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Dive team holds exercise, 4

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to build

4-way stop

BY PETER WILLIAMS News Editor

The North Carolina De-

partment of Transportation is proceeding with plans to

create a four-way stop at the intersection of Edenton

Road Street and Ballahack

Jerry Jennings, the re-

gional engineer for DOT's Division I, said the agency

took a look at the intersec-

tion at the request of the

traffic on Edenton Road

Street (U.S. 17 Business)

has no stop signs. The east-

use some of the turn lane on

Edenton Road Street to cre-

There have been traffic

Jennings said the funding

"We've found with four-

accidents, some severe at

the intersection in the past.

for the project would come

from a "spot safety" account

way stops if there are ac-

cidents they may be much

Jennings expects the

In the long term the look

DOT is doing a study

about turning the intersec-

project can be completed

of that area of the county

less severe," Jennings said.

ate a concrete island.

DOT has set up.

this calendar year.

may be changing.

What DOT plans to do is make it a four-way stop and

north-south

Town of Hertford.

west traffic does.

Presently

Road/Wynne Fork Road.

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 Commissioner County 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 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 been 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 bigst 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

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

members Community 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-

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-yearsold 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 Hoffler, 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 **News Editor**

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 de-

seph Hoffler, a retired Air Force Lt. Colonel.

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

Hoffler cited Rufus Rouse, a World are part of a common cause, Hoffler War II veteran. Rouse as drafted out of high school and Hoffler called

Rouse his hero.

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

Those who served in the military and those who continue to serve

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II veteran gets his final wish

BY PETER WILLIAMS **News Editor**

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 li-

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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SUBMITTED PHOTO

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 eightmonths-old when his Marine dad, Sgt. **Christopher James** Jacobs, died in a training accident. The mother and son live in Perquimans County:



SUBMITTED PHOTO **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.



tion of Wynne Fork Court and U.S. 17 into a fullfledged interchange.

Even that may happen sometime in the future. The interchange project is in the state's 10-year highway plan, but the Wynne Fork project is scheduled for year nine of that.

DOT is also looking at turning all of U.S. 17 from Williamston to the Virginia state line into a full-fledged Interstate. Jennings said DOT expects a feasibility study on that should be complete by the end of the

"That should give us some real cost figures and a variety of options," Jennings said.

Even if the project does move forward, Jennings expects it will be done in

phases. "Any design will take into account the impacts on homes and private property and the environment," he

See ROAD, 2

Baccus named CIAA player of year

BY PETER WILLIAMS **News Editor**

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

Chowan University where stellar per-



she was named the CIAA's softball player of the year. That fol-Baccus finished up at lowed a

formance at Perquimans County High School

wasn't all her.

where she played softball, volleyball and basketball. She freely admits, it

BACCUS

One of family members couldn't be there to see it. Her grandfather, Gilbert Baccus Sr. died in Septem-

ily," she said last week.

"I couldn't have done it

without my friends and fam-

ber 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



SUBMITTED PHOTO

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.