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## Three charged with shooting

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Three young men have been arrested and charged in connection with the Jan. 23 shooting at Wynne Fork Court.

According to the Hertford Police Department, Kevon Hunter, 16, and Tarvoris Jordan, 24, both of Hertford, and Allen Overton, 22, of Belvidere face multiple felony charges in connection with the shooting of George Moore. Moore was shot in the leg when he attempted to exit a vehicle occupied by three other passengers.

Hunter faces charges of aggravated assault, kidnapping, and armed robbery. He is currently being held under \$50,000 secured bond.

Jordan faces charges of robbery, aggravated assault, kidnapping, and possession of a firearm by a felon. He is being held under a \$48,000 bond.

Overton faces charges of robbery, aggravated assault and kidnapping and is being held under a \$42,500 bond.

All are incarcerated in the Albemarle District Jail, police said.

Police say Moore apparently got into a vehicle with the three men when a robbery was attempted. Moore was shot as he tried to flee the vehicle.

Moore was airlifted to a Norfolk hospital where he was treated and released a few days later.

## Dropout rate falls

Sometimes lower scores are better.

Perquimans County schools lowered their student dropout rate by 36.2 percent for the 2006-07 school year.

Last year, 30 students in grades nine through 12 dropped out of school compared with 47 who left the previous year. The school

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## SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT



Perquimans Weekly photos by CATHY WILSON  
DAVID RUTSCH, AGE 8, sits quietly as Dr. Jack Boone checks David's teeth during Give Kids a Smile Day. Dr. Boone's office donated nearly \$4,000 in free dental service to area children during the event. Five-year-old Shihene Foreman (right) learns how to use the suction after his fluoride treatment given by dental assistant Shermin Prentice Friday morning at Dr. Jack Boone's office during Give Kids a Smile Day. Dr. Boone and his professional staff volunteered their time Friday morning to provide free dental service to 16 Perquimans County students selected by the school. This marks the sixth year Dr. Boone's office has participated in the nationwide program sponsored by the American Dental Association and the North Carolina Dental Society.



## Boone, staff give kids smiles

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Five-year-old Shihene Foreman got a brighter grin Friday morning. As he sat in the dentist's chair, he smiled from ear to ear despite the fluoride treatment apparatus stuck in his mouth during the "Give Kids a Smile" day at a local dentist office.

"This is why we do this," said Shermin Prentice, a dental assistant who volunteered her time at Dr. Jack Boone's dental office.

Free dental service was provided to 16 Perquimans County students during the event sponsored by the American Dental Association and

the North Carolina Dental Society. Boone's office, including Dr. Alison Heyder, has participated in the national program for six years. This year, seven dental professionals volunteered their time on their day off to provide services such as x-rays, cleanings, fluoride treatments, sealant applications, and even some fillings performed. Two even drove long distances to help the local students who were selected by the public school system.

"It makes you feel good," Prentice added. "Some never see a dentist. The only dental work they get is what they get today."

At \$229, the average cost per

child's visit, the dental practice donated nearly \$4,000 in dental service on the students.

Only two out of 15 area dentists participate in the annual program. Andrea Boone, office manager, said the time donated on this program is time well spent.

"I don't know why more dentists don't do it," she said. "It's just four hours out of your life. We waste more than four hours watching television at night. It's a really good thing to do."

The parents of each child who was seen during the program will receive a treatment plan detailing the state of the child's dental health.

## Tommy's celebrates new menu, breakfast, expansion

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Tommy serves more than pizza and subs these days.

The former Tommy's Pizza has grown into Tommy's Family Restaurant offering breakfast, lunch and dinner with full menus for each meal. Owners Tommy Barrett and his wife, Virginia, expanded the restaurant 2400 square feet by transforming the space once occupied by a laundromat next door into his spacious family-sized eatery. While he offers everything from seafood to fried chicken, Tommy specializes in sizzling steaks and signature dishes like seafood over angel hair pasta.

"We had steaks before, and a lot of people missed them," said Barrett. "We got a lot of requests for our steaks. Our calling card is our 12-ounce rib eye. We do it differ-

ently from anyone else, using an old family recipe."

The expanded restaurant and menu selection has also enlarged Tommy's workforce, adding 10-15 more employees to serve the crowd seven days a week.

Most dishes average around \$10 each with the most expensive entrée' ringing in around \$15. Simple deserts are available now with more to be added in the future. The restaurant will also offer beer and wine in the future along with a counter and large-screened television. Smoking and non-smoking sections are available.

Tommy's Family Restaurant is open Sunday-Wednesday, 7 a.m. — 8:30 p.m. and on Thursday — Saturday, 7 a.m. — 10 p.m. The restaurant is located in Perquimans Center, 309 Ocean Highway South.

For more information, call 426-3434.



Perquimans Weekly photo by CATHY WILSON

THE PERQUIMANS CHAMBER OF Commerce held a ribbon cutting Monday afternoon at Tommy's Family Restaurant located in Perquimans Center. Formerly Tommy's Pizza, the restaurant expanded 2400 square feet, and is now open for breakfast, lunch and dinner offering a full menu of dishes. Tommy's Family Restaurant is open seven days a week.

## Schools receive tech grant

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Oh, what a difference a million bucks can make!

Three schools in Perquimans County and one in Chowan formed a consortium that submitted a state IMPACT grant proposal to provide equipment and staff training to bolster instructional technology in the classroom. The consortium was awarded \$1,047,204 to fund programs at Perquimans High, Perquimans Middle, Hertford Grammar and DF Walker Elementary. It was the only proposal funded in the first district, and one of only four statewide. Nine districts applied.

Perquimans Schools Technology Coordinator Victor Eure was excited Monday about what the funds will do for local students. He said the grant will provide funds for state-of-the-art equipment that will help students stay competitive from a global perspective. The funds will help a small district like Perquimans provide the same learning opportunities for its students as larger, wealthier school districts.

What the grant will provide will enhance students' critical thinking and problem solving skills, while also strengthening core competencies, Eure said.

Teachers, he said, are excited about having access to

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## Wildfires fought

Perquimans County firefighters were kept busy Sunday battling fires or being on call for other departments who were also battling several fires around the region.

Two fires were reported in Holiday Island, and one in Albemarle Plantation. Damage was kept to a minimal.

The largest fire occurred at the Perquimans/Chowan county line where approximately 600 acres burned.

Hertford Fire Chief Bob Reed said all of the fire started from sparks blowing from other wildfires.

### WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 52 Low: 37  
AM CLOUDS, PM SUN

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 59 Low: 45  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 56 Low: 46  
FEW SHOWERS