

RECEIVED

MAR 14 2006

PERQUIMANS COUNTY LIBRARY  
110 W ACADEMY ST  
HERTFORD, NC 27944-1206

# PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

35 cents

Farm credit agency honored

Page 3

Hertford man conducts orchestra

Page 4

Spring hasn't really sprung

Page 6

March 15, 2006

Vol. 74, No. 11 Hertford, North Carolina 27944

## Woman dies in head-on wreck

Second victim airlifted to hospital

MARGARET FISHER

A woman who veered into an on-coming lane died after her car hit another vehicle head-on.

At about 7:40 a.m. on Monday, Ann Trueblood, 71, of 803 Lake Road, was driving south on Lake Road when her 1989 Ford Crown Victoria crossed the center line of the two-lane road, said Trooper J.H. Blizzard of the N.C. Highway Patrol. Deborah Overman, 45, of 161 Ainsley Road was driving north and approaching Trueblood's vehicle in a 1999 Ford Expedition. Overman swerved left of the center line to avoid a collision, and her truck was sideswiped by Trueblood's car. Overman's truck hit the



PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

Continued on page 10  
One woman died and another was flown to Norfolk General Hospital with injuries in a three-vehicle accident that occurred on Lake Road Monday morning. A third vehicle was sideswiped, but the driver suffered from no known injuries.

## Couple faces more sex abuse charges

SUSAN R. HARRIS

A Hertford couple charged in early February with the sexual abuse of a 13-year-old family member were arrested on additional charges on March 8.

Wayne Arthur Foberg, 37, and his wife Krista Renee Foberg, 23, of 120 New River Drive, were each placed under a \$60,000 secured bond last Wednesday after they were taken into custody for the new charges, according to Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley.

Wayne Foberg was in- Continued on page 10



PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

As victims of a fender bender waited for law enforcement to arrive, another accident occurred in front of Waste Industries on U.S. Highway 17 North. The second accident, a rear-end collision, caused injuries to two women.

## Injuries reported in one of two 17 wrecks

MARGARET FISHER

A minor wreck on North Ocean Highway was the scene of a second wreck that caused injuries to two drivers Monday morning.

The first accident, at around 10:30 a.m., involved a Ford Aerostar driven by Eva Landing and a 1987 Dodge Caravan driven by Patricia Garganus, both of Hertford.

Garganus was driving north and slowed to make a right turn into the driveway of the Waste Industries convenience

site, Garganus said. She had her right turn signal on.

Landing was following her and became distracted by reaching for her sunglasses, Landing said. Her vehicle rear-ended the Aerostar.

Garganus drove her van onto the property of the recycle site, while Landing parked her van on the shoulder just past the site's driveway.

Garganus' daughter, Stephanie Garganus, was sitting in the passenger seat. Continued on page 8



File photo

The driver of the vehicle that rammed a Perquimans County School bus in October accepted a guilty plea in Perquimans County

XXXXXX  
XXXXXX

## PCHS test scores fall

MARGARET FISHER

School officials weren't surprised that most of the end-of-course test scores for Perquimans County High School came in lower than last fall's scores, said Principal Melvin Hawkins.

"We knew there were going to be some challenges this year," he said.

Hawkins said that he

was forewarned by Chris Cobatz, assistant director of testing for the Department of Public Instruction, that scores would be lower. He cited a number of reasons for lower scores this year.

One reason is that DPI is using a new formula which focuses on the individual student.

Continued on page 10

## Winfall speed limits to remain unchanged

MARGARET FISHER

The town of Winfall's recent request to the N.C. Department of Transportation to reduce speed limits on Main Street, Wiggins Road and

Creek Drive has been denied.

In addition, council members requested that the town streets be reduced from 35 miles per hour, unless other-

Continued on page 10

## Driver sentenced for bus wreck

DAVID MACAULAY  
The Daily Advance

A Wilson man charged with causing the fiery crash that killed four co-workers has pleaded guilty to one count of misdemeanor death by motor

vehicle, a court official said.

Ruben Fajardo won't spend any more time in jail, however. Under the plea agreement Fajardo's attorney Keith Teague reached with prosecutors in Perquimans District Court, Continued on page 8

## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 64, LOW: 48  
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 67, LOW: 35  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 54, LOW: 31  
MOSTLY SUNNY



## Commissioners crack down on Commerce Centre building delays

MARGARET FISHER

Perquimans County commissioners approved an amendment to the Commerce Centre restrictive covenants that will require landowners to pay a fee if they do not finish construction on their property within two years of purchase.

If the developer of the property does not substantially complete construction prior to five years from the purchase date, the county may repurchase the property at the original selling price. In addition, the amendment allows the county to maintain the right of first refusal of any properties purchased directly from the county and put up for resale at the

Commerce Centre within five years from initial purchase.

Property owners are allowed three one-year extensions if they cannot substantially complete their building project. The extension fee for the first year is 5 percent of the original purchase price. The fee increases to 6 percent for the second extension year and 7 percent for a third year.

"It's really to encourage people to develop," said Perquimans County Manager Bobby Darden concerning the fees.

If the property is not developed within five years, the county maintains repurchasing rights. However, at any time within the first five years that the developer wants to sell the lot, the county has Continued on page 8

## Schools join state vision lawsuit

MARGARET FISHER

Perquimans County School Board unanimously approved to join with the North Carolina School Board Association in a lawsuit that challenges a new vision requirement for children entering kindergarten.

An amendment, enacted in August 2005, to the state's public health laws is requiring that students receive a comprehensive eye exam by a North Carolina licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist within six months prior to entering kindergarten.

The defendants include Gov. Mike Easley and other state officials.

The NCSBA and 11 school districts, including Currituck County Schools, joined in the initial lawsuit on Feb. 21. Currently, more

than 75 school districts out of 115 in the state have joined in, and more are expected, said Ann Majestic, the NCSBA's attorney at Tharrington Smith in Raleigh.

Superintendent Kenneth Wells said that the law was introduced along with another piece of legislation, rather than standing on its own. In fact, it appears on page 180 of the 364-page 2005 Appropriations Act under "Governor's Vision Care Program Established."

The law is deemed unconstitutional, according to the NCSBA.

"The vision screening for kindergartners is an unnecessary obstruction preventing children from entering school," Wells said.

About 100 kindergarten students may be entering Perquimans Central School this fall, while Continued on page 10