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Teens shot

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A high school athlete and the brother of a recent murder victim escaped serious injury after both were shot last Tuesday night on King Street.

According to Hertford Police Chief Joe Amos, the victims were apparently walking on King Street near Hyde Park Street around 9:55 p.m. when a large dark sport utility vehicle with tinted windows drove past them and someone shot at the two young men.

Police said Da'Shay Leigh, 18, was shot in his left leg just below the knee. Nathaniel Downing, 16, was shot in his side.

Both victims were treated for the non-life threatening injuries and released from the hospital the same night, police said.

Leigh is the brother of Jamar Fletcher, who was shot and killed at the corner of King Street and Stokes Drive on July 6. His 25-year-old first cousin, Travis Donnell Reaves, was later arrested and charged in connection with the murder.

Downing is a student at Perquimans County High School where he is a member of the football and basketball teams.

Hertford Police Officer C. Johnson was the first officer to arrive on the scene following reports of shots being fired in the vicinity of King Street and Stokes Drive. Johnson had recently patrolled that area and noted only a few people out on the street that evening.

After talking with residents, he learned that someone had in fact been shot; however, the victim had already been taken to the hospital by a family member.

A second victim was found at a residence on King Street. This victim was transported by a Perquimans County sheriff's deputy to the hospital.

The gun involved was a handgun, police said. The shooting is believed to be gang related, Amos added.

The shooting is being investigated by the Hertford Police Department. Anyone with information about the shooting is asked to call the department at 426-5587. Callers may remain anonymous.



GIRLS AND BOYS PLAYED in the dirt, dirtied their faces in a chocolate pie eating contest, and took part in many other games and activities during the Fall Festival and Huck Finn Day held Nov. 1 at Meylar Farms in Woodville.

Local vote

County Commissioner	
Mack Nixon	1823
Tommy Riddick	1287
Sue Weimar	1640
Shirley Wiggins	1558
Governor	
Purdue	3430
McCroy	2755
U.S. Senate	
Hagan	2765
Dole	3457
President	
McCain/Palin	3674
Obama/Biden	2761

Vote totals are those available at 9:45 p.m. election night. Totals are unofficial. See dailyadvance.com, scroll to Perquimans Weekly for updates. Also see dailyadvance.com/election2008

Veteran's Day program to note local heroes

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This year's Veterans Day ceremony on the courthouse green will highlight the veterans of World War II and all those who died during times of war.

The patriotic program, sponsored by American Legion Post 126, will be held Nov. 11 beginning at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Monument.

While all veterans will be remembered, special recognition will be given to the men and women who served during World War II. Jay Dillon, the county's oldest living WWII veteran at the age of 97, will lead the recognition with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 150 will post the service colors. While the guest speaker has not yet been named, various town and county leaders will participate.

The names of all service men and women who died during this nation's times of war will be read. Memorial bricks, paid for by the county, will be placed at the Veterans Memorial in their memory.

Seven of the 31 servicemen killed already have memorial bricks placed near the monument. American Legion Post 126 representatives are trying to locate family members of the remaining veterans to notify them that bricks will be placed in their memory as



JAY DILLON, 97, WILL be recognized during Tuesday's Veteran's Day program as Perquimans' oldest living WWII veteran.

well. American Legion Post 126 has researched military records, and according to their findings, Perquimans County residents or natives who were killed during times of war include:
WWI
 William P. Stallings, France, 1918.
WWII
 Garland H. Ownley and John E. Everett, prisoners of war, Philippines, 1942.
 David H. Broughton, lost at sea,

South Pacific, 1942.
 Charles Lowder Jr., South Pacific, 1943.
 Charles F. Sumner III, France, 1944.
 Simon "Hobie" Stallings, Germany, 1944.
 Ivey A. Ward Jr., Holland, 1944.
 Joshua E. Winslow, France, 1945.
 William R. Crawford, Philippines, 1945.
 James C. Baker, Marvin A. Ownley, Clifton C. Lane and Gaylord E. Riddick, Germany, 1945.

William G. Blanchard, prisoner of war in Stalag 12A, Germany, 1945.
 Earving I. Jones, Willis A. Elliott, non-battle.
 John W. Pierce, wounds, 1944.
 James E. Reid, Italy, 1944.
 Ewald M. Rodeck
 Graham E. Trueblood, non battle, 1945.
 Vietnam
 Joseph T. Benton, William C. Wright Jr., 1966.
 Mason Nixon Jr., 1968.
 Victor B. Sutton, non battle, 1969.
 The War on Terrorism
 Marshall H. Caddy, Iraq, 2004.
 Romanes L. Woodard, Afghanistan, 2005.
 Killed during war time, but not in combat zones:
 William N. Tucker Jr., plane crash, England, 1944.
 Joseph M. Tolson, ship explosion, Port Chicago, Ill., 1944.
 Morris T. Griffin Jr., plane crash, California, 1952.
 Ralph D. Harrell, plane crash, Colorado, 1953.
 The American Legion will also remember the nation's prisoners of war and those missing in action with the ceremonial placement of an empty chair draped with the flag, signifying those who can't attend, and a small table for one, occupying a place of dignity and symbolizing those who are missing.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 67 Low: 53
CLOUDY/WINDY

FRIDAY
High: 73 Low: 53
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
High: 67 Low: 48
T'SHOWERS

Residents can get prescription help

Perquimans County launched a discount card program Nov. 1 that will help consumers cope with the high price of prescription drugs.

The county is making free prescription drug discount cards available under a program sponsored by the National Association of Counties (NACo) that offers an average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs.

The cards may be used by all county residents, regardless of age, income, or existing health coverage, and are accepted at both the county's pharmacies.

"Perquimans County is proud to be one of the counties nationwide participating with NACo," said Mary Hunnicutt, clerk to the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners. "The NACo prescription discount card offers significant savings for the uninsured and underinsured residents of our county, and even those fortunate to

have prescription coverage can use the card to save money on drugs that are not covered by their health plan. Residents do not have to be Medicare beneficiaries to be eligible for this program."

Best of all, there is no cost to county taxpayers for NACo and Perquimans County to make these cards available to residents.

Hunnicutt stressed that residents should check with their pharmacist to determine if their pharmacy offers a lower price than the card can give.

Cards will be available at doctor's offices and pharmacies, town offices, Perquimans County Library, county tax and water department, Senior Center, Cooperative Extension, and Social Services. County residents can call toll free 1-877-321-2652 or visit www.caremark.com/naco for assistance with the program.

The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark.

Man robbed

A man reported being robbed in Hertford late Thursday night as he picked up a co-worker at Wynne Fork Apartments.

Hertford Police Chief Joe Amos said Brandon Byington said he was robbed around 11 p.m. by four or five black males who pulled him out of his car, taking his cell phone, jacket and a small amount of cash.

No weapon was involved. Officer Erik Priebe responded to the scene and found that the victim was unsure of the names of both the suspects and his co-worker.

This case is being investigated by the Hertford Police Department. Anyone with information is asked to call the Hertford Police Department at 426-5587. Callers may remain anonymous.

