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## Family, lawmen reach out for information

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

The mother of a 39-year-old Holiday Island woman who has been missing for more than three weeks is pleading for the public to come forward with information about her daughter.

Arlene Murin said Karen Bosta was last seen in Edenton on May 30. Her daughter's car was found the following week in a parking lot in Edenton. Despite their ef-

orts, lawmen said they have few clues as to what happened.

Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley said based on where the car seat was pushed back on the 1997 Lincoln Continental 'she didn't put it there.' The car was found in Gaslight Square, a large parking lot near the Historic Chowan Courthouse.

Bosta is about 5-foot-3 and 140 pounds and the seat was adjusted for somebody much taller than that.

Bosta's family is offering a \$2,500 reward for information.

"If anybody saw who dropped off the car, please come forward," Murin said. "It didn't just appear in the lot, somebody drove it there."

Both the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office, the Chowan County Sheriff's Office and the Edenton Police Department have been involved.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO  
Arlene Murin (left) is pictured with her daughter Karen Bosta in 2013. Bosta has been missing since May 30 when she was last seen in Edenton.

## Deer harvest debated

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Chowan Herald

A group of deer specialists from the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission told a gathering of deer hunters last Wednesday that it might be time to reconsider the deer seasons in North Carolina.

The deer management forum at Swain Auditorium in Edenton was the fifth of nine the Wildlife Resources Commission is holding across the state.

The biologists at the meeting Wednesday acknowledged the current seasons were established in a much different time, when the state was in deer restoration mode. The areas are purely administrative areas, not necessarily reflecting the habits and characteristics of deer.

The biologists said their understanding is that the current seasons are not really the best biological fit for the deer population.

If there is a change in

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A truck lies in a ditch off U.S. 17 north of Winfall June 17. Several vehicles were involved.

STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

## Field smoke blamed for wreck

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

Smoke from a burning wheat field was blamed for a six vehicle accident June 17 on U.S. 17 north of Winfall.

N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper J. Jacobs said none of the driver's were cited for the accident and there were no serious injuries.

"With an incident like this it's hard to determine who slowed down more than somebody else," Jacobs said.

The traffic was headed southbound, and he said it appeared that all of the drivers did slow down from the posted speed of 55 miles per hour. Four passenger vehicles and two commercial trucks were involved.

Jacobs said one of the trucks suffered the worst damage of the six vehicles involved. It went into a ditch and appeared to have a broken axle.

A day after the accident, two Perquimans County Sheriff's cars were stationed on either side of an adjacent field while it was burned.

Sheriff Eric Tilley, who was in Caldwell County

on business the day of the first fire said he got a call from the farmer asking for the assistance.

"He asked if we could do it, and I said 'sure,'" Tilley said.

Tilley said his office does get similar requests from farmers from time to time.

Farmers burn wheat in

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## Winfall tax rate unchanged

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

The Town of Winfall has approved a budget for next year that will hold the line on property taxes at 41 cents per \$100 in property value.

Given Winfall's property value of \$50 million, and an estimated collection rate of 97.5 percent, property taxes will generate about \$208,500 of the town's general fund budget of \$514,000. Sales taxes - \$115,000 - make up the next largest revenue source.

General government makes up \$214,000 of the expenses the town faces. Public safety in the form of police and fire protection will require about \$179,800.

The town's sewer operation is operated as a separate department. The total budget is about \$219,000, which includes \$60,000 in debt service.

On Monday the Town

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## Hostetler selected as Hertford's Rotarian of the Year

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Wes Hostetler (left) shares a story with Tom Hartley, the 2013-14 Rotarian of the Year for Area 2. Hostetler was honored Tuesday night as the Hertford club's Rotarian of the Year. He has also been selected by the area leadership within District 7720 as the Area Rotarian of the Year.



From Staff Reports

Wesley Hostetler, a member of the Hertford Rotary Club since 1998, has been selected as Rotarian of the Year by the local club as well as the top Rotarian for the area and the district.

District 7720 covers northeastern North Carolina and has 1,700 members among 45 clubs. An awards event was scheduled for Tuesday night.

Hostetler is a retired high school administrator and

that has been active in his support of education.

He's volunteered as a test proctor and was fully engaged in the Harlem Ambassadors charity basketball game held last spring. When Perquimans Central School needed support, he helped with that, Rotary officials say.

Hostetler is a Paul Harris Fellow and a sustaining member of the Rotary International Foundation. His level of foundation giving, new member recruitment,

club event participation and attendance at meetings is consistent and exemplary, particularly as the club's informal song leader, Rotary officials say. He has also been a long time volunteer for the Volunteers In Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

Hostetler is also active in the community, his church, Hertford United Methodist, and serves on the church council. He formerly served on Chowan Hospital Board,

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## Rider hopes to raise money, awareness

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

Mandy Whitehurst's goal is to ride 250 miles on her bicycle to raise money to fight childhood cancers.

But with the heat index topping the 100-degree mark, sometimes that ride has to happen indoors.

As of Monday Whitehurst, who lives north of Winfall had ridden 206 miles toward her goal. Some of that has been inside her house on a stationary bike.

"Some days I do it inside," she admits, although she's been on trips outside that were as long as 20 miles.

She's been riding seriously for about a year and when she saw information about the Great Cycle Challenge she decided to take the plunge. Her son Gavin

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cayce Copley and Samantha Midgett recently captured the regional AAU beach volleyball championship in Kernersville.

## Local teens to compete in volleyball nationals

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
News Editor

A pair of Perquimans County teens are headed to California next month to compete for a national championship.

Cayce Copley, 13, and Samantha Midgett, 14, recently captured the regional AAU beach volleyball championship in Kernersville. They will be advancing to the 14-and-under nationals at Hermosa Beach, Calif. July 9-13.

Beach ball is similar to traditional indoor volleyball with some major differences. In indoor play each team has six players on the

court at one time with other players on the bench. Players who might be strong in one position but weak at another can be substituted in and out as they rotate around the court.

In beach volleyball, it's just Copley and Midgett out there and there are no substitutions and the surface is the court is sand, not hardwood.

Midgett said she likes it that way.

"I like it being just two people," Midgett said. "There is more action. You are constantly moving.

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### UPCOMING HOME GAMES

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THIRSTY THURSDAY - 2 FOR \$3

JUNE 24TH @ 7pm  
Home Run Derby

JUNE 25 @ 7pm  
vs Morehead City Marlins

JUNE 27TH @ 7pm  
vs Petersburg Generals

JULY 1ST @ 7PM  
vs Martinsville Mustangs

JULY 2ND @ 7PM  
vs Peninsula Pilots

FRIDAY NIGHT FRANKS  
BUY ONE, GET ONE FREE