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## Cherry leaves his mark



FILE PHOTO

Corbin Cherry, a decorated Army chaplain who was wounded in Vietnam, speaks to a Memorial Day audience in 2016 in Hertford.

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
 News Editor

Corbin Cherry, a decorated Vietnam War chaplain, died like he lived — on his own terms, his daughter said.

Cherry lost part of his left leg to a landmine in Vietnam while trying to help a fellow soldier. He recovered and then sought to help veterans who were damaged by war as well as the children of

Vietnam who have suffered the same fate he did from old landmines and bombs that don't care which side of the war you're on.

Donna Adams said her father never talked about the war much. He and her mother divorced when he decided he join the Army and be a chaplain in Vietnam.

"When he lived in California, I'd go there for summers I would talk with him

weekly on the phone." Adams knows her father lost his leg to a landmine in the A Shau Valley near Hue during the war. He was awarded two purple hearts, a Silver Star, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

Once he recovered he remained an Army chaplain and ministered to the wounded at VA hospitals in California.

After his first stroke in 2016, Adams, a nurse her-

self, said it was always her goal to keep her father at home near the Perquimans River he loved so much for as long as she could. She kept him at her home for a time and then they moved together back to Hertford in July 2017. That is where he died on Oct. 13.

"I wanted to keep him here so long as it was safe."

He also suffered from

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## Hundreds vote early

From Staff Reports

Nearly 1,000 Perquimans County voters took advantage of early voting during the first four days.

Elections Director Holly Hunter said at the close of Monday's voting, the four-day total was 944. Of that, 231 voted on Monday. On the very first day, 271 Perquimans voters went to the polls.

Early voting runs through Nov. 3.

Voters can go to the elections office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. and cast a ballot. On the final Saturday, they can vote between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is no Sunday voting in Perquimans Coun-

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## STRIDES FOR SCHOLARS



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Top, colored chalk is tossed into the air Saturday at the start of the Strides For Scholars 5K run at the Perquimans County Recreation Center. The event by the Junior Women's Club of Perquimans County raises money for scholarships. Right, adults and kids run along the paths at the Perquimans County Recreation Center Saturday during the annual Strides For Scholars 5K run.



## Pot sickens 4 students

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
 News Editor

Four Perquimans County High School students got sick Monday after eating homemade cereal bars laced with marijuana. One of the students has been charged.

Sheriff Shelby White said they complained of nausea-like symptoms. He said at least one of them was back at school on Tuesday and none suffered serious problems.

White said it's possible the three students did not know what they were eating. They ranged in age from 14-years-old to 18-years-old and they have not been charged with a crime.

A 14-year-old female student has been charged with three counts of possession with intent to sell/deliver a Schedule VI controlled substance and three counts of sale or delivery of a Scheduled VI controlled substance. The students ingested what Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman said was "like a Captain Crunch bar dipped in some type of marijuana."

Cheeseman said he will be meeting with the senior class and the junior class on Wednesday and will be meeting with sophomores and freshmen on Thursday to discuss what happened and how serious it was.

"We'll talk about the dangers of eating unpackaged foods and we will talk about

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## County, schools seek funding

From Staff Reports

Both Perquimans County and the school system remain in the running for a share of \$11 million from the Golden LEAF Foundation.

Both submitted preliminary requests this summer. If Golden LEAF found the projects had merit, they would ask for a formal application. County Manager Frank Heath said the deadline for that is Nov. 9. A decision is expected by Febru-

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## Belvidere Day returns on Saturday

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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It started off just as an event to get people to visit Layden's Country Store.

But over the last five years Belvidere Day has grown in size and scope to the point last year the crowds were estimated at between 1,500 and 2,000. The sixth annual event is coming back this

Saturday and could be even larger.

"If we have a pretty day, this will be the biggest one ever," Doug Layden said.

"The first year it was just a weekend of specials at the store," Laden said. "The next year we were asked if they could do a wagon train here."

About 100 people participated in that event.

Every year more and more events have been added

"This year the parade will be bigger and there will be more for the smaller kids," Layden said.

For \$3, a child can get a wristband and bounce all day long. Layden said the festival will have at least five blow-up items this year, three of them from Camp

Cale.

There will be live music all day, including the Perquimans Middle School Band, violin players, country music and a lot of gospel.

The event runs from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The event centers around the area of Layden's Country Store, 1478 Belvidere Road.

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FILE PHOTO

Crowds applaud a performance at the Belvidere Day celebration last year.

## Coach reflects on 'scrappy' Lady Pirates

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
 News Editor

As the state volleyball playoff season starts, Coach Kristie Thach can reflect on the 10 seasons that have gone on before and the athletes that created those



THACH

memories. "Looking back it's really cool to see them become women, some with children of their own,"

Thach said. Thach is only the second varsity volleyball coach Perquimans County High

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School has had. She was coaching at Perquimans County Middle School when Carolyn Rodgers stepped down after 20 years and Thach took over at the high school.

That means some of the same girls Thach started

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## HALLOWEEN FUN



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Scarecrows for Carolina Trophy and "Bout Time" Kitchen stand in front of the Hall Of Fame building on Church Street last week. The Historic Hertford Inc. project will move to the courthouse green on Halloween where kids can get their pictures taken with all of them. Downtown merchants will be handing out candy from 3-5 p.m. on Oct. 31.

