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Woman charged with fraud

Hertford resident claimed to be Katrina victim

Susan Harris

A Hertford woman took advantage of the community's desire to help those in need, and has been charged with fraud for her actions.

Hope Shannonhouse, 35, of 117 Third Avenue, was arrested Monday and charged with two counts of obtaining property by false pretenses after presenting herself as a hurricane victim.

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Ferebee Day is Saturday

MARGARET FISHER

A tragic accident and the heroic efforts of a school bus driver saved 40 children in a burning bus and inspired a proclamation to give the heroic driver her day.

County commissioners approved a request on Monday night to make Saturday, Nov. 12 "Zita Ferebee Day."

The request came from Winfall Mayor Fred Yates and was backed by Hertford Mayor Sid Eley, who is signing the proclamation, and Town Manager John Christensen.

Yates said he was appearing before the board on behalf of the Perquimans County Fellowship, a group of 12 churches that offer humanitarian services in the community, and the Town of Winfall.

Zita Privott Ferebee, 30, received numerous praises by the community and the Perquimans County school system when she managed to keep bus number 102 upright after it was hit twice by a work truck and get all 40 children off the bus before exiting, herself.

"Ms. Ferebee is a real hero to the parents and members of our community," Yates said to commissioners, then asking them to show their support for Zita Ferebee Day.

Damage to the rear of the bus from the first impact and fire at the front from an explosion created by the second impact prevented students from Perquimans County Middle School from being able to exit the doors.

It was Ferebee's calm demeanor that lessened the students' fears so they

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OLF opponents pack meeting

MARGARET FISHER

At least 225 people packed into the Courthouse Annex Building and crowded into the hallway on Monday night.

It was clear by the No OLF signs, lapel stickers and occasional shouts of applause that residents wanted U.S. Navy officials to forget about building an outlying landing field in Perquimans County.

Navy officials had come to the County Commissioners Meeting

with a presentation outlining their plans for an OLF in one of five sites they have been considering for the last five years.

In July 2003, the Navy completed an environmental impact study of the use of F/A-18 Super Hornet aircraft for touch-and-go practice on an OLF to support Naval Air Station Oceana, Va., and Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point. The field would allow pilots to prepare for actual carrier landings and takeoffs on a simulated footprint of a carrier.

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The Navy would take about 30,000 acres, which is about 19 percent of the county, County Manager Bobby Darden said.

"I understand that it affects the tax base," said Cmdr. Richard Keys, a Super Hornet basing officer who answered questions after the presentation.

The meeting allowed for commissioners to pose questions to the Navy and for Stan Winslow, organi

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HPD seeks Food Lion robber

MARGARET FISHER

A man dressed in black stole an undisclosed amount of money at the Food Lion before making his getaway.

Last Thursday morning, a man entered the grocery store wearing black pants, shirt and hat with a camouflage mask over his face, said Chief Dale Vanscoy of the Hertford Police Department. The man allegedly approached a cashier and pulled out a black handgun.

"He pointed (the gun) at the cashier and told her to hand over the money in the register," Vanscoy said.

Vanscoy said the cashier told police she opened the drawer and the man came around the counter to the drawer. He took an unknown amount of money out of the drawer and fled.

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THE MAN WHO CAME TO DINNER



PCHS drama students prepare for next Tuesday's premiere of "The Man Who Came to Dinner," a comedy in three acts. The production will be staged Nov. 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for students, \$5 for adults.

Vietnam vet recalls military service

MARGARET FISHER

For some military members, serving time during war didn't mean fighting and defending. For some, it meant caring for the wounded as so many others were dying. It also meant no recognition when they returned home.

That was the case with Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Robert Ziemba, 63, a resident at the Brian Center. Ziemba, who grew



Robert Ziemba

up in Portsmouth, Va., joined the U.S. Navy in 1962

to avoid being drafted during the Vietnam War.

Ziemba went to Marine boot camp to train to be a hospital corpsman because the Navy didn't have the training available. He trained as an operating room technician in Charleston, S.C. and continued working at Charleston Naval Hospital.

After his two-year tour was ending, the Navy asked for volunteers to go to Vietnam. Ziemba volun-

teered.

He was sent to a ship, the Hope, located off the coast of Vietnam. There were eight operating rooms on the ship.

"All of the operating rooms were filled all the time," Ziemba said.

Helicopters would fly in wounded soldiers regularly. Ziemba would take patients from sick bay to the operating room, sew people up after surgery was per-

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Deli offers variety, atmosphere downtown

Margaret Fisher

Whether it's quick take-out or a relaxed dining experience, Nickalena's Deli provides fast service in a comfortable downtown setting.

The restaurant celebrated its grand opening on Oct. 27 offering a variety of sandwiches, wraps, subs, croissants, pitas, and salads.

Owner Shirley Hranko, a native of Woodsville, Ohio, moved to Camden five years ago after having owned two restaurants. Three times, she bought a newspaper, and three times, she kept seeing an ad to lease restaurant space in the Hall of Fame Square.

After a couple of deals with other potential owners fell through, Hranko decided the opportunity was for her. She named the restaurant after her grandson Dominick (Nick), 2, and her granddaughter Helena (Lena), 3 months.

"If they have any more (children), I'll have to start naming sandwiches," Hranko said.

Most of the items on the menu are made to order. A number of items are homemade, such as the deli salads which are made daily, soups and most of the desserts. Onion rings are hand-battered and made to order. The chipotle ranch dressing is made with

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Nickalena's Deli celebrated their grand opening on Oct. 27. Pictured from the back to front (l-r) are employees Heather Byrum and Courtney Reibsome, Ashley Duke, employee and owner's daughter, owner Shirley Hranko and Hertford Mayor and Chamber Director Sid Eley. Holding the ribbon is David Noell, past president of the Chamber and Natalie Bero, Chamber secretary.

County updates web site

MARGARET FISHER

The county now has available a new user-friendly Web site that replaces the former one.

The site was made possible by a \$17,350 Leg-Up grant offered through the North Carolina Rural Development Center. The grant provided funds for the development of both Perquimans County and the Town of Hertford's Web sites, as well providing tax data and county maps online.

"We took all the information off the old Web site and posted it on the new Web site plus more," said Frank Heath, county tax administrator.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 69, LOW: 36
SCATTERED T'STORMS

FRIDAY
HIGH: 59, LOW: 39
SUNNY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 66, LOW: 44
SUNNY