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Future track to be named after Shirley Wiggins

(This is the second part of a two-part series on the new Perquimans County High School athletic complex. In her life, Shirley Wiggins was a champion for children, veterans and senior citizens.)



WIGGINS

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Now the future athletic running track at Perquimans

County High School will be named for her.

Wiggins was herself a trail-blazer.

Wiggins served

more than 20 years in the U.S. Navy as a nurse including the period of the Viet-

nam War. She retired with the rank of Captain.

When she was elected to the Perquimans County Commission in 1992, she was the first woman to serve on the board. She was also the first African American and woman to serve as chair of the board.

She was still serving on the commission when she died in April 2010 after a brief stay in the hospital.

She was 77-years-old.

When she died, one of Wiggins' goals had been accomplished. A Veteran's Memorial was dedicated on the courthouse lawn in November 2007.

Another goal was on the radar of the Perquimans County Commission — a new senior citizen center. The new facility opened on Harvey Point Road in 2013.

But the goal to create a

track at the high school has been elusive until now. It's estimated to cost \$1.2 million.

Judie Hoffer, a member of the athletic complex committee, made the pitch to name the future track after Wiggins to the county school board. Hoffer admits she didn't know Wiggins well, but she was very impressed.

"I didn't know her as long

as other people, since I had a career in New York. But when I met her, she was quite impressive.

"She was an advocate for everybody. She didn't care if you were black, white, blue, green or purple.

Hoffer approached Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman with the idea and the full school board approved.

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Town debates hiring decision

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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A consultant wants between \$17,000 to \$19,000 to find Hertford a new town manager, calling it "the biggest challenge facing you right now."

Steve Straus, the president and founder of Developmental Associates, also cautioned town officials not to expect to hire someone who is already a town manager with a large number of years of service given the size of the town and the amount of the salary.

The town might be looking at hiring a recent grad from a school like Appalachian State University, a school that excels at public government courses, Straus said.

The board listened to the presentation last week, but took no action since it was being held at a special called meeting, not a regular meeting.

Town Manager Brandon's Shoaf's last day is May 28. After that he will be the planner in Chowan County.

Straus earned his Bachelor's Degree from the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, a Master of Public Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Ph.D. from Duke University in Political Science. He is a former Assistant City Manager in Southern Pines.

But before Straus made his pitch, he asked town board members questions about the town and what they were looking for. He asked council members what were the biggest challenges facing Hertford.

Mayor Horace Reid said it was money.

"We never have the money we need when we look at

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CORAL CARAVAN CROWD



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

People check out what's for sale at the Coral Caravan Saturday on Church Street Saturday for the Coral Caravan. For more pictures, see page 2.

Memorial Day service on Monday

From Staff Reports

American Legion Post 126 will conduct their annual Perquimans County Memorial Day Observance, Monday at the Veterans Monument on the county courthouse green. The observance will begin at 11 a.m. In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Perquimans County Recreation Center off Harvey Point Road in the county business Park.

Post 126 Commander Rick Caporale will conduct the program,

which will include the traditional roll call of Perquimans County veterans who have passed away since last Memorial Day. The observance will also include the memorial to our existing Prisoners of War and those missing in action. Other participants will include the Post 126 Color Guard and Legion Riders; Hertford Scout Troop 150, Hertford Cub Pack 150 and American Legion Posts 126 and 362.

Wreath presentations will include Perquimans County, Town of Hertford, Town of Winfall, Post 362 and

Post 126, and Hertford American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit 126. Other organizations which presented wreaths last year are being contacted.

The block of Church Street in front of the courthouse will be closed at approximately 10 a.m., but traffic will be permitted to enter to drop off the elderly and handicapped. There will be limited parking on the street prior to 10 a.m.

For additional information contact the American Legion Post 126, 426-1532.

Sheriff warns of possible scam

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The Perquimans County sheriff is warning county residents, particularly the elderly, to be wary of two would-be handymen whose workmanship apparently doesn't live up to the hype of their promises.

Neither man has been charged with a crime, but Sheriff Shelby White called Charles Barnes and Randall Joyner "persons of interest"



JOYNER



BARNES

in what the sheriff described as a scam.

"The situation is they go to a house and tell people this or that is what they need doing — like cleaning gutters — and then they try and do bigger jobs," White said. "The quality of their work is not anywhere near the quality of work for what they get paid."

The State Bureau of Investigation has also been alerted about the two men, both of whom are from the Rocky Mount area, White said.

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Candice Hunter facing cyberstalking charge

BY WILLIAM F. WEST
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CAMDEN — The Perquimans County candidate who lost the May 8 Republican primary in state House District 1 has been charged with cyberstalking a member of the Camden Board of Commissioners a few days after the election, court re-

ords show.

Candice Hunter, 46, of the 100 block of Greenwood Drive, is accused of "electronically communicating" Commissioner Garry Meiggs "repeatedly for the purpose of abusing, annoying, threatening, terrifying, harassing and embarrassing" him, a criminal summons prepared by Camden Magistrate B.J. Cooper states.

According to the criminal summons, the misdemeanor offense occurred on May

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WINFALL POST OFFICE OPENS



STAFF PHOTOS BY PETER WILLIAMS

Preston White (left) and Brenda Dillard (right) talk about the new Winfall Post Office last week. Staffing the counter is clerk Vanessa Davis. The facility will be open Monday through Friday from 1-5 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Right, The new Winfall Post Office is in the same place as the old one, on the corner of Catherine Street and Main Street.

