

# The Perquimans Weekly (35¢)

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## County hires Hunter to head rec department

County native to assume duties on July 15

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He's always loved sports, and as of July 15, he'll be up to his elbows in baseball, softball, soccer, football, basketball and T-ball—and the mountain of paperwork and organization that come with each sports season.

After a two-month search, the Perquimans County Commissioners hired Todd Hunter as recreation director effective July 15. He replaces Lee Hoffman, who resigned the full time position on May 15. Hoffman has served as part time interim director since his resignation date.

Hunter, who was previously a loan officer at the State Employees Credit Union in Elizabeth City, said he was excited about the opportunity to use his educational background and to work with children.

After graduation from Perquimans High School in 1987, Hunter earned a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a concentration in sports management from N.C. State University. He interned with the Carolina Mud Cats baseball team and worked part time with the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department during his college years.

The former high school athlete said he will meet with the county manager on his first day on the job to discuss his specific job duties and review the recreation program in general. He will also rely on Hoffman to help him cover his bases.

"I do have some experience in recreation," Hunter said. "I like to work outside and deal with children. I'm looking forward to becoming recreation director and the challenges of a new job."

Hunter said in informal discussions with Hoffman, he has already discovered what a large role volunteers play in the operation of the various recreation programs.

County Manager Paul Gregory said he is pleased to have found someone with Hunter's background and ability to assume the post.

"I'm just tickled to death that he was interested in the position," Gregory said. "I think Todd will bring a degree of organization to a program that has been built up by Lee Hoffman and that we will continue to move forward. We've got good participation in our various (recreation) programs. We needed a little bit more organization and I think Todd will provide that."

Hunter lives in Hertford with his wife, the former Joanna Haskett, and 5-month-old son, Taylor. Mrs. Hunter is a pharmacist at Chowan Hospital. He is the son of Jimmy and Helen Hunter of Hertford.

## LIGHTING UP THE SKY



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

The sky over the Perquimans River was sprinkled with color last Thursday evening as fireworks were shot in commemoration of Independence Day. The celebration at Missing Mill Park began with a mini-cantata by the Hertford Baptist Church Adult Choir,

invocation by Rev. John London of First Baptist Church and the national anthem sung by Jamie Lassiter. After the fireworks show, a small crowd stayed to enjoy a variety of music presented by disc jockey Mickey Phelps.

## New site director named at Newbold-White

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There's a new face at the Newbold-White Historic Site.

Stephanie Bandy became the new site director on June 17. She's spent each day since learning about the site, its history and the day-to-day operations. In addition, she's reading and studying about North Carolina history because most of her history background covers Maryland and the country's Northeast region.

Bandy came to Perquimans County from Maryland, where she worked as an archaeologist with the Maryland State Highway Administration. She was considering enrolling in graduate school at East Carolina University to obtain her masters degree in archaeology. A friend told her about the Newbold-White position, she applied and was hired.

"It was just an interesting position for me," Bandy said. "It's working out very well."

Bandy hopes to pair her experience as site director at Newbold-White in with her masters thesis.

In addition to continuing to learn more about the site, Bandy said one of her priorities will be finding ways to create more interest from the community to the site. She said Newbold-White is a great resource and she'd like to see the community become more involved with the historic site. She has already found that many people who live in the county have never visited the site, and would like to change that. Her desire is to work with the Perquimans County Restoration Association to expand participation in activities at the site.

Bandy earned a degree in anthropology with an emphasis in historic architecture from Texas A & M University. She also earned a degree in historic preservation from Goucher College in Towson, Maryland.

Born in Ohio, Bandy said she moved around a lot during her childhood before attending high school and college in Texas, which she calls home.

Her initial impression of Perquimans County and its people has been positive.

"I'm enjoying it so far. Everyone's very friendly and they've all been very helpful to me."

Bandy resides in the David Newby Cottage on the Newbold-White site. It was moved to the property and renovated in 1985 to house the site director.

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## SCHOOL BOARD/CHANGING OF THE GUARD



It was a night for recognition when the Perquimans County School board held its organizational meeting on Monday, July 1. Outgoing board members (above, left) Wayne Howell and Ben Hobbs were each recognized by superintendent Randall L. Henion for two four-year terms of dedicated service as school board members. Since being elected to the board in 1988 and again in 1992, both men have served as



vice chairman and chairman of the board. The evening was also the time for swearing in three board members (above, right). Newcomer Thomas L. Riddick, former board member Helen T. Shaw and incumbent Wallace Nelson were administered the oath of office by Clerk of Superior Court Gail Godwin. Nelson was voted chairman later in the session. Walter Leigh continues to serve as vice chairman.

## 4-H programs offer summer learning

The 4-H Summer Ventures Program makes learning fun.

Sponsored by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H Summer Ventures offers programs for children of all ages that teach while children just think they're having fun.

Coming in July are:  
You Paint It! July 11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the extension center. Learn to work with iron-on stencils and to paint a

design on a T-shirt. Bring a T-shirt that has been washed and ironed and a bag lunch. Cost is \$3.50 to cover paints, stencils, brushes. Register ASAP.

Wonderful Body Machine, July 16, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn about nutrition, your wonderful body and how to keep it healthy. Make a body puppet that looks just like you. The workshop, presented by the Snug Harbor 4-H TRY Team, will be held at the county

library. It is geared to children ages 6-8.

Babysitting, July 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., age 11 and up. Learn how to keep young children safe while in your care. Bring a bag lunch. Cost is \$2.

Cycling Sense, July 17 and 18, 9 a.m.-noon. Pre-requisite: completion of 4-H Bike Safety class. Classes will include review of bike safety and 10-mile bicycle trip around Hertford. Participants supply

bikes. Bring a snack and sun screen. Cost \$3.

Catching a Dream, July 23, 9 a.m.-noon, ages 12 and up. Learn to make dream catchers. Cost is \$3.

First Aid, July 30, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., ages 11 and up. Learn emergency First Aid. Bring a bag lunch. Cost if \$2.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Class size is limited for some programs. Call 426-7697 to register.

### Outside

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
High: 80s	Low: 70s	High: 80s	Low: 70s	High: 80s	Low: 70s
CHANCE OF RAIN		FAIR		PARTLY SUNNY	