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County adopts new noise ordinance

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Making too much noise in Perquimans County can now cost you \$100 plus the misdemeanor conviction, a 30 days jail time, and court costs. The new rules also include after-market vehicle mufflers that are designed to be loud.

The Perquimans County

Commission adopted a tougher, broader noise ordinance last week. It revamped a measure adopted in 1991 that included a reference to phonographs (record players.)

The new standard says any electronic device that can be "clearly audible" at 50 feet can be viewed as a violation.

County Manager Frank

Heath said the old ordinance was only a few paragraphs in length and now well written. The new one is two pages.

"The problem with the old (noise) ordinance was there was no defined standard," Heath said. "It was pretty subjective. Now we've expanded the types of noise and put in a standard."

The "clearly audible at

the distance not less than 50 feet" is a new addition to the ordinance.

The old ordinance didn't set a distance for audible noise. It simply said loud noises weren't allowed between the hours of 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. The new ordinance sets no time of day when something can be considered as a violation.

The new ordinance was

in response to complaints by one a Woodville resident about a neighbor who played music too loud all day long and late at night while her children were trying to sleep.

Sheriff Shelby White said deputies responded to the neighborhood a number of times and asked the person to turn the music down.

"We'd say please turn it

down," White said. "They did, but sometimes after we left they turned it back up."

White said under the old rules deputies issued citations, but often they'd get thrown out in court.

"Our hands were tied," White said. "If it went to court sometimes we'd win and sometimes we'd lose."

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County hires new planner

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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At 31-years-old, Sam Barrow knows all about responsibility. But he wants more.



BARROW

Barrow is a Captain in the North Carolina National Guard and has already deployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo. He's also a father and husband.

The 2004 graduate of Edenton's John A. Holmes High School enlisted in the National Guard when he was attending East Carolina University. After graduation with a degree in applied geography in 2008 he said he lucked out when Edenton Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton trusted him to become the planner there almost five years ago. Under her, he said he learned a lot.

Now he's going to be a county planner for Perquimans County.

"I view this as the next step in my career progress," Barrow said of the Perquimans planner post in a phone interview last week from Georgia where he was attending National Guard training. "It's more responsibility and I'm ready for it. It's for my career and for my family. I know it's going to be hard, but it's an opportunity."

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BIG PROGRESS



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A Habitat For Humanity house on Dobbs Street went from just a cement foundation to having walls and a roof Saturday. Volunteers from A.R. Chesson Construction Co. pitched in their labor to erect and close in the structure across from Hertford Grammar School. A time-lapse video of the project will be posted on the company's web site, <https://www.archesson.com/> this week.



County starts budget process

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Budget season has arrived. Between now and the middle of June, Perquimans County Commissioners will sit down with department heads and outside agencies and consider budget requests.

Ultimately County Manager Frank Heath expects to present a final budget to the county commission on June 5 and the commission is expected to hold a public hearing and vote on June 19.

The meetings kicked off this week when the commissioners met with department heads on Monday and Tuesday.

On April 17 comes a big meeting — a joint work session with the Perquimans County Board of Education.

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Week of the Young Child event in Hertford should be bigger

SUBMITTED PHOTO

A boy sits in the cab of a fire truck at a recent Week of the Young Child Festival in Hertford. The event returns this year on April 22 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.



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The annual Week of the Young Child event in Hertford April 22 will become even more of a regional event this year.

This marks the ninth year The Chowan-Perquimans

Smart Start Partnership has offered the event and this year the Tyrrell-Washington Partnership for Children

will be collaborating instead of holding their own, said Susan Williams, community outreach coordinator for the Chowan-Perquimans group.

"This should make our

children's celebration one of the biggest family events in the region," Williams said.

The free event at the Perquimans County Recreation Center runs from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and is open to all families to celebrate young children and the joy of learning through new ex-

periences.

Williams said many of those who have attended in the past have come from Chowan County.

"I'm often asked why we don't hold it in Edenton," Williams said.

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Steinburg seeks middle ground on class size rules

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The N.C. General Assembly is committed to lowering class sizes for students in the younger grades, but

Rep. Bob Steinburg said there needs to be some way to fund it.

The General Assembly is looking at getting rid of the waiver that allows school systems some leeway.

The new rule would require one teacher for every 18 kindergarten students, one teacher for every 16 first grade students, and one teacher for every 17

students for grades two and three.

The current waiver allows for school districts to exceed the cap by three students. Many senators oppose that. Under a strict interpretation of the class size rule, having 18 kindergarten students is fine, but without a waiver, if you added one more, schools would need to get another teacher and

create another classroom.

"I believe we are committed to smaller class sizes, we just have a way to fund it," Steinburg said last week. "We're going to try and fix this to provide schools additional revenue. When we passed this last year, there was no provision or maybe no thought given on the

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Shoaf honored as 'Main Street Champion'

From Staff Reports

Town Manager Brandon Shoaf was honored at the recent NC Main Street Conference, a project of the NC Commerce office, as Historic Hertford's "Main Street Champion." Shoaf has



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