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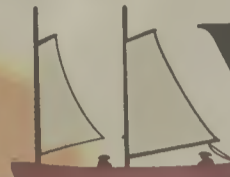
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Dive team holds exercise, 4

Damaged local pier replaced

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Two local Ruritan Clubs and community members came together last week to replace a damaged pier at a swimming hole that has been popular in the White Hat community for at least 70 years.

Former Perquimans County Commissioner Mack Nixon spearheaded the effort to rebuild the boat ramp/pier, said Rena Eure, a resident of the community. The pier is located at the foot of White Hat Road.

Johnny and Bobby White of Whitewater Marine agreed to provide the labor if the community provided the materials.

The pier, which juts out into the Perquimans River, has had to be repaired and replaced over the years. The latest damage came about two months ago when a Nor'easter slammed into the area bringing heavy waves, said Bobby Umphlett Jr.

"They were the biggest waves I've ever seen," Umphlett said. "They would hit the seawall and go back and hit the pier."

"It actually looked like the ocean out there, with white caps," Eure said. "It was a sight. I remember saying that pier isn't going to last."

When the storm was over, the 60-foot pier was buckled and no longer safe.

Community members agreed it needed to be fixed, and fundraising started. Both the Forestburg and Durant's Neck Ruritan Clubs got involved and donated money.

Nixon took on the job of contacting CAMA and the N.C. Department of Transportation to get the necessary permits. The land to get to the pier is DOT right-of-way.

Umphlett made up fliers to hand out to raise funds.

Umphlett said he's not sure how long there has been a pier there.

"I know my father and his sister would go down there and swim there when he was a boy, and he's 74-years-old now.

Eure agreed. "I know my father in law used to swim down here and my husband used to

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Joseph Hoffer, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, gives the address Monday at a Memorial Day service held on the courthouse lawn in Hertford.

Speaker: Vets answered the call

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Some veterans didn't ask to go to war, but they did and were called to be part of something bigger than themselves, a crowd was told Monday by a speaker at the Perquimans County Memorial Day service.

Some didn't return, and they deserve to be remembered, said Jo-

seph Hoffer, a retired Air Force Lt. Colonel.

"They were ordinary people who responded in extraordinary ways, in extreme times," Hoffer said. "They rose to the nation's call, because they wanted to protect a nation, which had given them so much."

Hoffer cited Rufus Rouse, a World War II veteran. Rouse was drafted out of high school and Hoffer called

Rouse his hero.

Hoffer grew up on Dobbs Street, graduated college and then joined the Air Force. Hoffer now serves as a member of the Perquimans County Commission.

Those who served in the military and those who continue to serve are part of a common cause, Hoffer

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WWII veteran gets his final wish

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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A framed print of the Utah Beach landing during D-Day in World War II has been donated to Perquimans County so it can hang in the new library.

Carl Morris cherished the picture, said long-time friend Steve Casper.

Morris died in 2014 but lived for decades in Holiday Island.

Morris was one of the soldiers who was in the Utah Beach landing in France. He remained close to the 4th

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Perquimans County Manager Frank Heath and Carla Morris hold a framed and numbered print of the D-Day invasion that was donated to the county by the estate of Carl Morris.

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Brittany Jacobs and her 6-year-old son Christian Jacobs meet President Donald J. Trump and Vice President Mike Pence in Section 60 of Arlington National Cemetery on Monday. Christian was eight-months-old when his Marine dad, Sgt. Christopher James Jacobs, died in a training accident. The mother and son live in Perquimans County.



Baccus named CIAA player of year

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Her college career may be over, but Danielle Baccus has no plans to totally walk away from sports.

Baccus finished up at Chowan University where

she was named the CIAA's softball player of the year. That followed a stellar performance at Perquimans County High School where she played softball, volleyball and basketball.

She freely admits, it wasn't all her.



BACCUS

"I couldn't have done it without my friends and family," she said last week.

One of family members couldn't be there to see it. Her grandfather, Gilbert Baccus Sr. died in September at the age of 81.

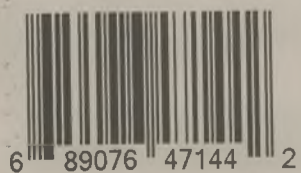
"That hit me hard when he passed away," she said. "But I was able to tell him before he died that I was dedicating this season to him."

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THEATER TO HOST CONCERT

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The Albemarle Community Orchestra practices for an upcoming 'Salute to America' concert June 2-3 at Carolina Moon Theater in Hertford. Also performing will be the Holy Trinity Bell Choir. For more on the concert, please see page 3.



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