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Growth stressing school facilities

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Perquimans County School officials have found a way to estimate the county's long-term growth trends in order to help plan for future expansion.

"We're trying to paint a picture of our future," said Assistant Superintendent Dwayne Stallings, "and our own future shows additional classroom space is going to be needed."

About two weeks ago, Stallings dug up information from the county's Register of Deeds in order to compile a listing of potential growth areas. What he found was more than 100 developments with lot approvals to build. He compiled a booklet showing, each development's location, how many lots have been approved in each development and the predicted number of students that may live there after the development is built out. It

also lists the number of students in each school who currently reside in those areas.

"We're going to have to constantly update it so we can use it to determine our future growth," Stallings said. In fact, a week after compiling the list, six new students moved into the county, he said.

Based on current population trends, Stallings came up with a formula to predict future growth. He multiplies the number of lots in a development times half a student, or .5, to determine how many students may potentially end up living in the development once all the lots are built out. Waterfront areas typically have a smaller student ratio, so Stallings arbitrarily chose a quarter student, or .25, to calculate growth in those locations. The list of subdivisions does not include the Shores at Land's End.

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WICKED WEATHER



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

A storm system blew through the area around lunchtime Monday, bringing black clouds that brought torrential rain, hail and wind to most parts of the county. At 1812 on the Perquimans on Old Neck Road, the storm ripped the roof off the National Register property and damaged the clapboard siding and other areas of the property. Broken windows, downed trees and damaged siding were also reported. Albemarle EMC said 900 customers were without power as a result of the storm. Another series of thundstorms passed through Monday night.

Grant to extend sewer line

MARGARET FISHER

Perquimans County received a \$99,900 grant to extend a sewer line 2,000 feet down Harvey Point Road at the Commerce Centre.

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Festival gets new logo

A new logo has been unveiled in celebration of the upcoming 25th Indian Summer Festival on Sept. 9.

The logo was anonymously designed and donated to Historic Hertford, Inc. for use in festival promotion, according to HHI Program Manager Wendy Jewett. HHI is the sponsoring organization.

The first Indian Summer Festival was a three-day event held in downtown Hertford, Missing Mill Park and the Newbold-White House in mid-September 1982. It was organized and promoted by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber opted to give up the festival in the late 1990s, and its sponsorship was undertaken by the Historic Hertford Business Association. In 2004, Historic Hertford, Inc., the town's Main Street Program, adopted it as its signature event.

Along with crafters, artisans, food and child's activities, this year's festival will include a vintage car show and tractor pull.

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PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

Arthur Leigh of New Hope buys his first blackjack ticket at New Hope Country Store last Thursday after the North Carolina Education Lottery opened. Leigh said he's never played before, but the lottery here will save people trips to Virginia. He didn't win, but he plans to play often, he said. Food Lion, Wilco and Red Apple also sells lottery tickets.

Four local stores sell lottery tickets

MARGARET FISHER

Lottery ticket sales totaled about \$4,500 at three out of four county stores from Thursday through Sunday after the North Carolina Education Lottery opened on Thursday morning.

The Trade Mart (now Wilco), Red Apple and New Hope Country Store are participating in the lottery and provided an estimate of their ticket sales. Food Lion would not reveal the amount of their ticket sales and N.C. Lottery did not have the information compiled at press time.

Bateman's in Woodville is planning to start selling lottery tickets soon.

Store managers said they were pleased with the turnout and sales. Yolanda Rowand, manager of Trade Mart, said that sales totaled about 1,725 during the first

four days and brought more customers into the store.

"It beefed up our sales," Rowand said.

Lynn Downing, manager at Red Apple, said that \$5 Carolina Cash and one dollar N.C. Education Lottery games are the most popular.

"We've sold a lot of tickets. All day long we've been selling them," Downing said on Monday.

In addition, she said they've had a number of winners. There were about 20 \$50 winners and more winners who won less. Red Apple sold about \$1,625 in four days.

New Hope Country Store Manager Angela Colson said they sold about \$1,150 worth of tickets through Sunday.

Food Lion Manager Chad Lilley said that the Hertford location sold the

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Belvidere opens The Teachers Park

The Belvidere community celebrated the official introduction of The Teachers Park, a canoe docking facility and small boat ramp at the Perquimans River bridge in the village, Saturday.

The Belvidere Ruritan Club hosted the event, which recognized the results of four years of private and public cooperation. Land for the park was donated by Edgar Lane and development was funded by grants, obtained with the assistance of local officials, and using matching funds raised by the Ruritans.

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Hayes Darden, daughter of county manager Bobby Darden, cuts the ribbon at The Teachers Park in Belvidere Saturday.

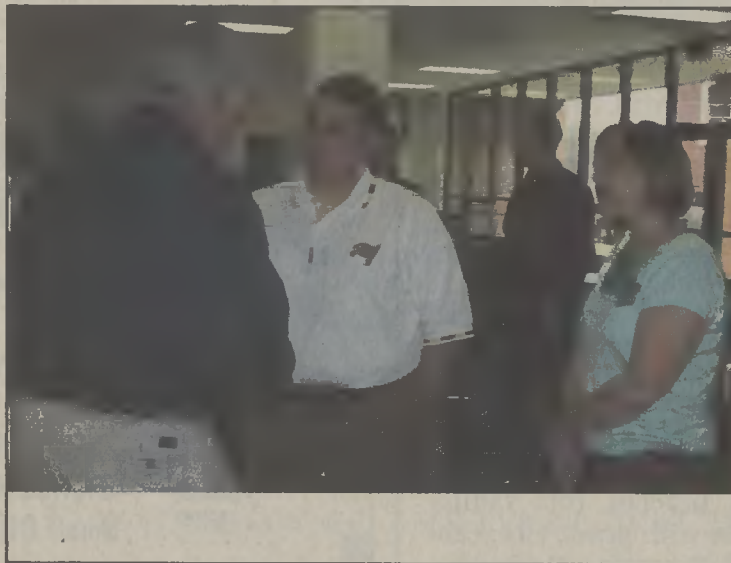
Worrell takes helm of Pirate football ship

SUSAN HARRIS

He's willing to put in the time and effort it takes to build a program. And T.J. Worrell believes if the student athletes who want to play football are willing to put in the same, Perquimans High School can build a successful program.

At his first visit to meet potential football players and the community Monday, the man hired to captain the Pirate football ship said success depends on willingness of players to participate in pre-season conditioning and to work hard at practice during the season.

Worrell said he'll use the lessons he's learning as part of the coaching staff that built a program from scratch at when Nash Central High School opened during the 2000-01



New PCHS head football coach T.J. Worrell meets faculty and the community at a reception in his honor Monday.

school year to rebuild the program at Perquimans.

The first goal of the team will be to be competitive in every contest, then to earn a berth in the state playoffs.

Conference championships will come after that, he said, if the players are willing to work hard.

The weight room is

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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 68, Low: 52
MOSTLY SUNNY

FRIDAY
High: 81, Low: 63
MOSTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
High: 74, Low: 45
SCATTERED T'SHOWERS