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Local officials meet with legislators

MARGARET FISHER

Officials from the county, the towns of Hertford and Winfall and Perquimans County Schools met with legislators to discuss issues across the county on Monday.

Sen. Robert L. Holloman and Rep. Tim Spear visited local officials to listen to some of the most pressing concerns facing the county.

Those concerns include the delay of water plant expansion permits and other water-related issues, Medicaid relief, infra-

structure, economic development and school capital needs.

Holloman said that his greatest concern is the condition of the U.S. Highway 17 Business causeway after Winfall Mayor Fred Yates related the existence of long-term problems.

"(NCDOT has) been patching it

and patching it and patching it," Yates said. "The bottom line is - it needs to be fixed."

County Commissioner Charles Ward said that in some areas the causeway is 4-foot deep concrete with rotted out supports below. Hertford Mayor Sid Eley agreed and said that it's been reinforced

with steel plates in some places, but nothing else. In addition, there are no weight limits on the road and school buses routinely use the route.

"(The causeway's condition) sounds very dangerous to me," Holloman said. "...I'm willing to

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Schools take action on incidents at PCMS and PCHS

Rumors of 'hit list' swirl at middle school

SUSAN HARRIS

A report of an alleged "hit list" found at Perquimans Middle School caused concern among parents and students last week.

However, an investigation into the report turned up no evidence that the piece of paper said to be the hit list was actually that, or that the female student said to be its author intended to hurt anyone.

Schools Public Information Officer Brenda Lassiter confirmed that there was an investigation at the school the first week of May when students reported that a fellow student had completed a hit list and had spoken of injuring other students.

School officials found a piece of paper with letters on it, some of which may have been initials, but they could not match any of the letters or initials to students in the school, Lassiter said.

Principal Jamie Liverman met with the student said to have written the alleged list and her parents. She was placed in in-school suspension during the investigation per

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Notebook of student cause for concern at high school

SUSAN HARRIS

Fear that a friend may harm herself caused a Perquimans High student to confide in school administrators Monday.

According to Schools Public Information Officer Brenda Lassiter, the student had been corresponding in a notebook with her friend, a ninth grade female student. In her writings, the ninth grader had named 19 other students she felt had mistreated her, and wrote about how negatively those incidents made her feel about herself. Fearing that the ninth grader would harm herself because of how the incidents had made her feel, the other student turned the notebook into administrators around the close of school Monday.

Principal Melvin Hawkins called the ninth grader's parents, and met with the family along with law enforcement personnel, school counselors and the school psychologist late Monday afternoon, Lassiter said.

The student has been suspended under board policy 6401.2 which deals with the disruption of school, and will be admitted

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WALKING FOR A CURE



PHOTOS BY SUSAN HARRIS

Perquimans cancer survivors Brenda Lassiter, Kay Rose, Denise Lamb and Patricia Cartwright begin the survivors lap at the Chowan/Perquimans Relay for Life Friday evening at John A. Holmes High School (above). One of the team activities at the event was a crazy hat contest. Teams were given a paper bag and decorated it with items related to their team theme. Representatives of four of the Perquimans teams — Belvidere Ruritans, Hertford Grammar School, Woodland United Methodist Church and Growmasters — take a lap (below).

Relay raises \$117K

SUSAN HARRIS

They came in all shapes and sizes, from all socioeconomic backgrounds, from all walks of life. But they were bound by one desire: to find a cure for cancer and support those diagnosed with the disease.

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Homes tour anchors events

Pig pickin', concert, garden party, ice cream social also on tap

SUSAN HARRIS

From Friday until Sunday, there will be plenty to do in Perquimans County.

The biennial PCRA Historical Homes Tour will provide two days of visits in some of the county's most significant historic buildings, while an array of complimentary activities will keep locals and visitors busy throughout the weekend.

Newbold-White House: A Colonial Quaker Homestead will serve as tour headquarters. The ca. 1730 home and grounds on Harvey Point Road tell the story of Abraham and Judith Sanders, a Quaker family situated in the North Carolina wilderness. The house is the oldest brick home in North Carolina and is a unique brick example of English domestic architecture.

The house was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971 and over the next decade the Perquimans County Restoration Association

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Java Cafe opens in garden center

MARGARET FISHER

With the trend to bring the outdoors in and extend the indoors out, it's not surprising that quaint cafés are turning up in such places as garden supply centers. So, when greenhouse grower Joan Burnor heard there was a space for rent where she was employed at Planters Ridge garden center, she decided to open up a restaurant there.

"I stopped for coffee one



PHOTO BY MARGARET FISHER

Java Gardens Café is the newest restaurant addition to Hertford. Located inside Planters Ridge at the Commerce Center, the café sells sandwiches, salads, desserts and gourmet beverages for lunch and coffee and pastries for breakfast.

day, on the way into work, in Elizabeth City and had a great idea - why don't I open up a coffee shop?" the Camden resident said.

Burnor opened Java Garden Café about four weeks ago and celebrated its grand opening last

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Hawkins leaving PCHS

SUSAN HARRIS

PCHS Principal Melvin Hawkins announced to his staff Monday afternoon that he will be leaving at the end of this school year.

Hawkins, who is completing his first year at the high school, has accepted the position of Director of Secondary Education for Camden County Schools. He has resigned from Perquimans County Schools effective June 30.

Hawkins came to Perquimans County Schools three years ago as principal at the middle school, a position he held for two years before transferring to the high school in the same capacity upon the resignation of former principal, Hans Lassiter.

School officials say they



Melvin Hawkins

have already begun the process of advertising for a replacement for Hawkins.

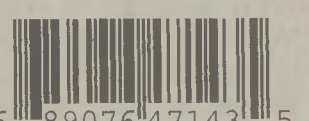
The system is presently in the process of hiring a principal for Hertford Grammar School to replace Tim Aydtlett, who retired as assistant principal at PCHS before returning to serve at the grammar school on a two-year contract.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 80, LOW: 63
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
HIGH: 76, LOW: 57
SCATTERED T'STORMS

SATURDAY
HIGH: 75, LOW: 58
PARTLY CLOUDY



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