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Lawmen and emergency officials sit through a debriefing last week after emergency drills were held at Hertford Grammar.

Tragedy brings drill to life

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The timing was a pure coincidence, but state and local lawmen officials staged a school emergency drill last Wednesday — the same day a student armed with a knife injured 20 people in Pennsylvania.

"It was really an 'eye-opening' training and I believe because of the events (in Pennsylvania) participants were acting on emotions realizing that any school is at risk on any day," said Brenda Lassiter, a spokesman for the Perquimans County Schools.

The drill had been in the works since last August when schools Superintendent Dwayne Stallings asked Perquimans County Emergency Management Coordinator Jarvis Winslow to make it happen.

The drill involved a gunman inside the school. The intruder was also armed with booby traps.

Wednesday's exercise involved about 75 people, including lawmen from the Perquimans County Sheriff's Department, Hertford and Winfall Police Departments, the State Bureau of Investigation and the N.C. Highway Patrol.

Every fire department in the county was invited along with Emergency Medical Services.

The groups spent nearly four hours and ran through three scenarios involving an armed intruder in the building. No students were involved, and participants went through a debriefing after each session.

An analysis of the exercise will be conducted with the next few weeks by a consultant brought in to stage the drill. The county got a grant to pay the \$2,500 fee.

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Early voting starts soon

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Perquimans County voters will start deciding which of four candidates will sit on the county school board when they can start voting early for the May ballot next week.

Early voting starts at 8 a.m. on April 24 and runs through May 3. Hours are 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. on April 24-25 and April 28-30; 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. on May 1-2 and 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. on May 3.

Three seats on the Perquimans County Commission will be decided in November. But the three school board seats will be based on votes in the May.

There are 12 different sample ballot styles in Perquimans County depending on the voter's party and their address.

Incumbent Ralph Hollowell appears on the ballot along with one former member of the school board — Amy Spaugh — and two former educators, Chuck Pagels and Anne White.

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Pastor Arthur Manigault of Spirit and Truth Ministries (right) reads a passage of the Bible Saturday outside Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Hertford during an event honoring the stations of the cross. Dave Goss, a member of Hertford United Methodist Church holds the cross.



The Rev. Larry Bowden of Hertford United Methodist leads a group down Hyde Park Street, Saturday. The Methodist church served as the start and the finish for an event that honors Jesus Christ on his trip to the cross.

Three injured in wreck

From Staff Reports

The driver of a six-wheel truck that failed to stop at a red light in one of Hertford's busiest intersections Sunday afternoon caused a series of accidents that sent three people to area hospitals and damaged three vehicles.

The wreck happened about 3:30 p.m. when the truck traveling south on U.S. Highway 17 failed to stop and hit a van entering the intersection and then hit a pickup truck, according to the Hertford Police Department.

The truck continued through the intersection through the median and struck another vehicle waiting at the U.S. 17 north intersection forcing the vehicle into the ditch.

The truck then struck a traffic signal utility pole and came to a rest.

Perquimans County EMS transported two of the injured to Vidant Chowan Hospital. One was transported by EMS to Albemarle Hospital.

All were treated and released.

Charges are pending against the driver of the truck. No names or other details were available.

Outdoor TV series now airing

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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An outdoor TV series featuring a Perquimans County man and two fitness models began airing on the Dish Network last week.

Ralph Hollowell says at least a half dozen shows will be shown on that network over the next few weeks. The first featured Amy France and Cara Christensen taking down a 1,200-pound water buffalo that had been terrorizing neighbors in Florida.

They used only a bow and arrow and a crossbow.

The program centers around Hollowell and the two women. France is the wife of NASCAR CEO Brian France. Christensen is a fitness model.

In the future, it's possible some of the episodes might be filmed in Perquimans County. Some early versions of the show Fit To Be Wild were filmed in the area.

Of the first batch airing on the Dish Network's Hunt Channel, all but two were

filmed in Florida. There were two that were taped in St. Martin.

The one with the water buffalo was interesting, Hollowell admits. It was shot in February.

"They wanted to do it with a bow and a crossbow," he said. "They took it down, but in the end they had to finish it off with the 45/70 rifle."

The women were about 20 yards from the animal when

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Cara Christensen (second from left), Ralph Hollowell and Amy France pose with a water buffalo the women took down in February in Florida. They are featured on a series airing on Dish Network.

Lynne Raymond honored as Main Street 'Champion'

From staff reports

Lynne Raymond was honored as Hertford's 2013 Main Street Champion at the North Carolina Main Street annual awards ceremony in New Bern on April 1.

Raymond was selected by Historic Hertford, Inc. for the special recognition in appreciation of her

exceptional contributions to the downtown revitalization process.

She along with champions from 32 other communities received certificates presented by N.C. Assistant Secretary of Commerce Dr. Pat Mitchell and Office of Urban Development Director Liz Parham.

In their nomination letter to Main Street, Historic Hertford Inc. credited Raymond for many of the good things that are happening in the town.

"Few people can say

they have contributed or accomplished as much as Lynne Raymond has in the three years that she has served as chairperson of the Historic Hertford, Inc. board of directors. Lynne led Hertford's Main Street program in expanding the Indian Summer Festival, now in its 32nd year. The festival has grown to include a Friday night street dance, with live music performed by such nationally-known bands as the original Rhondels. The addition of a beer garden has helped to dou-

ble the number of festival goers at this downtown Hertford event. Lynne Raymond continues to volunteer her time and boundless energy to furthering the mission of Historic Hertford, Inc., which applauds her for making the organization the best it has ever been."

Parham talked about the importance of Main Street Champions.

"They are a glass half full kind of people — the type that recognizes the possibilities in their downtowns and strives

to make those possibilities reality. They are the young couple who raise funds to keep their downtown's lone theater screen from going dark. They are the mother-daughter team who, despite naysayers, believe an art crawl series would be successful in their downtown and go about creating one. They are the downtown board chairman who demonstrates his understanding of the value of investing in downtown by developing an award-winning mixed-use project that

sets a standard for quality and serves as a catalyst for future development.

"Main Street Champions are the believers, the doers, the backbone of a successful revitalization effort that has brought new jobs, new businesses and a renewed spirit of vitality back to the heart of the community in small cities and towns throughout North Carolina," Parham said.

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