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## Rascoe left big impression

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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The creator of a Perquimans County summer etiquette program for young people, died Thursday in a car accident in Bertie County.

Nancy Bragg Dawson Rascoe, 86, spent the last 25 years running the camp out of the bed and breakfast inn

she and her husband bought in 1992.

Rascoe was preparing to turn over running the camp to Saint Mary's School, where she graduated in 1952. The school plans to operate it out their campus in Raleigh starting in 2019.

The original summer etiquette program was com-

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## Trooper: Vehicle ran off road

From Staff Reports

Nancy Rascoe Stevenson, 86, of Elizabeth City, died in a single-car crash on US 17 Bypass, just north of US 17 outside Windsor on Thanksgiving.

North Carolina Highway Patrol Trooper J.J. Scott said

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that 86-year-old Paul A. Stevenson, her husband, was operating a 2010 Toyota. For reasons unknown, the vehicle, which was traveling in the outside (left) south-bound lane of the four-lane divided highway, crossed



NANCY RASCOE

## Cost of recycling soars

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
 News Editor

As the cost of dealing with recyclables rises, Hertford officials are debating if they even want to collect them anymore.

Waste Industries, the company Hertford hired to collect waste, is asking for a monthly increase of about \$2 because the cost of dealing with recyclables has soared.

At a meeting earlier this month, Hertford councilman questioned if the town should still offer recycling.

"Maybe we would be better off not recycling," said Hertford Councilman Sid Eley. "I don't have any proof, but they may be just dumping it in the landfill."

Hertford could reject the rate request because the current contract with the company is valid through mid-2021. But some councilmen fear if they do, Waste Industries will simply sock it to the town when it comes time to renew the contract. There are few competitors in the wings to take over if Waste Industries decides not to bid or submits a high bid.

"We're sort of at their mercy," one person said.

Ben Gallop, the town's attorney said, "there are not a whole lot of other competitors."

There is a provision in the contract that allows for Waste Industries to submit a cost of living adjustment at the start of each fiscal year in July. The last one was 16 cents and raised the monthly residential bill to \$10.03. The new request is over and above a cost-of-living adjustment.

Waste Industries made the request in September and the Hertford town board has been debating it ever since. The board delayed action again on Nov. 19, and instead said they would bring it back up on Dec. 10. At that point they hope they will have some input from citizens on if they are willing to pay more to have the blue recycling containers.

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## 5K HELPS PCHS BAND



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Runners take off earlier this month from Perquimans County High School on a 5K 'Rhythm Run' to raise money for the high school band.

The effort, which was sponsored by Foundation Fitness and coordinated by Amy Tinsley, raised \$2,280. A total of 21 runners took part of vendors participated as well.

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Amy Tinsley congratulates the top male and female runners in the PQ Rhythm Run earlier this month.

Pictured are Camile Maier (left) and Aiden McGonigle.



## Maps: Flood risk lessens

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
 News Editor

Some Perquimans County property owners may soon be able to skip buying flood insurance.

Revised flood maps were adopted by the Perquimans County Commission in November and the change will go into effect on Dec. 21.

Property owners in flood-prone areas are required to buy flood insurance if they have a mortgage. Broadly speaking the new maps say fewer properties are a risk of a 100-year-flood.

"If your property changed, you wouldn't be required to buy flood insurance, but you might want to still get it," said County Manager Frank Heath. He points out some areas in southern North Carolina that weren't considered in flood zones still flooded with the recent hurricanes.

Generally speaking, areas of Perquimans that were listed in a flood zone were those near bodies of water, like a river.

The last time the maps changed was about 10 years ago.

Some counties use the maps and then add extra

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## Illumination, parades coming this weekend

From Staff Reports

Friday's Grand Illumination in downtown Hertford will kick off two days of events.

The illumination will start by a welcome from Lynne Raymond, chair of Historic Hertford, Inc at 6 p.m. Dr. Dwayne Stallings, the former superintendent of schools for Perquimans County Schools, will serve

as master of ceremonies.

The illumination of town will be done by Mayor Horace Reid. What follows will be holiday musical selections by the Perquimans County High School Band directed by Malik Barrows and more holiday music from the Perquimans County Middle School Band directed by Katie Lesko.

There will be more songs sung by Hayley Williamson

and Tressa Stunson and then a performance by the Dance Company of Hertford coordinated by Amy Tinsley.

Santa will wrap up that program with gifts for children.

Hertford United Methodist Church will hold a chili dinner from 5-8 p.m. in the area of the courthouse. The cost is \$5.

On Saturday the parades start with one in Winfall that

kicks off at 11 at Perquimans County Middle School. The lineup starts at 9:30 a.m.

The theme this year is "A Disney Christmas." Rufus Rouse, a World War II veteran, will be the grand marshal. For an application call 426-5015.

The Perquimans County Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday at 2 p.m. in downtown Hertford. It starts from Perquimans

County High School.

The grand marshal will be Perquimans County High School Volleyball Coach Kristie Thach. Thach had her 200th career victory as a coach this season.

The theme of Hertford's parade is "Rockin' Around The North Pole."

To sign up or for more information, call 426-5657 or e-mail chamber@visitperquimans.com.

## Albemarle Chorale Christmas performances start Sunday

From Staff Reports

The Albemarle Chorale will perform Christmas concerts on successive Sunday afternoons starting this weekend.

This Sunday the Chorale will perform at Edenton United Methodist Church.

On Dec. 9 they will sing at First United Methodist Church in Elizabeth City.

Both concerts begin at 4 p.m.

The opening work offers a bit of a twist on a traditional favorite, Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.

"Angels are coming with wonderful news," said the Chorale's music director, Lynwood Winslow. "Not only do we need to listen, but to respond. Everything else is someone's response." Johann Sebastian Bach's

choral masterpiece, "Magnificat," which is the program's major work, is a recounting, in Latin, of Mary's response to news that she will be the mother of God's own son.

There will be a small chamber orchestra accompanying the Magnificat, in which the chorale's soloists will be featured. Michael Morgan will accompany the Chorale on organ and piano.

The second half of the program includes more familiar Christmas works,

some deeply spiritual, and some just for the joy of it.

Rehearsals for the Chorale's spring season will begin on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m., at Edenton United Methodist Church on Virginia Road. The program will be a secular one this year, possibly Broadway show tunes. New members who have choral experience are welcome to join the no-auditions group.

"It's a perfect opportunity to get your feet wet," Winslow, said.



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The Albemarle Chorale will be performing a Christmas concert on Dec. 2 in Edenton and Dec. 9 in Elizabeth City.

