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Wreck totals school bus

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

A Perquimans County school bus carrying 24 students was totaled early Monday morning when the driver lost control and ran off the road and hit trees before coming to rest in a ditch.

All of the students were checked out by Perquimans

EMS personnel at the scene and taken to Perquimans County Middle School by a second bus. The first bus had to be towed back to bus yard behind Perquimans County High School.

According to Assistant Superintendent James Bunch, at least four of the students asked to call their parents and were transported by their family to see a

doctor.

The bus driver, Ericka Holley, 45, asked to be taken to Sentara Albemarle Medical Center. Bunch said. He said Holley had been driving for the school system for three years. Holley went to Sentara Albemarle Medical Center on her own and was admitted as was in stable condition Monday afternoon.

As is school policy, Holley did have to undergo a drug test.

Holley was charged with careless and reckless driving and failure to maintain lane control. Holley lives in Sunbury.

NC Highway Patrolman Buddy Davis said she was traveling about 40 miles an

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Riverbash starts on Friday

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

The second annual Riverbash festival will build on the first event and span three days, not two starting Friday.

Sharon Smith, the tourism development director for Perquimans County, said this year's premier event would be a Saturday block party on Church Street featuring Ellis Dyson and the Shambles, a Chapel Hill band.

The band will play from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Church Street will be blocked off

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WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD



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Rocky Hock Lions Club member Guy Simmons uses a Spot Vision Screener to check the eyes of Riley Swayne while she sits on Ashley Swayne's lap Saturday during the Week of the Young Child event at the Perquimans County Recreation Center. The club checked 70 children that day, including some infants and found astigmatism and other areas for concern in several children. In every case, the parent was able to take a telephone photo of the screen on the device so they could show it to a professional vision care provider. Right, A child plays at one of the stations at the Week Of The Young Child celebration at the Perquimans County Recreation Center on Saturday.



Cash flows in for primary

The Daily Reflector

Greg Murphy and Allen Thomas were the respective Republican and Democratic leaders in first quarter fundraising for the Third Congressional District special election, federal election records show.

Voting in the primary was held Tuesday. The Perquimans Weekly will publish the results in the May 8 issue.

Murphy, a state representative and one of 17 Republicans vying for the GOP

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Crime map now available

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Residents can now view an on-line map that shows the time and location of some crimes in Perquimans County.

The maps analyze crime data, and can alert Perquimans citizens about crimes in their area. It allows the Sheriff's Office a way to quickly alert the public about crimes on a daily basis.

Sheriff Shelby White said he learned of the system while attending a meeting about the software the sheriff's office uses for crime reports. He asked to be part of the LexisNexis Risk Solution project. The software is compatible with the system the sheriff's office already uses so no more labor is required. It's also not costing the county anything.

One future part of the package will be anonymous crime reporting.

"That's not attached to it yet," White said.

For some people, the anonymous feature might be a plus, he said. However the sheriff said people can already do that.

"I tell people if you call the sheriff's office and say you want to be anonymous you can do it."

The address for the map is www.commu-

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Superior Court Judge J.C. Cole (right) swears in Tanya Turner as the new Perquimans County Schools superintendent Monday night at a ceremony at Perquimans Central School.

Turner sworn in as superintendent

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

From the pledge of allegiance on down, the agenda for Monday's swearing in ceremony for new Perquimans County Superintendent Tanya Turner was proof of one thing — she is home again.

The pledge was led by her nephew, William Howell, a first grader at Perquimans Central along with nieces Eleanor Howell, a fourth

grader at Hertford Grammar School and Catherine Howell, a sixth grader at Perquimans County Middle School.

Turner is a product of the Perquimans County School system and taught the first 10 years of her career in Perquimans. She's remained a Perquimans resident her entire life even though she's been in the Edenton-Chowan School system for the past 17 years. She leaves the position as assistant su-

perintendent for curriculum and instruction in Chowan to take the Perquimans County job.

Before the ceremony Edenton-Chowan Superintendent Rob Jackson said he talked with then Perquimans Superintendent Dwayne Stallings about five years ago when he was hired in Edenton. Stallings told his counterpart that from time to time educators from the two systems went back and forth.

Monday night at Perquimans Central, Jackson said one of those attending apologized for "stealing" Turner from the Chowan school system. Jackson said that wasn't a problem.

"We thank you for loaning Tanya Turner to us for the last 17 years," Jackson told the crowd.

School board Chair Annie White said it must be rare to have a former student

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Garden show returns on Saturday

From Staff Reports

The ninth Annual Albemarle Master Gardeners' Spring Garden Show, "A World of Gardening" will be held on Saturday at the Perquimans County Recreation Center, 310 Granby St. from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

This event is organized by the Master Gardeners in Perquimans, Chowan and Gates counties.

The annual fundraising event is held to support the master gardeners' scholarship fund, the Katherine G. Shook Master Gardener Scholarship. The sale will feature plants sales, gardening items plus locally made crafts from a variety of vendors, a children's corner, an "Ask a Master Gardener Booth," homemade baked goods, educational speak-

ers and a 50/50 raffle. Lunch by Brew2Rescue will be available for purchase. Admission is free.

This is the Master Gardeners only fundraiser for their scholarship fund which is awarded each year to students from Gates, Perquimans, or Chowan counties who are pursuing a career in horticulture, agriculture, natural resources or a related field. The fund is named for Katy Shook who has been the NC Cooperative Extension Consumer Horti-

culture agent for Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties since 2003. She established the area Extension Master Gardener program in 2005.

For more information, contact Katy Shook, at kgshook@ncsu.edu or call 482-6585. The website is at <https://perquimans.ces.ncsu.edu/springgarden-show> for additional information on vendors, exhibits and speakers. This site includes directions to the event.

CYCLE N.C.



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Bike riders taking part in the 16th annual Cycle North Carolina coastal ride head down Market Street in Hertford on Friday. The participants represented 36 different states, the District of Columbia and Canada.

