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Pirates make history



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The Perquimans baseball team takes a team photo with their medals, trophy and state champion banner after winning the 1A NCHSAA state championship series against Cherryville in Holly Springs' Ting Stadium, Saturday night.

Perquimans wins second straight state title

Pirates go back to back, beat Cherryville in 3 games

BY DAVID GOUGH
The Daily Advance

HOLLY SPRINGS — The 2022 Perquimans Pirates' dream of becoming the first back-to-back state champions in school history officially became reality Saturday night.

It may not have been nearly as easy as Perquimans seemed to make the rest of the season, but it happened.

The 1A NCHSAA state championship series wasn't always pretty. The Pirates dropped Game 2 by five runs earlier in the afternoon and uncharacteristically scored just a combined two runs in the first two games against Cherryville. But Game 3 arrived and Perquimans finished the job.

The Pirates defeated the Cherryville Ironmen 6-3 Saturday night in Holly Springs' Ting Stadium to make school history by successfully defendin their 2021 title.

"Sounds amazing," Perquimans head coach Justin Roberson said of the "back-to-back" title. "I said it last year. This is a wonderful



PHOTO BY DEAN STRICKLAND

Perquimans players celebrate their 1A NCHSAA state title win on the infield of Ting Stadium in Holly Springs, Saturday night. The Pirates won their second state title in as many years by beating Cherryville High School two games to one in the best-of-three game series.

place to coach. I'd argue it's the best place to coach in the state of North Carolina. The support, the amount of black and gold in the bleachers, just an unbelievable group of guys."

It took some time Saturday night before the Perquimans crowd could release some of its tension that was built up after the team's 6-1 loss Saturday afternoon.

Cherryville (22-12) struck first in the top of the third for a 1-0 lead as Perquimans found itself behind for a second straight game.

Collin Huss broke a string of seven straight batters retired by the Pirates' Jakob Meads with a one-out double and scored two pitches later when Landon Hahn singled to left field.

Meads walked the next batter but then struck out the next hitter and forced the next into a groundout to end the inning in what would turn into a big-time championship performance from the senior.

And then the Perquimans (31-2) offense that most are accustomed to seeing offi-

cially showed up in the next half-inning.

It was jump-started by who else but Macon Winslow, whose batting average has been north of .600 this season.

The catcher came up with a huge two-out RBI single to left-center field to score Maddux Thach and tie the game 1-1.

"He's been big all season, man," Roberson said. "He's an amazing player, amazing catcher and tremendous hitter. He's done it all year long."

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Thach throws one-hit shutout, Pirates take Game 1. Page B1

Jett Winslow followed suit with his own two-out single, putting two runners on base, including Jacob Askew as Macon's pinch-runner.

Meads joined in with his own big RBI single to give Perquimans a 2-1 lead. The score then became 3-1 when the throw toward home bounced off the Cherryville catcher and out of play into the Perquimans dugout.

Finally, a team with a season full of crooked-number innings put one up for the first time in the three-game series.

"That's how you win big games," Roberson said.

In the fifth, Meads gave up back-to-back one-out hits, prompting Roberson to bring Tanner Thach in to pitch. It wouldn't be the last time Meads was heard from on Saturday, however.

Thach still had 32 pitches left of eligibility for the weekend and used 12 of them to get two batters out

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Hertford budget raises tax rate

Cole: Electric rate cut offsets 9½-cent tax rate increase

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

The town of Hertford's proposed budget for 2022-23 would increase the town's property tax rate by 9½ cents while also cutting electric rates by 1 cent per kilowatt hour.



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Former Hertford mayor Reid dies

Reid first Black elected town mayor, served 2011-19

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

HERTFORD — The first Black person to serve as mayor of Hertford has died.



REID

Horace Reid Jr. served as the town's mayor from 2011-19. He also had served as a town councilman and as the council's mayor pro tem prior to winning election as mayor.

"We have lost a great community leader,"

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Hertford to observe Juneteenth June 18

Event to feature storyteller, mass choir, freedom march

From staff reports

A storyteller who specializes in African folktales and who has performed across the U.S. and West Africa will be the featured performer during the town of Hertford's first-ever Juneteenth celebration next weekend.



AKINLANA

Hertford will host Juneteenth Freedom Day on Saturday, June 18 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Central Park on Market Street.

The event will feature a variety of music, including a performance by a community mass choir that has assembled and rehearsed for the Juneteenth celebration.

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EIC resource fair benefits 440 families

Many who attended received \$50 gas card, shoes, bikes

BY JOHN FOLEY
Correspondent

More than 440 families from Perquimans and surrounding counties took advantage of the Economic Improvement Council's Community Resource Fair last week at the Perquimans Park and Recreation Center.

Families received fruits and vegetables, potatoes, cases of bottled water, baby wipes, cleaning staples and other home necessities, while students received book bags, backpacks and school supplies.

A wide selection of comforters were available for those with a linen voucher for needed bed linens.

"If you have a child, or a grandchild and you have a bike voucher, you are entitled to a bicycle. We will be giving about 50 children's bicycles today," said EIC Executive Director Landon B. Mason.

"We have a plethora of products in the red bags," he continued. "There could be electronics, household items, masks or sanitation supplies. We are also giving every family potatoes and carrots, fresh fruits and vegetables as we have teamed up with the Food Bank of the Albemarle."

Many of those who showed up received one of the 500 hundred \$50 gas cards.

"Can you compute that number?" Mason asked.

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JOHN FOLEY PHOTO

A volunteer helps load a children's bicycle onto the backseat of Claire Bailey's car during the Economic Improvement Council's Community Resource Fair at the Perquimans Park and Recreation Center, Thursday, June 2. More than 440 families from Perquimans and surrounding counties benefited from the event.



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