:30 in the morning to get my kindergarten ready for school and that's when I noticed the smoke," Flood said.

The smoke appeared to be coming in from the vents inside her home and Flood thought that the attic might be on fire, said Perquimans County Sheriff, Eric Tilley. Flood got her children, ages 4 and 11 months, out of bed and out of the house and went to get help from a neighbor. Rue was

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## COA increases pool of boat-building job seekers

Margaret Fisher

A Hertford student graduated last month from a boat building class offered at College of The Albemarle's Edenton-Chowan campus.

Lakeven Warren, 23, completed 35 hours of pre-employment boat building instruction through COA's Corporate & Continuing Education division.

The course teaches students a general knowledge of the boat building industry, as well as basic skills in tools, safety, plumbing, electricity and working with materials related to boat construction.

The 15 graduates were offered tours at Regulator Marine and Albemarle Sportfishing Boats, both in Chowan County.

"What they got was a general overview of the boat building industry," said Lynn Hurdle-Winslow, vice president for the continuing education program and interim dean at the Edenton campus.

The course is aimed to provide a pool of qualified applicants that will fulfill the needs of the local boat building industry, Hurdle-Winslow said.

A lamination certification course will be offered to employees in the industry, as well as other specialized courses.

There are four major boat manufacturers in Chowan County. Seven graduates from the class were employed by Albemarle Boats.



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LeKeven Warren of Hertford is one of those who has taken advantage of the boat-building course of study at College of The Albemarle, Edenton campus.

This type of partnering allows businesses to focus on their day-to-day manufacturing processes instead of allocating business time for training. In 2004, President George W. Bush commended the partnership between Regulator Marine and COA when he met with small business owners from all over the country at the White House.

Warren had no previous experience with boats, but saw the course as an opportunity to check out the industry and find a good paying job.

The Perquimans County native is currently employed by a fast food restaurant, but has taken time off because of a foot injury. Warren at first said that none of the boat build-

ing companies had openings, but he is guaranteed an interview. Later, he said he was interviewed by one of the companies, but he doesn't know what the status is.

"I think my chances are pretty good when they start hiring again," Warren said.

The college recently qualified for a \$300,000 grant from the Golden Leaf Foundation to build a boat building facility on the old D.F. Walker campus, which is now utilized by COA as classrooms and labs.

"We're now soliciting bids for architects to design and build the building," said Dawn McAvoy, COA's director of marketing and communications. Building completion is anticipated in March 2006.

## Morning fog raises school delay questions

MARGARET FISHER

Two accidents occurred on two consecutive mornings last week during foggy conditions. Those accidents raised concerns that Perquimans County Schools should have delayed opening school.

On Monday, Sept. 19, Robert Elliott of 178 Haywood Smith Road was driving 55 miles per hour on Turnpike Road when he lost control in a curve, said 1st Sgt. J.S. Hardison of the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

Elliott's 2001 Dodge pickup went off the road to the right, overturned and landed in a ditch. Elliott was not injured and was charged with exceeding a safe speed, Hardison said.

"Just like you can't

exceed speed in ice, you can't exceed speed in heavy fog," Hardison said.

Another accident took place on the following day after Mack Daniels Toon of 439 Goodwin Mill Road came to a stop sign at the end of Beechsprings Road.

Toon told Trooper J.F. Bray that he stopped his 1979 Ford SUV at the stop sign and then made a left turn onto Center Hill Highway. His vehicle then struck a 1999 Dodge passenger car driven by Nicole Lisette White of 112 Union Hall Road. The SUV landed in a ditch across the T-intersection.

White was taken to Albemarle Hospital by Perquimans County Emergency Management Services. Her injuries at the time were classified as

evident, but not disabling. Toon was not injured and was charged with failure to yield to a right of way.

The accident was not weather-related, according to Trooper L.M. Hill's report, although there was fog at the time of the accident.

Accidents in fog raise questions about school delays. Two accidents in two mornings are not excessive, Hardison said. "If (the fog) was that thick, I would have expected more wrecks. ... We usually have more than this in the rain because people drive too fast."

Hardison recommends that drivers be extra cautious in heavy fog by driving slower.

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## Town noted by power agency

The Town of Hertford was awarded a Public Power Award of Excellence Honorable Mention for Grassroots/Building Political Strength.

The award was given during the ElectriCities annual meeting.

The award recognizes the town's involvement in public power legislative issues, initiation of grassroots events and participation in federal and state legislative events.

More than 70 North Carolina public power communities, including the Town of Hertford, serve more than 500,000 residen-

tial, commercial and industrial customers. Member municipalities both own and operate their electric systems, and most have been providing electric service for 100 years or more.

Since 2001, public power communities have contributed more than 14,000 new jobs and nearly \$1.5 billion in investment.

ElectiCities provides customer service and safety training, emergency and technical assistance, communications, government affairs and legal services to public power cities, as well as serving the state's two municipal power agencies.

## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 84, LOW: 57  
SCATTERED T'STORMS

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 76, LOW: 59  
MOSTLY SUNNY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 84, LOW: 66  
SUNNY