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## Crack cocaine seized in Winfall

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In a Winfall chase, police clocked a man driving more than 30 miles over the speed limit and later retrieved a quantity of crack cocaine valued at about \$450.

Winfall Police Chief David Shaffer attempted to stop a vehicle on Tuesday at about 4:45 p.m. The vehicle was traveling at 52 miles per hour in a 35-mile-per-hour zone on Winfall

Boulevard. It pulled into Layden's Supermarket and the driver threw a plastic bag out of the window onto the parking lot, Shaffer said. The car immediately took off.

Shaffer chased the car — clocking it at 56 miles per hour in a 25-mile-per-hour zone — and was able to stop it on White Street.

The driver fled from the car, but the passenger, Andrew Devon White, 23, remained in the car. The

officer searched the vehicle and White, who resides at 661 Sandy Cross Road in Belvidere. He found a small amount of marijuana in the vehicle. White told police he didn't know the driver of the car, Shaffer said.

White was charged with possession of marijuana less than half an ounce and resisting a public officer. He was placed on a \$1,000 secured bond, taken to Albemarle District



Larry Hunter Andrew White

Jail and later released. Hertford Police Department, Perquimans County Sheriff's Office and the N.C. Highway Patrol assisted. The bag, contain-

ing 11.5 grams of crack, was retrieved from the parking lot.

Shaffer, who said he recognized who the driver is, put out a wanted person notice on Larry Donnell Hunter, 22. Hunter, who doesn't have a permanent address, but gave the address of 105 King Ave., surrendered himself on Wednesday.

Hunter was charged with three felony counts — possession with intent to

sell and deliver cocaine, maintaining a vehicle for drug sales and felony flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. Other charges include speeding, reckless driving, resisting arrest, littering, possession of marijuana less than half an ounce.

Hunter was released on a \$23,000 secured bond. His first appearance at Perquimans County District Court is set on Jan. 3.

## Holiday Island Road set for paving

MARGARET FISHER

The N.C. Board of Transportation has awarded Perquimans County nearly \$682,000 to widen and resurface Holiday Island Road.

Barnhill Contracting will begin the work in March with a completion date around June.

The N.C. Department of Transportation maintains a list of priority roads recommended by each county. Woodville and New Hope roads are also top on the list, said County Manager Bobby Darden. But the final determination was selected based on the time it takes to complete the job, not requiring any significant environmental issues and funding availability, said Barry Hobbs, DOT division project manager for Division I.

The project is part of N.C. Moving Ahead!, a \$700 million transportation initiative for highway maintenance and modernization throughout the state. The initiative became available 2003 and was supposed to be a two-year project. When the project slowed down past the deadline, DOT requested an extension, said Stan White, board member who represents Perquimans in Nags Head.

"We tried to do something for every county — what's most important in each county," White said.

Plans are to redo Holiday Island Road from Pender Road down to where Holiday Lane begins, Hobbs said.

In addition to Holiday Island Road, the Moving Ahead project included work on a bridge that borders Perquimans and Chowan counties. Another bridge located on old U.S. Highway 17 in Woodville is planned to be redone, as well, if funding becomes available.

## Season of sharing



A collective effort between FFA, SURGE and SADD netted lots of canned goods, toys and dollars which were donated to the Open Door in time for Christmas. The effort was spearheaded by agriculture teacher and FFA advisor Angel White and Carolyn Rogers, SURGE/SADD Advisor.

## New bridge going over Jenny's Gut

MARGARET FISHER

The outdoor educational wetland laboratory at Jenny's Gut on the Perquimans County High School campus is getting a new bridge constructed.

The former cement bridge had started to settle and was impeding water flow, said Dwayne Stallings, assistant superintendent.

The project, now in Phase II, includes creating a 40-foot wooden arched walkway across the pond to adjoin King Street to the main campus. The new bridge is being constructed during the holiday break.

The two acres next to the school, once a deteriorated wetland, is now a laboratory for students to collect water samples, study water quality and analyze plant and animal life for environmental study.

"The science and agriculture classes have all along been taking water quality samples," he said. "Hopefully, in the spring, the agriculture department will help with the plantings and trees."

A monitoring station, or deck, has been built out

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## Hayes is Bearer of Mace at ECSU

MARGARET FISHER

Lindsey K. D. Hayes, a Hertford resident, was honored to be the Bearer of the Mace at Elizabeth City State University's 143rd Commencement on Dec. 9.

The bearer of the mace is the non-transfer graduating senior who holds the highest cumulative grade point average. Hayes, 22, earned a G.P.A. of 3.9 and met the requirement of earning all her college credits at ECSU.

Carrying the mace is a prestigious event for one graduate at each commencement. In 1996, Alexis Joyner, an ECSU art professor, designed the mace, a 6-foot pole made of black walnut. The mace depicts a bronze-cast viking, the school's mascot, with rays that symbolize enlightenment emanating from it. In Ghana, a spokesman for the chief used a similar type of staff, Joyner said. It was first used at graduation in 1999.

"I was just really proud — all the work I put in," Hayes said about bearing the mace. "This is what I worked for. It was kind of cool."

With her father being in the U.S. Coast Guard, her family moved around. Seven years ago, they came



Lindsey Hayes was bestowed with the honor of being the Bearer of the Mace when she graduated from Elizabeth City State University.

to Hertford from Miami, Fla. Hayes graduated from Perquimans County High School in 2002.

Hayes earned her Bachelor of Science degree in biology and plans to work towards getting a master's degree in nutrition. She hasn't made a final decision where she will attend college, but she's considering Florida State University in Tallahassee.

She's thinking about becoming a dietician and eventually working for a food company. Understanding how the human body works is her link to understanding what foods do to the body and how to make healthier foods.

"I've always been really interested in the human body," she said.

Food manufacturers have the power to make

foods that can help people to be healthier. However, large numbers of them are instead producing unhealthy foods because they can use less expensive ingredients and make more money, she said.

"I think Americans eat too much junk food. There's not enough fiber, healthy fat and essential vitamins," Hayes said.

Food companies use such cheap ingredients as high fructose corn syrup, hydrogenated oils and bleached flour in their products, but they are unhealthy, she said. For example, studies have shown that consuming quantities of high fructose corn syrup can lead to diabetes, she said.

Hayes would like to find alternative sources of sugar and oil that are healthier and create nutritious foods that Americans will enjoy eating.

Hayes, a member of the Tri Beta Biological Honor Society, is a waitress at Cypress Creek Grill in Elizabeth City. Although she worked part time while attending ECSU full time, she found time to study.

"I studied a lot," she said. "I put a lot of time into my school work and made it a priority in my life."

## WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 60, LOW: 40  
SHOWERS

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 64, LOW: 50  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 71, LOW: 57  
SHOWERS