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## Zoning Search of house leads to drug arrest

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Hertford Town Council approved two rezoning requests last week, paving the way for riverfront luxury condominiums and townhouses on Church Street Extended.

Based on the earlier recommendation of the town's planning board of adjustments, the town commissioners agreed to rezone approximately 17 acres located near 700 Church Street from R-10 to TR and they rezoned 15 acres at 200 Ocean Hwy. South from residential to commercial.

The rezoning request was made by Tugboat Properties, LLC, a Greenville partnership.

Tugboat Properties is planning to create Hertford Bay Marina, a project that not only includes townhouses and condominiums, but a protected harbor and boat slips. In addition, they hope to create commercial acreage that faces U.S. 17 to include a motel, restaurant, and retail stores.

"We are continuing to work with CAMA and the related government agencies on the marina," said Jim Midgette, one of six partners involved in Tugboat Properties, LLC. "Now that the town council has approved the zoning, we can move forward with the engineering for these projects."

"The investment team is sincerely appreciative of the support and encouragement that we have received from the town, the planning board and the town council," he continued.

In other matters last week, council learned that the town has received a \$64,000 Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant to conduct a study to determine where and if any stormwater is infiltrating into the town's wastewater system. The town will add \$10,000 of its own funds towards the cost of this study.

Basically, the study will look for leaks in the system, and if future repairs are needed, the town will then seek additional funding.

Also, council agreed to accept Charles Skinner's recommendation that the John Harris Monument be placed in the park located adjacent to the library. The monument was located on the courthouse green, but was moved in order to locate the new veterans monument there. Initial plans were to move the marker to Harris's grave side at Cedar Wood Cemetery, but there is already a marker there.

The town agreed to let the county know they town will accept the monument in its park adjacent to the library.

Other actions by council last week included:

\*Accepted a leave of absence for Gregory Benton from the town's Planning Board of Adjustments.

\*Agreed to purchase a 2008 Chevrolet Impala for administrative use at a cost of \$15,535.

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A Hertford man faces drug charges after law enforcement officers searched his home on Harvey Point Road recently.

Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley said Marvin Ray Moore, 33, of 1770 Harvey Point Road, faces charges of possession of a Schedule VI drug with intent to sell or deliver as well as possession of a Schedule II drug with intent to sell or deliver. Moore also faces a charge of maintaining a dwelling for the sale of illegal drugs. He was held under a \$15,000 secured bond, but has made bail, Tilley said.

According to the sheriff, Moore was on probation

for unrelated matters. Part of Moore's previous court judgment was allowing warrantless searches to be conducted in cooperation with the probation office, Tilley explained.

Probation Officer Roger Chips, along with sheriff's Investigator Shelby White and "Boaz," a drug-sniffing dog, conducted the search. During the search, approximately 169 grams of a substance believed to be marijuana was found as well as five grams of a substance believed to be "crack" cocaine and three grams of a substance believed to be powdered cocaine.

Moore is scheduled for a court hearing in January.

In other police action over the weekend, three junk vehicles were stolen

from the New Hope area. Apparently someone is loading the scrapped vehicles onto a dolly and hauling them away without the owners' permission.

Sheriff Tilley said metal from junk vehicles is selling at a high price now, and police suspect the thief is selling the junked cars at salvage yards.

Investigation continues.

## DISTRICT CHAMPS!



Perquimans Weekly Photo by PHIL HARRIS

THE PIRATES CLINCHED THE district title in the second round of the state 1-A football playoffs Friday night in Hertford by defeating Northampton West, 19-6. A mid-field celebration followed the victory (above). Quarterback Forrest Monty stepped up big Friday, taking numerous hard hits, but continuing to make things happen for the Pirates. At bottom left, he heads for the end zone as his teammates clear a path. Another offensive play-maker was Jamel Warren (right), who bulled through the Hurricane line for over 150 yards Friday evening, getting some big holes made by the offensive line. The win set up a second match-up between Roanoke and Perquimans in Robersonville Friday night at 7:30 p.m. in round three. For more on the Pirates, see page 9.



## Local schools make the grade

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By all accounts, Perquimans County schools passed this year on the Education First North Carolina School Report Card.

Released last month by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, the report card details how the local school system did last school year on everything from class sizes to financial support to the quality of teachers.

The average local class size of kindergarten, and fifth through eighth grades were larger than the state averages while grades one and four tied with the state average. The average class size in the third grade was smaller than the state average.

On the high school level, the only classes that were larger than state averages were English 1 and Algebra II. Algebra 1 classes were tied with the state av-

erage. Geometry, biology, civics and economics and US history classes were all smaller than the state averages.

Perquimans County Schools spends more per student in state and federal funds than the state average. Local spending per student, however, is lower than the state average by \$355.

The local school district met 30 out of 34 adequate yearly progress targets as set by the federal No Child Left Behind Act. Perquimans High School met its targets for adequate yearly progress while the middle and elementary schools did not.

All the county schools are connected to the internet with an average of 2.47 students per connected computer, compared to the state average of 3.22.

According to the report card, there was one act of crime or violence reported per 100 students last year on all school levels. The

average number of short-term suspensions per 100 students in the local schools last year was: two on the elementary level, 12 on the middle school level, and 45 on the high school level.

There were no long term suspensions or expulsions reported on the report card for the local schools.

Under quality of teachers and administrators, 98 percent of the elementary schools teachers were fully licensed, 83 percent on the middle school level, and 88 percent of the teachers on the high school level.

Forty percent of the teachers on the elementary level hold advanced degrees such as masters or doctoral degrees. Only 10 percent of the teachers on the middle school level earned advanced degrees, and 13 percent of the teachers on the high school level had higher degrees.

The local school system employs 31 staff members, including teachers,

administrators and guidance counselors, who have received national board certification. According to District Superintendent Dwayne Stallings, the district continues to rank first in the state in percentage of national board teachers in the classroom.

The district fared very well in the category of highly qualified teachers. One hundred percent of the teachers on the elementary level were noted as highly qualified while 97 percent of the teachers on the middle school level received the same designation. Ninety-nine percent of the teachers on the high school level were deemed highly qualified teachers. The state average for high and middle school is 96 percent, while the state average for elementary schools is 99 percent.

Other highlights of the past school year that were not mentioned on the school system's report

## Youth charged after slapping minister

A local minister trying to help juvenile offenders was slapped by one recently when the juvenile apparently tired of the minister's talk against gangs.

Perquimans Sheriff Eric Tilley said Juan Santiago faces an assault charge after the Nov. 8th incident which happened inside the Perquimans Juvenile Detention Center. Santiago, Tilley said, is 16 years old and was charged as an adult. He was moved from the juvenile detention center and transferred to the Albemarle District Jail.

Santiago is being held under a \$10,000 secured bond.

Tilley said the minister was talking to the juveniles about gangs when the 16-year-old jumped up and slapped the minister.

Also recently, an Edenton man was charged with breaking into a home on U.S. 17 on Nov. 4.

Curtis Stanley, 103 Blade Street in Edenton, reportedly broke down a door in the residence, believing no one was home. The woman living there was grabbed by the man, but not injured before he fled from the scene.

Tilley said Stanley was later found in Edenton and is currently being held under a \$25,250 secured bond on charges of first degree burglary and injury to personal property.

### WEEKEND WEATHER

THANKSGIVING  
HIGH: 74  
LOW: 43  
SCATTERED T'SHOWERS

FOOTBALL FRIDAY  
HIGH: 54  
LOW: 33  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 57  
LOW: 41  
PARTLY CLOUDY

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