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"News from Next Door"

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PCHS makes the grade in ABCs

From staff reports

Students and faculty at Perquimans County High School earned honor roll status with the state in the ABCs, or school accountability program, for fiscal 2007-2008.

Composites around the area

- First Flight 79.1
- Manteo 75.6
- Camden 74.8
- Camden Tech 71.8
- Perquimans 71.9**
- Currituck 65.2
- Northeastern 64.6
- Edenton/Holmes 59.9
- Pasquotank 59.3
- Bertie 46

Students demonstrated high academic growth, raising the overall student performance composite from 57.8 percent to 71.9 percent, one of the top performances in the region.

Lassiter said data for the 2007-2008 year shows that PCHS students not only met "expected" growth, but met "high" growth based on standards of the accountability program of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Both the middle and high schools have been named Schools of Progress, meaning students met high growth standards, made at least expected growth, and had at least 60 percent of their students score at or above achievement level III. PCMS rated 66.4 percent.

According to the Department of Public Instruction, 1,089 or 45 percent of schools in the state are designated Schools of Progress.

Principals Jamie Liverman (PCMS) and James Bunch (PCHS) credit their entire staffs, students and parents for the continued success students are demonstrating.

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Perquimans Weekly photos by Cathy Wilson
MARCELLA KUMLANDER, 90, WAS recognized as the oldest living female WWII veteran in Perquimans County (above). She served in the United States Army Women's Corps. Veterans of all services and generations were honored Tuesday morning during the Veterans Day ceremony on the courthouse green. A special tribute was given to those who served this country during World War II.

Veterans honored in moving program

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Some sat in wheelchairs. Others stood with help.

They each raised their hands in salute and showed a sense of pride, as all veterans, but especially those who served in World War II, were honored Tuesday on the courthouse green.

The program, sponsored by American Legion Post 126, saluted veterans from each of the six services, but highlighted World War II.

"World War II soldiers are dying today at the rate

of 2,000 each day," said Ken Rominger, commander of Post 126. "That war seems to most no more than a history side note today...We need to be sure to salute those who fought in WWII and to encourage people to go out of their way to thank the aging warriors before they die. We shall never understand nor appreciate the unspeakable horrors that soldiers witnessed in places such as Anzio, Iwo Jima, Bataan or Omaha Beach. So let us today salute and say thank you to our aging peace makers of WWII."



Marcella Kumlander, 90, was recognized as the oldest living female WWII veteran in Perquimans County. She served in the United States Army Women's Corps.

Both Kumlander and Jay Dillon, the county's oldest living World War II veteran at the age of 97, were presented red roses in honor of their service to their country.

Also surprised was Brenda Woodard, the mother of Romanes L. Woodard who died in Afghanistan in 2005. Woodard was given the single long-stemmed red rose

that graced the empty table and chair placed in remembrance of the prisoners of war and missing in action.

Guest speaker for the day was Mack Nixon, chairman of the county commissioners. Nixon, who served in Vietnam, choked with emotion as he read the names of county residents who have died in times of war including his friend and former classmate Joseph Benton.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 150 participated in the ceremony as well as members of the Perquimans County High School Band.

County turns out the vote

Over 70 percent registered cast ballots

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More than 70 percent of the county's registered voters turned out in last week's general election.

See a breakdown of how the county voted by precinct, page 5

According to the local elections board, 6,594 votes were cast, meaning 70.16 percent of the 9,398 registered voters cast a ballot.

The three incumbents for county commissioners retained their seats.

Democrat Mack Nixon received the most votes of all four candidates with 1,823, followed by Republican Sue Weimar with 1,640. Democrat Shirley Wiggins came in third with 1,558 votes, followed by Democrat Tommy Riddick with 1,287.

Nixon, who lives in New Hope, took the New Hope, and Parkville (Winfall) precincts, while Weimar carried her home precinct, Bethel. Shirley Wiggins, a resident of Winfall, led in only the East Hertford precinct. She came in a close second to Nixon in her home precinct.

Riddick, of Belvidere, took Belvidere, Nicanor (Whitston) and West Hertford precincts.

Nixon also lead with the votes that were cast early.

"I think people realize the experience and dedication I have in the position for the last 16 years," said Nixon in explaining why he was the top vote getter. "There were also some crossover votes from the Republicans and others."

"They know I've worked hard to help move the county forward. I've been here for a long time, working hard, and people can see that," he added. "I also think some folks were turned off by the negative ads that ran in the Perquimans Weekly and Daily Advance."

Riddick voiced gratitude for the support and help he received in his unsuccessful bid.

"I really thought I would have done better," he said. "I know what happened, but I'd rather not say."

According to Eula Mae Forbes, director of the Perquimans County Board of Elections, there were 100 provisional votes cast that have not been counted yet. She expects those to be counted by the end of the week.

Forbes said that out of the 9,398 registered voters in the county, 2,232 are African-American. There are also 4,835 registered as Democrats while 2,214 are registered as Republicans. There are 2,345 unaffiliated voters registered and four registered as Libertarians.

Chamber welcomes Ray's

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You can buy it or rent it. Ray's Auto Sales and Rentals, at 232 Ocean Highway, offers used cars for sale or lease at the dealership that opened in September.

Members of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting Monday morning at the business that employs three people.

Ray Seward of Virginia Beach, owner, comes to the area with 14 years of car-selling experience under his belt. He also has another dealership in Norfolk.

"We change our inventory every week," said Seward. They currently have 35 cars and trucks of a variety of makes and models on the lot.

"We specialize in affordable vehicles," he added. "We also offer low down payments and financing for those with bad credit/no



Perquimans Weekly photo by CATHY WILSON

MEMBERS OF THE PERQUIMANS County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday morning at Ray's Auto Sales & Rentals, located at 232 Ocean Highway in Hertford. The new used car dealership offers a variety of used cars and trucks for sale or rent. Ray's Auto Sales and Rentals is owned by Ray Seward.

credit." Warranties are also available for purchase on the vehicles. Rental vehicles, in all sizes from Saturns to Cadillacs, are available at

\$14.99 per day with unlimited mileage, he said.

Ray's Auto Sales & Rentals is open Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call 426-7070.

New Hope wreck injures one

One man was airlifted to Norfolk Sentara early Saturday morning after the vehicle he was driving overturned on Woodville Road.

According to the North Carolina Highway Patrol, David Spruill, 36, of 269 Mill Road, was driving a 1990 Chevrolet southeast around 2:30 a.m. when the vehicle collided with a ditch bank and overturned in a ditch.

Spruill was airlifted by Nightingale to the Norfolk hospital. Members of Durants Neck and Inter-County fire departments responded.

The accident is being investigated by Trooper K.R. Briggs with the NCHP. Charges are pending.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 67 LOW: 56
SHOWERS

FRIDAY
HIGH: 72 LOW: 54
SCATTERED T'STORMS

SATURDAY
HIGH: 69 LOW: 42
FEW SHOWERS

