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Armed robbers foiled by store owner

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The owner of a used goods and antique store thwarted an armed robbery attempt last Wednesday at a shop that had been previous-

ly burglarized.

A call to central communications came in at about 5:45 p.m. from Chester Thorne, owner of Lady & Mr. Goodstuff at 403 Grubb St.

Thorne told Hertford police

that about 10 minutes prior to the call, he saw two men walk past the glass windows of his store. About two minutes later, one of them came into the store with a scarf wrapped around his face and a blue hood on, said Hertford

Police Chief Dale Vanscoy.

"He pulled out a small-caliber handgun, pointed it at Mr. Thorne and told him to put all his money in a bag," Vanscoy said.

The suspect allegedly placed a bag on the counter. Thorne said

that he didn't immediately respond and the suspect repeated his demand while making a motion with his gun as if he was preparing it for shooting.

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ABC report card released

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The Department of Public Instruction released the 2005 North Carolina School Report Cards for the 2004-2005 school year.

Preliminary reports on the Adequate Yearly Progress were released this past summer showing that Perquimans County High School was the only school in the county to meet all its AYP targets - or 17 out of 17 target areas.

Both Perquimans County Middle School and Hertford Grammar School met 19 out of 21 targets and therefore, did not meet AYP, part of the No Child Left Behind. It's an all or none requirement. Growth expectation was missed by .07, said Brenda Lassiter, public information officer for the schools.

This year, the two schools are working on those targets that they

Woman injured in one-car wreck

MARGARET FISHER

A woman was taken by ambulance to a hospital after her car ran into a ditch on Center Hill Highway last week.

Monica Pinkston-Vanwart, of 4471 Gilbert Beach Road in Tyner, was traveling south towards Hertford at about 3:25 p.m. on Friday when she ran off the road to the right. Her 1995 Pontiac struck a sign and then a culvert and landed in a ditch.

Sgt. R.S. Powell of the N.C. Highway Patrol arrived on the scene. Pinkston-Vanwart was charged with failure to maintain lane control.

Pinkston-Vanwart was taken to Chowan Hospital by Perquimans Emergency Medical Services, but no information is available from the hospital.

A MERRY 18TH CENTURY CHRISTMAS



PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

The Newbold-White House was packed on Friday evening during its annual Colonial Christmas Open House. Highlights of the celebration included lighting the Yule Log, Christmas caroling, The Hertford Grammar School Chorus and 18th century style musicians in costume. Heather Decker and her children, Lance Decker, 5, and Cheyenne Decker, 9, enjoy violin music presented by sisters Hannah and Cortney Lane. The family hopes to come back when the home opens in March for a tour.

Newbold-White to get interior makeover

MARGARET FISHER

The Colonial Christmas Open House was the last event at the Newbold-White House before museum officials will remove the home's furnishings.

The furnishings will be replaced by historically accurate reproductions that will hold up longer to the variant temperature changes inside the home, said Sarah Parr, site manager of the Newbold-White House.

The furniture was moved out of the house and into the visitors center more than a year ago. Monday, the furniture was transported to Raleigh Auctions where it will be sold beginning on Jan. 7. The proceeds will go

towards making new reproductions.

However, the visitors center and empty house was packed for Friday evening's last hurrah of the year.

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Winfall reduces speed limits

MARGARET FISHER

Increased traffic is causing concern among residents and council members in Winfall so the town has taken measures to reduce speed limits on some of the main roads.

"There's a huge amount of children in the summer," said Leonard Reynolds, a homeowner on Wiggins Road. "A lot of families participate in soccer. It seems like a lot of traffic is pulling in and out of the ball field."

The speed limit on Wiggins Road was 45 miles per hour, but has been reduced to 35 miles per hour from Bembury Street eastward to U.S. Highway 17.

Another Wiggins Road resident, Perquimans County Commissioner Shirley Wiggins, voiced her concern about the traffic at last week's town council meeting, as well.

"It's 45 (miles per hour) and they usually drive 55," she said after councilors agreed to reduce the speed limits. "Hopefully, they will go 45 now that it's 35."

Other roads that are now 35 miles per hour include Creek Drive from Ocean Highway westward to the town limits and on Winfall Boulevard from Larry's Drive-In on Creek Drive

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Dwayne Stallings meets the recipient, Sarah Young, of a donation he made to Albemarle Commission that paid for a tank of fuel oil to heat Young's home. The Energy Assistance Program is seeking further donations to help elderly folks who have no other means of energy assistance since state funds ran dry this year.

Donations sought to help elderly pay utility bills

MARGARET FISHER

After learning that some elderly people won't be receiving assistance for heating bills this year, one local man decided to make a donation in memory of his recently deceased father.

Dwayne Stallings, assistant superintendent of Perquimans County Schools, was attending an Interagency Council meeting when he found out that funds to assist the energy needs of the elderly had run dry for Albemarle Commission.

"My wife mentioned that it is a shame that there is not money in the fund for the elderly," Stallings said. "... (So,) I sent a donation in memory of my father."

His father, Glenwood Stallings, had passed away in August.

Albemarle Commission, which offers congregate nutrition and home-delivered meals programs, had been looking for ways to provide energy assistance to their clients that are most in need and do not already receive help in paying their heating bills.

The Senior Nutrition Program Energy Assistance Program is available to recipients of Albemarle Commission's Home Delivered Meals Program. The maximum amount of assistance per client is \$250.

When Stallings made a donation, they already had one of their clients in mind. Sarah Young, 87, needed heating oil, but couldn't afford it. With a limited social security and veterans pension, one delivery of oil would take her

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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 49, Low: 31
SUNNY

FRIDAY
High: 54, Low: 36
SUNNY

CHRISTMAS EVE
High: 58, Low: 43
PARTLY CLOUDY

CHRISTMAS DAY
High: 60, Low: 40
FEW SHOWERS