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## Canine attacks rampant in Snug Harbor

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County leaders are taking a second look at their animal control ordinance following complaints of numerous dog attacks in the Snug Harbor area. Most of the attacks were against other dogs, not humans.

County commissioners instructed County Manager Bobby Darden to meet with Sheriff Eric Tilley and the county attorney to see what needs to be done to strengthen the ordinance that's already on the books.

"We've gotten reports of dogs attacking leashed dogs on streets where people walk on," said Commissioner Sue Weimar. "We need something stronger in our ordinance, something with teeth in it."

Last Monday night, Wynn McCallister, president of the Snug Harbor Property Owners Association (SHPOA), gave commissioners a stack of unofficial reports detailing dog attacks, some going back as far as 2006. Out of a dozen reported attacks, half of them involved dogs on Dogwood Drive.

"Neighbors don't feel safe in Snug Harbor," said McCallister. "Dogs at large have challenged people walking their dogs or riding bikes. There have been some serious attacks against dogs on leashes. We can only imagine what would happen if there is a child involved. It's gotten so bad that a couple of residents who walk their dogs now carry sidearms."

Perquimans County does not have a leash law, an ordinance that prohibits dogs from running at large. Both towns in the county, however, prohibit dogs running at large within town limits.

McCallister also said that the SHPOA is working on drafting dog policies for the residents of the Snug Harbor subdivision.

In conducting research to help combat the dog attacks, McCallister asked

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## Christmas IN HERTFORD

The grand illumination (top photo by Cathy Wilson) and Christmas parade (bottom photo by Susan Harris) brought the Christmas spirit to Hertford last week. (Photos on 4, 5.)



## Illumination, parade welcome holidays

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Little ones' eyes twinkled and the older folks watched in amazement as the town's Christmas splendor illuminated the night air Thursday night.

The grand illumination on the courthouse cast a warm glow in Hertford, ushering in the official start of the holiday season.

Perquimans County commissioners and the mayor of Hertford flipped the switches at 6:30 p.m., illuminating not only the official 17-foot Christmas tree, but several other trees, bushes, light poles, and building outlines throughout the town.

Luminaries, filled with glowing lights shimmering off decorative silver ribbons, lined the courthouse sidewalks and reflected remembrances of loved ones.

Lush long-needle pine wreaths dressed with cheerful red ribbons

hung from the historic courthouse windows brimming with lit electric candles as well.

In addition to the luminaries, this year's illumination ceremony featured a larger Christmas tree, a 17 foot fir tree brought in from a West Jefferson Christmas tree farm.

Musical ensembles from Perquimans Middle School provided a musical backdrop to the holiday light show.

The holiday event was sponsored by Historic Hertford, Inc., the town's Main Street program.

SUSAN HARRIS

Santa came to town Saturday, pushing a Christmas parade through Hertford under Carolina blue skies while lots of excited boys and girls of all ages littered the streets to catch a glimpse of the Jolly Old Elf.

Tagged one of the biggest and best parades ever by Chamber of

Commerce Executive Director Sid Eley — and by many heard commenting on the streets — the holiday affair featured bands from Perquimans High, Northeastern High and Elizabeth City State University, along with beautifully decorated floats, trucks filled with holiday well-wishers, horses, vintage vehicles, mini cars, dancers, Smokey Bear, boats, military units, emergency responders and more.

Float winners in the church category were Bagley Swamp Wesleyan, first; Hertford United Methodist, second; and Hertford Baptist, third. Youth groups earning honors were 4-H, first; and Cub Scout Pack 150, second. Recognition in the civic division went to Hertford Rotary, first; Perquimans County Senior Citizens, second; and Albemarle Senior Games and Buccaneer Shriners, third.

(More photos, pages 4 and 5.)

## Woman faces likely robber

A woman exiting a downtown bank Dec. 2 was accosted by a would-be robber asking for money.

According to Hertford Police Chief Joe Amos, the woman was walking out of RBC Centura around 2 p.m. when she was approached by a man holding something in his hand and demanding her money.

Police believe the item in his hand was either a knife or a wrench.

The woman ran away screaming and the man fled the area in an older van, possibly a Ford mini-van with temporary registration plates.

The suspect is described as a white male about six feet tall in his 50s with blond or gray hair. Police believe the man may have been seen in the downtown area prior to the attempted robbery.

Investigation is continuing. Anyone with information should call the Hertford Police Department at 426-5587. Callers may remain anonymous.

During this holiday season, Amos urges citizens to call police if any suspicious activity is seen.

## Couple attacked

Two adults have been charged in connection with a Nov. 29 fight on Pennsylvania Avenue during which two people were injured.

According to the Hertford Police Chief Joe Amos, Anthony Williams and Sonya Knight, both of Meads Loop, are being held under \$50,000 bond. Williams is charged with common law robbery and inciting to riot while Knight faces two counts of assault with a deadly weapon as well as inciting to riot.

Police were called to 609 Pennsylvania Ave. around 2 a.m. after a 29-year-old man and his 20-year-old wife were injured when they were reportedly attacked by five people who jumped out of a vehicle in front of

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## Blaze destroys Snug Harbor garage Thursday

A fire destroyed a Snug Harbor garage and blistered a neighboring house Thursday afternoon.

Firefighters managed to prevent the blaze from spreading to the main house on the property and to the home next door.

According to Bethel Fire Chief Jeff Proctor, the garage at 110 Creek Trail was fully involved when firefighters were called just after 4 p.m. The intense heat from the blaze threatened homes on either side of the garage, including a two-story log cabin.

A vehicle inside the garage was totally destroyed.

The building was declared a total loss.

Firefighters from Bethel and Hertford fought the blaze. EMS responders stood by ready to assist as did Jarvis Winslow, emergency management coordinator.

Proctor said the cause of

FLAMES LEAPED SKYWARD LAST Thursday when a blaze totally destroyed a garage owned by Randal and Anne Carper in Snug Harbor.

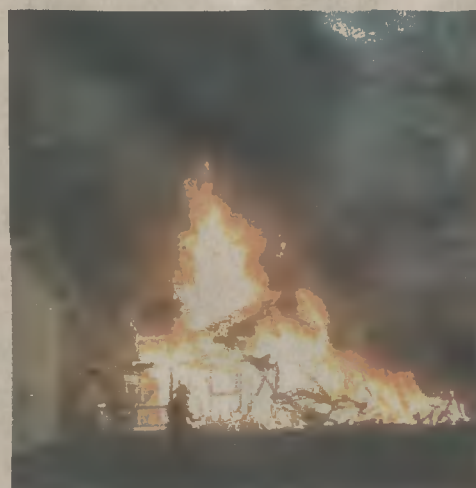
Perquimans Weekly photo by CATHY WILSON  
ONLY FRAMING REMAINED UPRIGHT on Friday morning.

the fire is listed as undetermined, but that the owner believes it started around a

lawn mower used not long before he looked out and saw flames.

According to

Perquimans County, the property is owned by Randal Kent Carper and Anne B. Carper.



### WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 54 LOW: 42  
RAIN

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 51 LOW: 33  
FEW SHOWERS

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 52 LOW: 37  
PARTLY CLOUDY



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