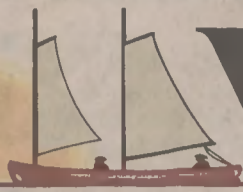


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PERQUIMANS WEEKLY PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

Historic Hertford Inc., and local participating downtown merchants sponsored a new billboard giving directions to Historic Hertford. The billboard promotes the unique town to travelers passing southbound on U.S. Highway 17 north of Winfall. The cost of the one-year project was paid for by nine participating downtown merchants and HHI.

## Billboard welcomes visitors to Hertford

By Cathy Wilson  
Staff Writer

Motorists traveling southbound on U.S. Highway 17 just north of Winfall now see an attractive, colorful billboard on the side of the roadway directing them to Hertford.

The billboard, promoting the historic downtown Hertford area, is funded by nine participating downtown merchants and Historic Hertford, Inc. (HHI), the town's Main

Street Program.

"We're doing this to promote the town," said Ed Muzzulin, with HHI.

HHI paid for the production cost of the billboard as well, and they have a year's contract for display.

Muzzulin said the downtown merchants which financially supported the project included: Carolina Trophy, Out of the Past, Hertfordshire Antiques, The Pink Turtle, Nickalena's Deli, Perquimans Arts

League, White's Dress Shop, Woodard's Pharmacy, and Carriage House Restaurant.

The billboard encourages visitors to visit historic Hertford on the Perquimans, and highlights shopping, dining, antiques, historic homes and boating.

The sign directs them to turn right at the next light, allowing visitors to travel over the historic S-bridge as they enter town.

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## CEREMONY TO HONOR VETERANS

Hertford American Legion Post 126 will host a Veterans Day ceremony today at 11 a.m. on the historic courthouse green at the Veterans Memorial.

## Holman, Lane win in Hertford

Mummert, Whedbee keep seats in Winfall

By Cathy Wilson  
Staff Writer

One vote does make a difference. Just ask Horace Reid. Last Tuesday, Hertford voters elected Lillian Anne Holman and political newcomer Ed Lane to Hertford Town Council, defeating veteran Horace Reid and two other challengers, Quentin Jackson and Lloyd Hodges.

Lane received 194 votes. Holman, with 138, won over Vice Mayor Reid by only one vote, spurring Reid to request a recount. Jackson received



Holman Lane

74 votes and Lloyd Hodges received 39.

Members of the Perquimans County Board of Elections performed a vote recount early Monday morning, confirming that Holman received 138 votes, one more than Reid with 137.

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## Camp exec faces additional charges

By Cathy Wilson  
Staff Writer

The former director of Cale Retreat and Conference Center faces four additional charges following indictments handed down Thursday by a Perquimans County Grand Jury.

Assistant District Attorney Michael Johnson said two true bills of indictment were handed down against Stephen Wayne Carter. Each indictment alleges one count each of taking indecent liberties with a child and first degree sex offense involving a child under the age of 13.

Carter, age 50, of 257 Camp Cale Road, now faces six charges involving three different victims, Johnson said.



Carter

Carter was first indicted back in July. No trial date has been set.

As of Thursday, Carter remains free on bond.

Carter was first arrested and charged July 1.

At the time of his initial arrest, court documents banned Carter from having any contact with a child under the age of 18 except his own child, and banned him from the property.

Cale Retreat is a summer

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## Denny heads to karaoke finals

Performance Thursday on the 'Oprah' show

By Cathy Wilson  
Staff Writer

Donnie Denny — Perquimans County's singing plumber — has crooned his way into the finals of Oprah Winfrey's "Karaoke Challenge."

Denny, owner of Standard Plumbing in Hertford, was named one of three finalists on the talk show host's popular singing segment last week. He will square off tomorrow

(Thursday) on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" against two other finalists — Abraham McDonald of Los Angeles and Rob Weddle of Orlando, Fla.

Denny made the finals of the Karaoke Challenge after competing on the show Nov. 5 against seven other semifinalists. Denny sang "Amazed," the Lonestar hit, during his performance and was selected for one of the final three spots in the Karaoke Challenge based on the votes of audience members and viewers following the performances.

After the finalists were



Denny

family members, he flew back to Chicago on Monday.

Denny caught the eye of "Oprah" show producers in early October after his family sent in a video of him singing. A show producer and film

crew later visited him at his church, South Mills Church of Christ, where he sings with a praise group once a month. They filmed him singing at church and he was also interviewed for the show at his home on Justin Avenue.

His minister, Ron Stuart, said Denny sang with the praise group this past Sunday between trips to Chicago.

"We're proud of him," said Stuart. "He's a little numb right now, a little shocked. He's a good man, a hard worker, and we're trying to support him in any way we can."



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Local church members and others give support to Barnabas House, a Christian residential program to help released inmates and others reintegrate into society and become productive community members. A recent dinner explaining the program featured speakers from a similar program in Boone. Among those supporting Barnabas House are: (from left) Mark Futtrell, Robbie and Rita Collie, Wayne Ownley, Chad Byrd, Billy Rich Jr., and C.D. White.

## Barnabas House offers shelter, help

By Cathy Wilson  
Staff Writer

A local non-profit organization is trying to create a Christian residential program to help released inmates or those with life controlling issues reintegrate into society and become productive community members.

Barnabas House of Northeastern North Carolina, Inc., made up of Christians throughout this area, is seeking to find the right property on which to develop the project. The non-profit organization is currently raising funds

to support it.

Organizers are looking for the right property in a rural area, possibly Perquimans County.

Named after the Biblical character who was known for his wise encouragement of others by pointing the way to the Lord, Barnabas House is lead by men who believe deeply in God, in His love for others including prisoners, and in spreading that love by extending loving hands when needed.

Men leaving prison need

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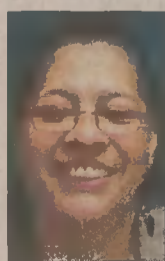
## New finance officer named

By Cathy Wilson  
Staff Writer

The finance director for the schools in a nearby county will become the new finance officer for Perquimans County Schools later this month.

Pearline Bunch, of Windsor, will take over the financial operations of the schools following the retirement of 24-year veteran Frances Hammer. Bunch, who has worked with the Bertie County Schools for 21 years, begins her new duties here Nov. 23. Hammer, who has given 31 years to the Perquimans County Schools, will end her run Nov. 20.

"I am looking forward to my position as finance officer in



Bunch

so warm and friendly and I feel at home already. I am looking forward to meeting the rest of my colleagues and am excited about working with my new team. Every school system's purpose is to provide our children with the best education possible so they can compete on a local, state, national, and global level. A part of this

to encourage them and motivate them to be the best that they can be. I intend to do all I can for the children of Perquimans County. If you can touch a child's life and see them grow and reach their potential, that is the greatest reward there is."

Bunch, a graduate of East Carolina University with a degree in accounting, earned her master's degree in general administration from Central Michigan University. She began her career with Bertie Schools in 1989 as a cost clerk assistant and TIMS operator for the system's transportation department before advancing to

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### WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 61 LOW: 46  
FEW SHOWERS

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 65 LOW: 50  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 66 LOW: 51  
FEW SHOWERS



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