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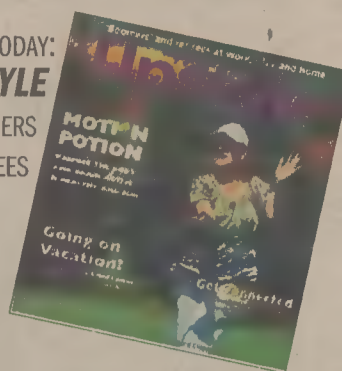
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## Two families displaced by house fires

By PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

Faulty wiring may have led to two fires last week that displaced seven people in Perquimans County.

The first fire involved a mobile home in New Hope on Thursday, according to Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley.

The second fire on Fri-

"In April we had nine house fires and since July 1 we have 54 different disasters to deal with and spent \$40,000, which is a lot of money to us."

CAROLYN SELF

Executive Director, Greater Albemarle Area Chapter of the American Red Cross

day happened on Catherine Street in Winfall. Winfall Police Chief David Shaffer

said he doesn't expect foul play.

Four adults were dis-

placed from the Catherine Street residence and two adults and an infant were displaced from the White Hat Road residence, said Carolyn Self, executive director of the Greater Albemarle Area Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Perquimans County Emergency Management Director Jarvis Winslow said the Catherine Street

resident was a frame house built in 1953. The one in New Hope apparently didn't have electrical service to it and was using an extension cord running from a nearby property.

Winslow said that the Catherine Street house was totally engulfed by the fire when he arrived and wind was a factor.

Brandon Roberson, who

is chief of the Winfall firefighters, told The Daily Advance that firefighters got the fire under control in approximately 15 minutes.

In both cases, the Red Cross provided the residents with a voucher worth four nights in a motel because it was approaching the weekend. It also

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## A DIFFERENT VIEW



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Ryleigh Watson lies in a pool of colored balls and takes in the scenes during the annual Week of the Young Child children's festival at the Perquimans County Recreation Center on Saturday. Hundreds of children participated in the event, which included a fishing tournament, fire trucks, fossils and a live alligator. The program is sponsored by the Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start Partnership. For more photos, please see page 8.

## Body found in woods

From staff reports

A person found dead in the woods last week in the Bethel area may have shot himself and been there since November or December, according to Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley.

The body was found Thursday morning around 10:30 a.m. near the intersection of Burnt Mill Road and Hopewell Road. It was about 100 yards into the woods and a quarter mile from the nearest home, Tilley said.

The discovery was made by two people with a timber company who were scouting the woods for trees. They in turn notified the sheriff's office.

Initially not even the gender or race of the person could be determined based on decomposition.

Tilley said based on information received Monday by the medical examiner, it appears it was a male who died of a single gunshot wound. A .22 caliber rifle was found underneath the body.

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## Young hunters carry on tradition

By PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

They don't have local taxpayer funding, expensive equipment or fancy practice facilities. This year they've even been forced to cut back on practice because of rising prices and a national shortage of ammunition.

But what the Perquimans County Hunter Safety Team does have is a solid track record of success in state and national competition. And this Saturday, they hope to do it again at the annual state meet in Richmond County.

Hunter Safety Teams have been around in North Carolina since the 1970s. They include a rifle competition plus archery, shotgun, orienteering, and wildlife skills. Middle and high school students compete, but it's not a sport sanctioned by the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Instead the state meet is underwritten by the N.C. Wildlife Commission and safety is the focus.

"The fastest way to get kicked off our team is to have an incident in school — any incident



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

District 1 Rifle Champions Drake Trueblood, Brian Winslow and Thomas Story from Perquimans Middle practice marksmanship in New Hope on April 13 in preparation for the 2013 State Championship Tournament this weekend.

— not a gun-related one," said Brad Kime, the local rifle coach for the past 17 years. "We don't take any chances. Not a day goes by that we don't stress safety. That's the premise behind the whole thing."

Kime remembers there was a time when the Perquimans

County group was chided as "the Walmart team" when they went to large competitions.

He admits the early equipment was lacking. In 2001 one team member used a .22 caliber rifle that had been run over with a lawnmower. It was patched back up, and the broken wooden

stock repaired with duct tape. Another rifle had been run over and smashed by a truck in the driveway.

Yet despite all that, the team started winning. Perquimans has produced 13 state rifle

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## Schools report on progress to county

By PETER WILLIAMS  
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School officials laid out how they've spent the money they had and plans for the future in a joint meeting with the Perquimans County Commission Monday night.

It was the second such workshop this year and part of a larger effort by the county to get input from the agencies and departments it funds. The school system is expected to make the formal budget presentation to the county on May 13.

For the most part the county leaders just listened Monday night. In the end Commissioner Matthew Peeler praised the school system for using in-house labor for most of the improvements this year.

"I appreciate that," Peeler said.

Chairwoman Janice Cole offered her encouragement.

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