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## Man dies in wreck

MARGARET FISHER

An Edenton man driving south on a northbound lane was killed last Thursday when his truck plowed into a truck and utility trailer filled with a cord of firewood.

For undetermined reasons, Herbert Cofield, 72, was driving a 1998 Dodge pickup the wrong way on U.S. Highway 17 near Poplar Drive at about 6:25 p.m.

At the head of the oncoming traffic was a 2004 Chevy pickup driven by Joseph Delaney, an Edenton logger who was bringing a load of wood to Elizabeth City. When Delaney came around the curve, he saw headlights coming towards him, but at first he thought they were on the other side of the highway.

"When I realized the headlights were coming right toward me, it was a matter of seconds - less

than a second, probably," he said.

Delaney swerved to avoid a head-on collision. Cofield's truck sideswiped Delaney's truck and then hit the trailer, knocking it into a ditch and strewing firewood down the shoulder of the highway.

The impact caused the death of Cofield, said Trooper J.F. Bray of the N.C. Highway Patrol. Officials had to cut open the driver's side of the

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Daily Advance photo

An Edenton man was killed last Thursday evening when his truck struck a vehicle on U.S. Highway 17 North.

## Warren charged with sex offense

SUSAN HARRIS

A Hertford man was arrested last week and charged for the second time in two months with child sex abuse.

Conan Vernell Warren, 36, of 318 King Street, was charged with indecent liberties with a child on Feb. 15, according to Hertford Police Chief Dale Vanscoy.

Vanscoy said Warren allegedly sexually assaulted a 13-year-old family member in his home around August.

The arrest came as the result of investigation of the December 2005 allegation of sexual abuse of Warren's 14-year-old niece, Vanscoy said. Warren was

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## Two face death in boating accident

MARGARET FISHER

Two Perquimans County men setting nets in the Albemarle Sound spent about two hours in the frigid water before being rescued last Wednesday evening.

Norman Scott, of 427 Goose Nest Road, and Paul Lane were in Scott's boat about a mile and a half off the shore near his home when a couple of waves swelled into the boat.

Scott, who had been maneuvering the boat backwards into the waves, intended to quickly get the boat moving forward to avoid further waves and help remove some of the water. However, the prop got caught in old crab pot lines and stalled the motor, said Chris Smith, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission officer.

Within seconds, the stern sunk and both men were left in the water. They grabbed life jackets and put them on. The water was about 18 feet deep and the boat is about 22 feet including the prop, which was stuck on the bottom, Scott said.

At first, the two tried to swim towards shore, but then they decided that Lane should make the journey alone. Scott took buoys off the boat and placed two under each of his arms, he said. Lane secured him with ropes.

Lane began swimming, and at some point, began hollering intermittently for help. At about three-quarters of a mile from shore, he was eventually heard, first by Scott's wife, Cindy Scott, then Lane's wife, Lisa Lane, and others.

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PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

Appraiser Edward Fearing (right) explains to Art and Peggy Bleich and their 16-year-old son, Erik Bleich, the background and value of their 1920s French revival coffee table. The appraisal fair's proceeds help support downtown beautification and promotions.

## Events reap proceeds for HHI

MARGARET FISHER

The Sweetheart Weekend Encore raised an estimated \$1,800 to support Historic Hertford Inc., which helps with downtown beautification and merchant activities and promotions.

Around \$600 was raised at the sixth annual silent auction at Hertfordshire Antiques. About 70 bidders, nearly twice as many in past years, placed bids on about 150 items.

"Very good turnout,"

McMahon said. "This is surprising because the weather was so dicey."

The purpose of the event is to bring people downtown to shop in the slower wintertime, as well as clear out inventory so fresh stock can arrive, she said.

Approximately \$1,200 was netted from about \$1,700 in ticket sales at the second annual appraisal fair at Hertford United Methodist Church. At least 71 people registered for the event, said Wendy Jewett, director of HHI.

In addition, Chris Bowling won the \$175 shopping spree raffle. Bowling purchased his ticket at Dotty's Café. Nine downtown merchants donated gift certificates for the raffle.

Another raffle was sponsored by the Albemarle Plantation Women's Club to support their college scholarship program. A blue heron wood carving by Erik von de Bogart is the prize. The drawing won't take place until April 12, and tickets

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## Smoke detector saves 3 lives

MARGARET FISHER

A problem in the electrical wiring of a Chapanoke mobile home caused a fire to break out sometime after 1 a.m. last Thursday.

The smoke detector went off and awakened Robert Fletcher, who woke up his children, Derrick, 20, and Allison, 17. The three left the house, at 172 Chapanoke Road, right before it became filled with smoke, said Pasquotank County Fire Marshal Barry Overman.

"The smoke detector was a major factor in saving lives," Overman said.

The fire started at an electrical outlet in the master bedroom of the home, which was manufactured in 1998. The outlet was not

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## Fire training site scene of real call

MARGARET FISHER

A house that fire officials planned to burn down on Friday unexpectedly burned down on Thursday night.

The Inter-County Fire Department scheduled a training burn at an abandoned house at 158 Woodland Church Road. But they got their training, including the surprise ele-

ment, about 24 hours earlier than they anticipated.

The homeowners' parents, James and Susan Pierce of 148 Woodland Church Road, live next door to the house that burned down. Their son, Kendall, and his wife, Stacey Pierce, planned to have the house burned so they could eventually build a house, Susan Pierce said.

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## Simply Southern offers mix of merchandise downtown

MARGARET FISHER

Filled with aromas and an eclectic assortment of gifts items, Simply Southern celebrated their grand opening on Feb. 11.

Owners Blake and Murielle Harmon opened the store in what used to be part of the Hertford Café on Church Street.

Until a year ago, Murielle Harmon was joint owner of The Tin Rabbit with Diane Ronan. She also co-owned Shaftesbury's Fine Furnishings in Edenton from 1992-1996. In 2002, the couple moved to Hertford.

"I was really encouraged by a lot of people," she said, "and people kept saying,



PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

Murielle Harmon arranges linens and other gifts at her new downtown shop, Simply Southern. Harmon hopes her eclectic retail shop will help draw in more shoppers to the downtown area.

"Why don't you open your own shop?"

Harmon said she had no

intentions to open up another retail store until

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## Local candidates for May election

as of Monday at 3:45 p.m.

### Clerk of Superior Court

Sheila H. Onley  
Todd W. Tilley

### County Commissioner

Ben Hobbs  
Tammy Miller-White

### School Board

No filers

### Sheriff

David Layne  
Eric V. Tilley

The filing period closes Feb. 28 at noon.

## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 59, LOW: 34  
SHOWERS

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 54, LOW: 33  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 57, LOW: 29  
PARTLY CLOUDY

