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## HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

### Hundreds attend monument dedication

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He was bent over from the years' toll on his body, but 96-year-old Jay Dillon saluted strongly and proudly as his nation's anthem rang out over the county courthouse green.

Having served in the United States Navy, he is believed to be the oldest living veteran in Perquimans County. He and his wife, Blanche, watched Monday morning as officials unveiled an attractive granite monument erected on the courthouse green honoring him and all Perquimans County veterans...past, present and future.

The Veterans' Day ceremony and monument dedication drew a large crowd that watched veterans from each branch of service honored as Perquimans County High School band members played service songs representing each branch of the military.

Wayne Peedin, assistant director of the North Carolina Division of Veterans Affairs, reminded the crowd that they would not be enjoying the freedom to gather and commemorate this special day if it had not been for the service and sacrifice of veterans. He asked what Veterans' Day means to the individual, and reminded those present that the special day to remember those who served their country is not just a day off from work or school, or a day to shop for sales.

He told war stories of those who fought and are still fighting for freedom, and stressed the importance of preserving those stories for generations to come. He quoted former President Calvin Coolidge who said, "A nation who forgets its defenders will itself be forgotten."

"Today we are at war..."



Perquimans Weekly Photos by CATHY WILSON

A LARGE CROWD ATTENDED the Veterans Day ceremony and monument dedication Monday morning on the courthouse green. The granite monument is the county's only monument to honor all veterans, past, present, and future, and includes emblems of the six branches of service. Jay Dillon and Rufus Rouse (below) share a moment following the dedication of the veterans monument on the courthouse green. Dillon, 96, is believed to be the oldest living veteran in Perquimans County.

but this is not a time to protest, but rather to unite in support of our troops," Peedin said. "You can't separate the troops from its mission, or a war from its warrior...May God bless all veterans present for having served."

The county's representatives in the state legislature also attended the service and showed their support of local veterans.

Rep. Annie W. Mobley spoke her sincere appreciation for what veterans have done for the country, and Sen. Ed Jones said citizens should list service to



country as second in order of importance in life.

"In Iraq, as in wars past, there are service men and

THEY SERVED IN DIFFERENT branches of service during different eras, but two veterans proudly wore the hats noting their service and saluted the flag and other veterans during the Veteran's Day program on the courthouse lawn Monday morning. Johnnie Hollowell (left), retired staff sergeant with the United States Air Force, and Charles Sims (right), Sergeant First Class with the United States Army, are both proud to be keepers of freedom for Americans.



### Winfall elects two new board members

From Staff Reports

Four incumbents and two political newcomers were elected to municipal seats during last week's town elections.

In Hertford, Sid Eley was re-elected mayor with 127 votes. Three write in votes were cast for Charles T. Skinner Jr. and one write in vote was cast for each of the following: Muriel Harmon, Norman Allen Thorne, Claudia Bunch and Horace Reid.

For town commissioners, Anne F. White was re-elected with 120 votes while Carlton A. Davenport Jr. won his seat back with 96 votes.

Four write in votes were cast for Maurice Bunch, three for Diane Stallings, and one each for Mary Alice Brinn, Ralph Autry, and Julian Winslow.

In Winfall, Fred Yates was returned as mayor with 95 votes cast. Wayne Hurdle, Cliff Towe, Durwood Barber and Lessie White each received two write in votes while one write in vote was cast for Evelyn Mason.

Elected as new Winfall commissioners were Eddie F. Fields Jr. with 56 votes, and Cynthia Stallings with 52 write in votes. Cliff Towe received 31 write in votes, Lloyd Ray Morgan received 13 write in votes, Lewis Smith received two, and Wayne Hurdle, Ed Madre, and William Ray Miller each received one.

### Bullying serious problem

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Nobody deserves to be bullied, especially in schools.

The Perquimans County Schools held a staff development session last week focusing on bully prevention as well as intervention strategies and programs.

Billy Lassiter, manager of the Center for the Prevention of School Violence for the state's Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, said his department wants every school to be bully free. He said people used to accept simple bullying in years past, but the school shooting at Columbine changed all that. In April 1999, two Colorado high school seniors entered Columbine High School and shot 12 students and one teacher before turning the weapons on themselves.

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### Country Kettle has new owner

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The Country Kettle Restaurant has a new owner, a new look, and new menu items.

Recently purchased by Donna Baccus, members of the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce welcomed the recently remodeled establishment into their fold last week with an official ribbon cutting.

The spacious restaurant, which will seat 100, sports new floors, a fresh coat of paint, new décor, and refurbished restrooms. Baccus says the dining room is available for holiday parties, special dinners, meetings, even bridal showers.



Perquimans Weekly Photo by CATHY WILSON

PERQUIMANS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE members welcomed the new owner of Country Kettle by holding a ribbon cutting last week. The restaurant sports new floors, new paint and décor, refurbished bathrooms, and new menu items.

"We'll work to provide special occasion," she said. "We'll work to provide a wonderful meal for your special occasion," she said.

### WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 66  
LOW: 37  
THUNDER SHOWERS

FOOTBALL FRIDAY  
HIGH: 56  
LOW: 35  
SUNNY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 59  
LOW: 44  
PARTLY CLOUDY