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## PCC Board of Trustees elects new officers

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The Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees elected new officers to the board for the upcoming year during its meeting Tuesday.

Effective Oct. 1, Lin Cates was appointed board chair, while Maggie Whitt was appointed vice-chair. PCC President Dr. Walter C. Bartlett will continue in the role of secretary, as is always assigned to the college president.

Cates was also appointed Tuesday to fulfill the unexpired term of previous chair, Ron Booker, who stepped down from the position after serving three terms. Booker will continue serving on the board of trustees.

Cates became a trustee in 2007, when he was appointed to serve the unexpired term of Gordon Allen. Last year he was appointed by the Person County Board of Education to serve through 2014.

Cates told The Courier-Times that he was excited and honored to serve as chair. As a Person County native, he said the community and community college mean a "tremendous amount" to him.

"PCC is a huge asset to the county," Cates remarked. "It has educated lots of folks, is a huge drive for economic development, and it's employed lots of folks."

He added that Booker had done a "wonderful" job in the position and left "big shoes to fill." The college is also fortunate, he said, to have a good president in Bartlett, just as it did with Dr. James Owen before him.

Cates said he would do his best to make sure the college was as successful in the future as it had been in the past.

Whitt will take the place of current vice-chair Roy Brooks, who will also remain on the board.

The Person Board of County Commissioners appointed Whitt to the board of trustees last year,



Maggie Whitt

to serve through 2014. As a trustee, she currently serves on the personnel and curriculum committees.

She said she was appreciative of the board, and most of all Booker and Brooks.

"Seeing them work has been



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a motivation to me," Whitt commented.

She noted that she could be "perfectly satisfied" just being a member of the board because of the enthusiasm, excitement and hard work of her fellow board members, but said for those same



Dr. Walter Bartlett

reasons, she had been inspired to become more involved.

Whitt shared that she felt privileged to have the opportunity to serve on the board, because she

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## Preliminary AYP results released

Six out of 12 county schools meet Adequate Yearly Progress standard

The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction's (DPI) Accountability Division released preliminary AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) results Thursday, showing that four out of 10 schools in the Person County Schools (PCS) system, and both charter schools, made AYP.

"Making AYP means that schools met or exceeded the target goal for reading and math proficiencies as established by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction," said PCS Accountability Director Deanene Deaton. She continued, "Schools are deemed proficient if they reach the predetermined target in all subgroups, and subgroups are defined by having a minimum of 40 students in a specified category."

In order to be considered proficient, students must achieve a level three or four on End of Grade or End of Course tests.

Deaton noted, "Additionally, the targets for reading and math increased substantially for the 2010-2011 school year. At the elementary and middle school level, target goals were

set at 71.6 for reading and 88.6 for math. At the high school level the reading target was 69.3 and math was set at 84.2."

Schools making AYP include Oak Lane Elementary, Stories Creek Elementary, Person High School, and Woodland Elementary. Each of these schools met their identified targets in 100 percent of their subgroups. According to AYP data collection history, this is the first year since the inception of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) in 2001 that Person High School (PHS) has made AYP.

PHS Principal Steve Hester commented, "Making AYP is a direct result of teacher dedication to meet all students' needs. By using our research-based strategy approach, teachers are producing major academic gains for all students in every subgroup. Faculty dedication, combined with central services and school board support, has created a positive teamwork atmosphere that is allowing us to make major improvements. Making AYP, combined with an overall proficiency increase from 60 percent to an unofficial 77 percent in two years is evi-

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### Summer movie fun

Three-year-old Eliza Ess visited the Person County Public Library with her father on Tuesday. She wanted to pick out the perfect movie to take home to watch that afternoon. She finally chose a Strawberry Shortcake adventure.

## United Way asking for help to 'Stuff the Bus'

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Supplies, donations and volunteers are needed to help Person County school children be ready to learn this fall.

The Person County United Way is again sponsoring Stuff the Bus to collect school supplies for students who otherwise would not have the pens, pencils, backpacks, notebooks, paper and other supplies needed for school.

Students in all Person County Schools, Bethel Hill Charter

School and Roxboro Community School will be helped by the effort.

Jayne Bremer, executive director of the Person County United Way said, "The National Education Association estimates that, due to cuts in school budgets, teachers spend over \$500 out of their pockets annually to buy supplies for their classrooms. Additionally, teachers often have to buy extra supplies to provide for students whose parents were not able to provide for them.

"They're teaching our children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbors," said

Bremer. "Children are the future of our community. Teachers are being asked to do more and more with less and less. If we don't help them, who will?"

In response to the need, Bremer said, the United Way holds a Stuff the Bus event each year before school starts.

There will be a couple of differences in the event this year, she said. Those donating will be able to use a "Teacher's Wish List" to pick items they wish to donate. Also this year, principals and school

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## PCC tuition, fees increase

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Due to recent state legislation, Piedmont Community College will see an increase in its tuition fee and the cost of the GED test beginning with the 2011-12 academic year.

In-state tuition increased from \$56.50 per credit hour to \$66.50 per credit hour, with the maximum fee per semester being \$1,064.

Out-of-state tuition increased from \$248.50 per credit hour to \$258.50 per credit hour, with a maximum per semester of \$4,136.

The GED testing fee increased from \$7.50 to \$25, effective July 1.

In addition to these increases, PCC's Tuition and Student Fee Schedule will also include new student fees that were approved

by the board of trustees at the April board meeting.

The student activity fee will be \$20 per semester in the fall and spring, and \$10 per semester in the summer. Non-curriculum students are not required to pay the fee, but may do so if they wish to participate in student activity programs.

The technology fee, charged to support the procurement, operation of, and repair of instructional technology (including supplies and materials that accompany it), will run \$15 per semester (fall/spring), and \$8 for the summer semester.

The campus access fee covers the usage of campus facilities, including parking, and access to college resources through dis-

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