

Mold back at Central School

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The return of mold and mildew to Central School has school officials baffled.

"The problem at entral Schools seems to contin-Superintendent ue," Kenneth Wells told school board members Monday night.

Wells said when he reported to the board last month, it appeared that the cleaning late this summer and the temperature and humidity monitoring implemented in the building were helping to alleviate the mold and mildew problem.

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PCRA to obtain land

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BUSINESS EXPO



Adrienne Meads (left) and Steve Lane (second from right) of Inteliport in Hertford explain the capabilities of Macintosh computers to Mark Swimme of Swimme & son and Beverly Hurdle of East Carolina Radio at last week's business expo in Edenton. The expo was organized by the Edenton-Chowan Chamber of Commerce and JobReady programs in Perquimans and Chowan county schools with input from the Perquimans Chamber. Tommy's Pizza (right) and Church Street Grille (left) were two of the food vendors at the expo.







Marvin Hunter Sr.

Hunter seeks council seat

Hertford voters will choose two councilmen on Nov. 6.

On the ballot will be challenger Marvin Hunter Sr. and incumbents Horace Reid Jr. and Dan Daneker. Elaine Yarborough withdrew from the race.

All candidates were sent questionnaires by The Perquimans Weekly asking for their opinions on issues pertinent to the town. Only one candidate, Hunter, chose to return answers. His responses follow.

Hunter, 68, is the former Hertford town clerk. He is married to Naomi R. Hunter, and the couple has three grown children. The retiree has lived in Hertford for 33 years and is a member of Hertford Baptist Church and American Legion Post 40.

In coming months, the Perquimans County **Restoration** Association will more than triple the land it manages, as the state has approved a transaction for the association to acquire 13 acres bordering the Newbold-White House.

"We're very excited," Chris Lane, president of the PCRA, said. "We've been trying to obtain this property since we first obtained the house itself."

For 30 years, the PCRA has managed the Newbold-White House, the state's oldest brick home, and searched for money to purchase adjoining land.

Only now, with the help of Peter Rascoe, formerly **Continued on page 10**

Be safe on Halloween

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Some strange characters will be running around Perquimans next Wednesday. Halloween will arrive and with it trick-ortreaters.

Hertford Police Chief Dale Vanscoy said trick-ortreat hours in town are 5-8 p.m. Children 12 and under may trick-or-treat.

Both Vanscoy and Sheriff Eric Tilley offered tips on a safe Halloween for children and adults.

First, those who open their homes to trick-ortreaters should be careful. Criminals can commit crimes because of the costumes and chaos.

Children should always be accompanied by adults and should obey traffic sig-**Trick-or-treaters** nals. should carry a flashlight or

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Ford to join local family practice

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Erica Ford can't wait to get into the field for which she was trained. The physician's assistant will join **Coastal Carolina Family** Practice Nov. 5.

While she said she is enjoying her present work with the district health department, Ford is ready to get back into the family practice that was her concentration when she her master's earned degree.

And she is very pleased to be joining the practice of Dr. Robert Earl Lane, who already has one P.A., Ryan White, on staff. Ford said the fact that Lane is open to working with physician's assistants and the atmospere in the office drew her to Hertford.

"We really hit it off," she said of her meetings with Lane.

Friendly and outgoing, Ford said she is also used to small town and farm life. She comes from a family of farmers outside Charlotte, most of whom still live there.

She always wanted to go into the medical field, she said, and began working as a researcher for Glaxo

Wellcome after earning her undergraduate degree in microbiology and genetics from N.C. State University. Yearning for contact with people, Ford went to the University of Iowa to get her master's of physician's assistant studies. She chose Iowa, then one of only 12 programs in the country, because of that program's emphasis on primary care and rural medicine.

After 25 months in the classroom and clinical rotations, she earned her degree, then passed her national boards in October 1999.

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Erica Ford

Have you held an elected position in the past?

No.

Why are you seeking public office?

I would like to get the town cleaned. I would like to help get the old residential and commercial buildings condemned if not fixed up to meet state building code. We need more recreation for children.

W talents/skills/abilities that you possess would make you a good public official?

I have been involved in town operations for 25 years. I have prepared town budgets for 20 years.

How would you rate the performance of the current board? Explain your answer.

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Stallings is local Principal of the Year

Perquimans County High School principal Dwayne Stallings was named the Principal of the Year for Perquimans **County Schools.**

Stallings now moves on to compete with other local award recipients from the northeast region of the state. From among the six regional winners, one principal will be selected as the 2002 Wachovia Principal of the Year.

Stallings joined Perquimans County Schools in July 1994 when he was hired as assistant principal at the high school. He served as principal at Central School for one year before being tapped for the top adminis-

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In May 1986, Stallings earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Elizabeth City State University. He earned a Arts in Master of Technology Education from East Carolina University in December 1990. He continued his education and earned his Principal Certification from East Carolina University in June 1993.

According to school officials, Stallings has the admiration and respect of students, parents, teachers and co-workers. He has been instrumental in encouraging high standards in the curriculum as

dents.

"Dwayne exhibits high morals and strong values, making him an ideal role model for those with whom he has contact," said Superintendent Kenneth Wells.

Wells credits Stallings' leadership ability and his rapport with students, parents and faculty as being major components in his success as a high school principal.

The Principal of the Year Program is co-sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and Wachovia Bank, N.A., North Carolina.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

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SATURDAY **HIGH: 59** Low: 38 **PARTLY CLOUDY**