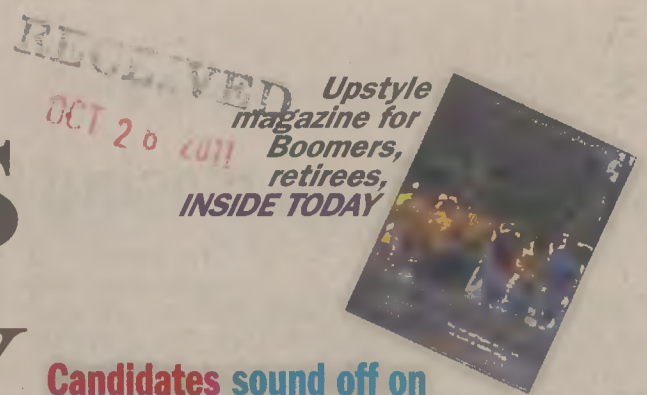


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Heath named interim county manager

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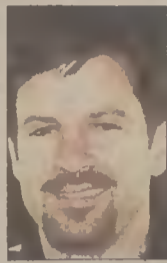
Frank Heath, the county's tax administrator and special projects coordinator, will serve as interim county manager when County Manager Bobby Darden leaves to accept a new post next month.

County commissioners approved Heath's appointment last week, voicing

confidence in the 36-year-old man who has served the county for the past eight years.

"Being tax administrator, Frank has been a part of so much of what's going on in the county already,"

said Ben Hobbs, commissioner chairman. "I think he will do a great job."



Heath

Commissioners have not formed a plan of action yet to find a permanent replacement for the post.

"We want to give Frank a trial period," added Hobbs. "Then we'll see where to go from there."

"I appreciate the confidence that the board of

commissioners has shown in me by naming me interim county manager,"

said Heath. "I am really proud of the job that Bobby Darden did as manager, and I hope to continue in that same manner. It is fortunate that we have very competent department heads that I can rely on during the transition. I look forward to working hard to carry out the direc-

tives that the elected officials set forth."

As special projects coordinator, Heath has already been involved in county projects such as the planned remodeling of the former Albemarle Electric building into a new home for the county's emergency services. He also helped in the acquisition of Winfall's water system, and redesigned the county's

website.

In addition to assessing, listing and collecting county and municipal taxes, Heath also manages the county's water department's billing office as well as the county's mapping department.

Heath will continue his duties as tax administrator during the 120 days he will

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A SALUTE TO THE MARCHING PIRATES



PHOTOS COURTESY JON PARKER

Drum Major Shannon Saliga leads the Perquimans County High School Marching Pirates during a recent competition at Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, Va., where the band placed first in the IIA division of the U.S. Scholastic Band Association.



Senior members of the Marching Pirates play to the camera (left) during Senior Night at Friday's football game. They are (not in order) Greg Terranova, Allen Kishpaugh, Keisha Parker, Brittany Chappell, Dakota Givens, Kristi Colson, Ryan Strickland, Phillip Stover and Shannon Saliga.

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The Perquimans County High School Marching Pirates perform during a recent competition at Princess Anne High School in Virginia Beach, Va.

BOE to mull naming rights for athletic facility

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Members of the Perquimans Board of Education will consider the possibility of offering naming rights for large donations given to help build a pro-

posed new athletic complex at Perquimans County High School.

Charles Ward, chairman of the community-based committee charged with raising the needed funds for the athletic complex, appeared before BOE members Monday night suggesting that offering naming rights for large donations may help raise revenue for the project.

Board of education members tabled the issue Monday night

when two board members were not present during the discussion.

"With the coffers of high school athletic programs drying up at an alarming rate, a naming rights deal with individuals and/or corporations may be a great source of revenue for the project," Ward wrote in a letter to BOE. "The fund-raising committee, however, recognizes and acknowledges that this is a decision to be made by members of the

BOE. It is the recommendation of the Athletic Complex Fund-Raising Committee that naming rights for the high school athletic complex project be allowed with a minimum investment by an individual or corporation of \$100,000."

Brenda Lassiter, public information officer for the schools system, said the board is expected to address the issue during a called meeting Nov. 3.

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PHOTO COURTESY EVELYN WHIDBEE

Rescuers help an injured hunter from the back of a pick-up truck to an awaiting stretcher.

Hunter injured near Woodville

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Woodville farmer Michael Moore thought he heard a faint call for help Saturday coming from the woods behind where he was working.

Being in the outdoors dealing with the farm and crops daily, he hears outside noises all the time so he really didn't pay any attention to the sound as he was working in the area.

However, when he saw a vehicle driven by a woman hurriedly travel back into the wooded area off Red Banks Road, Moore thought he'd better check it out. He found an injured male hunter who had fallen into a deep ditch.

According to North Carolina Wildlife Officer Jonathan Beardsley, the hunter apparently broke a leg while attempting to jump a ditch.

Moore, safety officer with Intercounty

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How did it happen?

According to North Carolina Wildlife Officer Jonathan Beardsley, the hunter apparently broke a leg while attempting to jump a ditch.

Hertford hit by larcenies

From staff reports

Several larcenies were reported over the past week including a break-in at an area storage facility which netted about \$5,700 in items reported stolen.

According to the Hertford Police Department, four storage lockers at Doziers Mini Storage were broken into Oct. 19

"Some units were broken into with nothing taken."

Joe Amos
Hertford Police Chief
on break-ins at Doziers Mini Storage

with about \$5,700 in goods reported stolen. Items taken include three generators, two antique chairs, a 54-inch television, three antique rockers, an antique bench,

four 20-inch chrome rims with tires, a D.J. mix board, and four 16-inch aluminum rims.

Chief Joe Amos said thieves apparently cut the locks off storage units and took only what they could carry off quickly.

"Some units were broken into with nothing taken," he added.

On Sunday, a resident on Meads Circle reported that the central air conditioning unit, valued at \$2,500, had been stolen

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