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## Four file for Winfall seats

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The Perquimans County Board of Elections office was a busy place Friday, as four candidates filed for elected positions in Winfall during the final hours of the municipal filing period.

Willie B. Moore Sr. was the first candidate to file for one of the two available Winfall town council seats, checking in at 11:20 a.m. Wayne Hurdle declared his candidacy at 11:55, just minutes before incumbent William Ray Miller signed his form at noon.

David Peckham created a race for the mayoral post at 11:45. He will face off with Fred Yates, who filed on Aug. 3. Yates was appointed by the council in 1991 to fill the unexpired term of his wife, Shirley, who resigned to run a successful campaign for county commissioner.

Miller and Yates presently hold the council seats up for election. Bill Bartlett was elected to the mayor's post, but resigned earlier this year due to poor health. Councilman Bert Hayes is acting mayor. Hayes did not file for the job.

In Hertford, incumbents Sid Eley and Eric Haste and former councilman Jesse L. Harris will campaign for two open seats. Eley was elected in 1991 to fill the unexpired term of John Beers, who resigned to run for mayor. Haste and Harris have both served a total of 20 years on council in non-consecutive terms.

## Whitley heads 2020

There's a new face in the Perquimans County courthouse annex, a face that keeps popping up all over the county as its owner meets the citizens of Perquimans and familiarizes himself with the area.

The face belongs to John Whitley, newly-appointed coordinator of Perquimans County's 2020 Vision project, an initiative designed to promote economic growth and improve the quality of life in the county.

The appointment was announced by 2020 president Philip McMullan.

"His employment and educational background in management, education, and organizational and leadership development provide the experience needed to assist 2020 Vision in accomplishing the mission of creating an economic development effort sufficient to achieve the desired quality of life for all Perquimans County citizens," McMullan said. "The success of 2020 Vision is dependent on the continued support and involvement of all citizens."

Whitley's appointment was made possible by a \$25,000 economic development grant provided by the state.

Whitley said his primary function will be to coordinate and enhance activities and efforts of a number of groups within the county committed to economic development.

Whitley's office space is being provided by the county in room 23 of the courthouse annex. The telephone number is 426-2020.

## Outpouring of concern



Daddy Ruth's Hertford Cafe cooked and served over 350 meals Monday during the flood relief program organized by owner Will Ferguson and his staff. There was standing room only during the noon hour, as Ferguson's employees and volunteers shimmied between customers to serve everyone. Almost \$1,800 was raised for a family devastated by the floods in the Midwest. Donations are still being accepted. (Photo by Susan Harris)

## \$1,800 raised for flood victims

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
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A flood of generosity poured through Daddy Ruth's Hertford Cafe Monday, resulting in the collection of almost \$1,800 for a family in the flood-ravaged Midwest.

Daddy Ruth's owner Will Ferguson said Monday night he was tired, but happy.

"I know we're going to make somebody out there smile a little bit," Ferguson said.

The 12-hour benefit for flood victims was sparked by Ferguson's desire to help someone who has lost everything by the destructive forces of the Midwest floods. The spark became a flame of goodwill as Ferguson's staff moved forward with the plan.

Laughter and chaos prevailed at the Church Street

restaurant Monday, as about 358 meals were served during the day. The restaurant's staff donated their time and tips to the relief effort. Volunteers organized by the Chamber of Commerce ran the cash register, bused tables, wrapped silverware and poured tea to help out.

In addition to the funds raised by Monday's diners, many businesses and groups joined in the effort. Jackson Wholesale, Bi-Rite Market, Flowers Bakery, Be-Le Supermarket, Aboskie Fish and Produce, Sandler Foods, Doughtie's Barbecue, Sheldon's Mini Mart, One Stop Convenience Store, WAVY-TV 10, Centura Bank, Farm Bureau Insurance, Copeland Communication, Albemarle Plantation, Beech Springs Poultry, Dtic 105.7, Albemarle Computer



Marty Davenport stuffs money into the full donation jar at Daddy Ruth's Hertford Cafe during Monday's flood relief fundraiser. (Photo by Susan Harris)

Outlet, Perquimans Social Services employees, The Perquimans Weekly, the Chamber of Commerce and the town of Hertford contributed to the day's success.

The Hall Ruritan Club of Gates County donated \$150, and has challenged other civic groups to meet their donation.

Ferguson is working through WAVY-TV 10 to find a family to whom to send the proceeds of the fundraiser. Ferguson said he is looking for a family with children who lost everything and has no insurance to get started again. The television station will monitor

the family's progress and report back to Ferguson.

Clothing and canned food was also collected at both Daddy Ruth's and The Perquimans Weekly office. Ferguson will work through the Salvation Army or another disaster relief organization to ship those items. Clothing, non-perishable foods, furniture and appliances are still being accepted.

Anyone who would like to contribute may still do so at Daddy Ruth's, or at Centura Bank, where a special disaster relief account has been established.

## Schools to reorganize

### Middle school will have only one principal, one assistant

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
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Perquimans County Schools will save over \$10,000 in local funds due to the reorganization plan adopted by the school board Monday in a 7 a.m. special meeting.

At the recommendation of schools superintendent Randall L. Henion, the board unanimously voted to reduce the number of principals at Perquimans Middle School from two to one. In a memorandum to the board, Henion cited funding concerns, administrative inefficiency and a lack of clear lines of authority at the school as reasons for recommending the change.

Henion also recommended assigning an assistant principal to the middle school.

Henion said Tuesday morning that Henry Felton will be the principal at Perquimans Middle School under the new alignment. Karen Luszcz, presently assistant principal at Perquimans High School, will be reassigned to the number two slot at the middle school. Henion said the assistant principal position at the high school has been opened to personnel both inside and outside the system. Morris Kornegay is temporarily unassigned.

Co-principals Henry Felton and Morris Kornegay were assigned to the middle school three years ago under a reorganization plan implemented at the recommendation of then-superintendent Mary Jo Martin. Under that plan, Felton and Kornegay shared administrative duties. A principal and co-principal were assigned to the county's other three schools.

The co-principal arrangement was questioned by the Office of the State Auditor last year when Henion requested a school system audit. The audit report recommended that the co-principal positions be reclassified as one principal and one assistant principal position to save money and to eliminate confusion over the lines of authority at the school.

Before voting on Henion's reorganization proposal, the board met in executive session for over an hour to determine whether grounds existed for a reduction in force under school board policy. The policy charges the board with "exploring, considering, and discussing a variety of ways to avoid a reduction in force" before acting on recommendations to eliminate staff positions.

In moving to accept Henion's proposal, board member Clifford Winslow said the board found that the co-principal system does detract from administrative efficiency and clear lines of authority and costs the county approximately \$12,000 in local dollars because the state funds salaries for a principal and an assistant principal, not two principals. Winslow stated that the board determined that a reorganization was necessary because the board could find no alternative that allowed greater efficiency, provided clearer lines of authority and saved the county money.

The policy change required school board action, as the board is responsible for implementing policies under state statute. Putting the plan into action is the responsibility of the superintendent.

## New tax collection procedure begins

By SUSAN R. HARRIS  
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Vehicle owners in Perquimans County are getting their first taste of the state's new personal property tax collection procedures.

Perquimans tax supervisor Tony Jordan said Monday that property tax notices for vehicles with March license renewal dates were mailed before Aug. 1. Vehicle owners will have until Aug. 31 to pay the taxes without incurring interest charges.

April renewals were also mailed in July. Taxes on vehicles with April license renewals will become delinquent on Sept. 15.

Jordan said the March renewals should have gone out July 1, but the computer programmer hired by the county to implement the new system was late getting to Perquimans County. Perquimans was the fourth of eight counties served by the same programmer to be put on-line. Jordan attributed the programmer's lag time to slow information provided by the state.

The new tax collection system calls for billing taxes on vehicles four months after renewing license tags. Payment is due within 30 days of receipt of the bill. If taxes are six months delinquent, the Perquimans County Tax Department will send a block notice to the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh. No tag renewal notice will be sent to the delinquent taxpayer for the next year's renewal. The county will notify DMV if taxes are received after the six-month cut-off so that DMV will send a tag renewal notice.

Tax bills for May license renewals should be mailed on or before Sept. 1 and will be due within 30 days of receipt. Anyone with questions concerning the new vehicle tax collection system should contact the tax office.

## Recycling Recipe

Use the scoop that comes with drink mixes for measuring and a batter into tins. The scoops hold the amount for one recipe.

## Booths available for Indian Summer Festival

The time is drawing near for the 13th annual Perquimans County Indian Summer Festival coordinated by the Chamber of Commerce. This year's gala is set for Sept. 24 and 25.

Chamber executive director Mary Harrell said booths are still available for Saturday's events in the park. Call the chamber for

information.

The Cooperative Extension Center is sponsoring the second annual Home Canned Goods and Bakery Products exhibit and judging. Entries must be turned in at the Perquimans Senior Center on Thursday, Sept. 23 between 1:30 and 6 p.m. Foods will be judged on Friday and exhib-

ited on Saturday.

Entry forms and a catalog of items which may be entered can be picked up from the chamber

or the extension center. Call 426-7697 or 426-5657 for more information.

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