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## County okays tower

MARGARET FISHER

The Perquimans County board of commissioners agreed to allow N.C. Little River LLC to construct and operate a wireless telecommunications tower on behalf of Nextel.

Jonathan Yates, zoning consultant and attorney for Little River, appeared before commissioners on Monday night requesting to allow a cell phone tower to be built at 210 Weight Station Road.

"We're pretty excited about this," Yates said. "There's very much a deficit in this part of the county."

The 300-foot tower will supply telecommunications to about a three-mile radius in Woodville and New Hope — a void area for cell phones.

The tower will be designed to allow for eight different licensed telecommunications companies to utilize space. A few

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## WALKING FOR A CURE



PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

At least 200 participants of the 6th annual Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation Walk to D'Feet get off to a quick start on Saturday in front of Perquimans County High School. The group raised more than \$40,000 for patient needs and research of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Among the participants was Gary Hunter (in wheelchair), the nephew of Catfish Hunter who is now himself battling ALS. Donations are still welcome at P.O. Box 47, Hertford, NC 27944.

## Hold family fire drill

MARGARET FISHER

In recognition of National Fire Prevention Week beginning on Oct. 9, Perquimans County Fire Marshall John Long is recommending that residents create an evacuation plan for their households.

In 2004, public fire departments responded to more than 1.5 million fires across the country at a cost of nearly \$10 billion in property damages, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

About 250 firefighters from the six county fire departments participated in a statewide fire drill. Using that idea as a model, residents are encouraged to hold their own fire drills at least on an annual basis.

"I really strongly suggest that people do this fire drill," Long said. Choose a day to hold the family fire drill. The best time may be before or after the evening meal or first thing in the morning, he said.

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Sharon Cotner relates tales of colonial uses of medicinal herbs to a group gathered at the Newbold-White House last Saturday. Her husband (seated left), Dennis Cotner, lectured about culinary herb use. The Cotners both work at Colonial Williamsburg.

## Herbal experts discuss colonial remedies

MARGARET FISHER

Flowers for food coloring and herbs to cure baldness — the colonists of the 1700s had a wealth of ideas on flavoring foods and curing maladies.

Those were the subjects that were discussed by Dennis and Sharon Cotner from Colonial Williamsburg, Va., during Lunch on the Lawn at the Newbold-White House last Saturday.

Sharon Cotner is a medical historian at the Pasteur & Galt Apothecary, and Dennis Cotner is a foodways specialist at the Governor's Palace Kitchen and Peyton Randolph Kitchen.

"We research and interpret the history of what we do as a trade," Dennis Cotner said.

The history of eastern

Virginia is similar to the history of eastern North Carolina, he said.

The Cotners focused on the herbs that are grown or could be grown in the garden of the historic 1730s Quaker home. The theme of their lectures was "Is it a medicinal or a culinary garden?"

"We'll hopefully give folks a daily perspective of people living on their land," Dennis Cotner said prior to his lecture.

The varieties of each kind of vegetables were numerous for early settlers, while today's few grocery store selections are dismal in comparison, Dennis Cotner said.

Amy Ziolkowski recently moved to Hertford from New Jersey and volunteers at the Newbold-White House. She attended the lecture

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## Golf tourney a swinging success

MARGARET FISHER

Golfers turned out in larger numbers than ever to take their swings at the third annual Perquimans County Schools Foundation golf tournament last Wednesday.

The golf tournament took place at Sound Golf Links in Albemarle Plantation. Twenty-six teams of four participated in the tourney that raised \$8,500 to support college scholarships for Perquimans County High School graduates.

"We had to turn away several teams," said Bob Ascher, Foundation board member. There were 27 paid teams, seven more than last year, and more interest in participation than in the previous two years. With 18 holes on the golf course, too many teams would have slowed the game down for players.

"This year is the most successful year, yet," said J.

Pat Harrell, president of the Foundation. "I think we're getting more and more visibility."

There were 16 more hole sponsors than last year. This year, there were two sponsors for each hole in the course, as well as two major sponsors.

"This is really the only

fundraiser we have," Ascher said. Last year, the tourney netted \$6,500.

One all-woman team called The Fab Four was made up of residents of Albemarle Plantation. Team member Laura Rowell was excited to have shot a birdie, one under

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PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

Mark Winslow putts at the annual Perquimans County Schools Foundation Golf Tournament last week.

## Son of Hertford native injured in Iraq

MARGARET FISHER

After a U.S. Army vehicle in Iraq triggered a roadside bomb, family members wondered whether the driver of the vehicle would spend the rest of his life paralyzed.

Army Spc. Jeremy Goodman, 24, son of Hertford native Willis "Buddy" Goodman, was critically injured on Sept. 15 while he and two buddies were on patrol.

Jeremy Goodman underwent his third surgery last week at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. The first

was performed in Iraq, and another in Germany. The success of the third surgery would bring to light a portion of Jeremy Goodman's future prospects.

On Monday, Jeremy Goodman was improving, said his wife Terry Ann Goodman, 22. He can feel and move his left leg and part of his right leg, but he can't feel his toes, she said.

"As far as permanent damage, we won't know for sure for another six months," she said.

Jeremy Goodman remembers what happened. The Ace Troop 5-7 CAV

Battalion was moving along near the city of Balad, about 50 miles north of Baghdad. They were planning to set up a location down the road where they could catch insurgents in the act of planting roadside bombs.

"We kind of got surprised," he said on Monday. The Humvee he was driving ran over an unexpected bomb which exploded under the vehicle. Jeremy Goodman could no longer feel his legs to stop the truck. It ran off the road and crashed.

"I remained conscious

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Ben Nucci, seen here on patrol in Iraq, has returned from his tour of duty.

## Nucci back from Iraq

MARGARET FISHER

Pitch dark and raining — that's the first impression that U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant Ben Nucci experienced when he arrived in Iraq last February.

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## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 85, LOW: 68  
SCATTERED T'STORMS

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 82, LOW: 60  
SCATTERED T'STORMS

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 75, LOW: 58  
SHOWERS