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PCHS gym project set to begin

Hertford wants \$88K capacity fee

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Last week, Perquimans County commissioners approved the \$11.5 million bid from A.R. Chesson for construction of the high school gym.

The bid includes \$10.8 million for the basic project, almost \$700,000 for roofing over the administrative offices and about 5 percent for contingency funds.

In addition, the town of Hertford is seeking an \$88,500 capacity fee for the construction of the gym and adding a 3-inch meter. Both the county and school have asked the town to waive or reduce the fee because a number of students in the town benefit from the school, said County Manager Bobby Darden.

The town board unanimously agreed to not allow the school to be an exception to the town's ordinance on capacity fees, but approved a letter to the county asking for the schools to look at reducing their water and sewer capacity in other areas of the school.

Town Manager John Christensen said that taxpayers should not be charged for the capacity that the school will have the potential to use in the future.

The high school currently has six meters and will be adding another meter for the gym. The new installation of energy-saving sinks, toilets and showers will drastically cut wastewater flow down, Darden said.

If the school can show that the new fixtures will reduce the meter size or they can reduce the number of meters in the school, then the town can reduce the capacity fee, Christensen said.

The school needs to decide if they need all of the three 2-inch meters, including those in the old gym, that flow most of the wastewater from the system, he said.

"I think there is no question that we have to follow the policy," said counselor JoAnn Morris. "...If we waive this (request), would we be expected to waive

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Laying the wreath



A group of officials and other residents, led by Winfall Mayor Fred Yates, placed wreaths in front of the courthouse on Friday to honor veterans and troops who have served or are currently serving in Iraq.

Veterans honored downtown

Residents gather to thank those to protect freedom

MARGARET FISHER

About 20 people gathered on the courthouse green to place wreaths and commemorate U.S. veterans last Friday.

In a return to a similar event held two years ago at the Winfall Town Hall, Mayor Fred Yates called together officials to celebrate Veterans Day and recollect what local veterans have done.

"What we wanted to do was to say 'thank you' to the vets for the freedom we enjoy," he said.

A poster, hanging in the window of a downtown Internet business, Inteliport, inspired Yates to bring the event back. The poster contains photos of about 60 local troops from current and past times. A number of them are young people who are in or recently returned from Iraq.

Included in the group on Friday were Winfall commissioners Kenneth Rominger, Hertford Mayor Sid Eley, Perquimans County commissioners Tammy Miller-White

and Shirley Wiggins and former Hertford postmaster Dan Moody.

Sadot Mendez, Puerto Rican Hall of Fame runner, whose father was a veteran of the Korean War, said he happened to be downtown when the ceremony began, so he joined in.

Rominger, a member of VFW Post 126, asked the group of people to not forget the prisoners of war and the missing in action. He said to be mindful that the sweetness of enduring peace is tainted with the bitterness of sacrifice.

"We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasure, there are others who have endured and are still enduring the costs of freedom," he said.

Rominger went on to relate a poem about soldiers daring to place as much value on other soldier's lives as their own - the risk of war.

Eley told about his father-in-law, John Elmer Wood of Woodville, who was wounded on Iwo Jima during World War II. He was there when the Marines raised the first flag. Later, a more impressive flag was raised on Mount Suribachi - an event captured by photograph and portrayed in the book and movie "Flags of Our Fathers."

"The most important to the

Marines was the first flag to show that we had taken the island," Eley said.

Yates suggested that a monument be placed on the courthouse grounds to honor war veterans. Wiggins and Eley agreed that a monument is needed.

"We have 100 counties," Wiggins said. "But Perquimans County is the only county that does not have a monument (for veterans). ...I think we are doing a disservice to the veterans of our county."

Those who are opposed to having a monument have never seen what war is like, she said, including standing by a dying soldier and not being able to save him.

Wiggins, a member of VFW Post 362, was a nurse on the U.S.S. Sanctuary during Vietnam in 1969-1970. Her arrival home was not a welcome one.

"We couldn't wear the green ribbons when I came back because we would have been spit on," she said.

Yates said he hopes that, next year, more people will hear about and participate in the commemoration.

Friday was also the 231st anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corp - begun in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1775.

How Perquimans voted

Sheriff
Eric V. Tilley 2092

Clerk of Court
Todd W. Tilley 2050

County Commissioner*
Tammy Miller-White 798
Charles H. Ward 560
Benjamin C. Hobbs 966
*All three elected

Soil & Water Conservation
Burt Eure 1810
Charles H. Mathews 1792

District Attorney
Frank R. Parrish 1926

District Court Judge
Eula E. Reid 1425
John J. Flora III 1049

District Court Judge
C. Christopher Bean 1933

District Court Judge
J.C. Cole 2131

N.C. State Senate Dist. 4
Robert L. Holloman 1304
Kenneth R. Chandler 1135

N.C. State House Dist. 5
Kyle Jones 1459
Howard Hunter Jr. 1153

U.S. Congress Dist. 1
G.K. Butterfield 1579

Supreme Court Chief Justice
Sarah Parker 1506
Rusty Duke 840

Supreme Court Assoc. Justice
Mark D. Martin 1378
Rachel Lea Hunter 831

Supreme Court Assoc. Justice
Pat. Timmons-Goodson 1146
Eric Levinson 1044

Supreme Court Assoc. Justice
Robin Hudson 1136
Ann Marie Calabria 1005

Court of Appeals
Robert C. Hunter 1259
Kris Bailey 848

Court of Appeals
Linda Stephens 1132
Donna Stroud 998

Residents can tap into local dance classes

MARGARET FISHER

A regular routine of dancing not only provides the same physical benefits of an exercise program, but experts say it contributes to increased confidence, poise and gracefulness. Now, Perquimans residents can learn to dance without having to travel elsewhere.

Amy Goudy celebrated the grand opening of The Dance Company of Hertford on Market Street last Friday with a ribbon cutting celebration.

Goudy, who is age 30 now, began dancing at the age of three. Her mother enrolled her in ballet, tap and gymnastics classes. Later, she gave her daughter a choice - to continue taking either dance or gymnastics.

"I chose dance," she said. "I never stopped dancing from then on."

The Camden native began taking jazz classes at the age of eight. When she turned 17, she auditioned for The Lost Colony in Manteo and danced in performances with the group for four years. There, she learned dancing as a serious career from professional choreographers. It was there, working with children's theater, that she became interested in teaching dance.

She took a majority of classes in East Carolina University's bachelor of fine arts program, and completed her degree in visu-



The Dance Company of Hertford celebrated its grand opening last Thursday. The school, owned by Amy Goudy, teaches ballet, tap and jazz dance to students age 3 to adult.

al arts at Elizabeth City State University in May 2005.

Three years ago, she moved to Edenton. She opened the dance school - her first business venture - on Sept. 11. With more than

60 students now, she has exceeded her goal, she said. She offers classes for anyone, male and female, ages three to adult. She teaches separate classes of ballet, tap and jazz. The adult class rotates the three, along with modern dance. Also, adults can join at any time.

Currently, classes are held Monday through Wednesday evenings. Most classes are an hour, providing enough time to develop the techniques, she said.

Goudy plans to add other performing arts such as acting and voice training classes and a summer musical program, she said.

"I'm teaching dance, but I'm hoping to grow it into a performing arts school," she said.

WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 75, Low: 45
THUNDER SHOWERS

FRIDAY
High: 61, Low: 40
MOSTLY SUNNY

SATURDAY
High: 61, Low: 41
PARTLY CLOUDY