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County budget has no tax increase

Manager proposes \$1.6 million cut from this year's figures

By Cathy Wilson
Staff Writer

County commissioners have proposed a budget for the next fiscal year that keeps the same tax and water rates as well as the same solid waste fees.

Monday night, County Manager Bobby Darden presented a proposed \$12.1 million general fund budget

based on an ad valorem tax rate of 41 cents, down \$1.6 million from last year's figures. While much of the decrease is due to the slowing economy, about \$1 million of the decrease is due to obligations owed last year that won't reoccur in 2009-2010. Commissioners managed to craft a proposed budget despite revenues that have decreased to the lowest levels

in 5-10 years. "Many of the county's revenues are directly tied to the economy," said Darden. "While a relatively stable property tax collection anchors the county's revenues, other sources such as sales taxes, building inspection fees, register of deed fees, and land transfer taxes have always represented a large portion of the county's bud-

get, and are impacted the most by a slow economy.

"Collectively, these fees have represented about 25 percent of the county's revenues in recent budgets; however, they are projected to be only 15 percent of the county's revenues in the coming year," he added. "With no sign of any recovery in revenues, this budget is based on a continued suppression of eco-



Darden

\$100,000, down from the usual growth of about \$400,000.

nomically-based revenues for the entire upcoming fiscal year."

New property tax revenues next year are expected to increase about

State sales tax revenue here is expected to be about 1 percent less next year while local sales taxes are budgeted at about 30 percent lower than the 2007-08 fiscal figures.

Since expected revenues are less next year, proposed expenditures either were cut or will stay the same as last year. Department and agency

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REMEMBERING D-DAY



THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

Carl Morris, 89, of Holiday Island, waded ashore on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944 as part of the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry. Saturday marks the 65th anniversary of the D-Day invasion during World War II.

Morris recalls tales of valor

By Cathy Wilson
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His eyes don't see very well anymore, but hidden deep inside lies a deep-seated pride that causes those eyes to sparkle when he talks about his memories of the invasion of Normandy on D-Day, 65 years ago.

Carl Morris, 89, of Holiday Island, waded ashore on Utah Beach June 6, 1944 as part of the U.S. Army's 4th Infantry. At the age of 21, Morris boarded the USS Bayfield in England for what he thought would be just an-

other practice run. Instead, former General Dwight D. Eisenhower gave the order to ferry the troops to the beaches of France that day, sending Morris and his fellow soldiers into battle on foreign ground in World War II.

He wasn't afraid when he was sent to Europe, Morris remembers.

"I told my mother I had to go, not knowing whether we'd have a war or not," he said. "If everything works out, I'll be back, I told her."

Everything worked out for Morris, who, as part of

the 8th Regiment, fought his way through France and Germany.

Over the past 60 years, Morris has hand-written his memories of the war.

He enjoys talking about the war, especially with his fellow World War II buddies who he sees during reunions ever so often. But, hearing how members of the younger generation know little or nothing about the war concerns him, he said.

"It hurts when people don't even know what D-Day was," he said.

He remembers D-Day

well. "The scheduled date was June 5, but because of bad weather and high seas, the date was postponed 24 hours," wrote Morris. "In the meantime, General Eisenhower made the announcement to the U.S. Navy to ferry the troops to the beaches of France. The ship's sick bay became overcrowded with sailors...sick, sick, sick."

During the early morning hours of June 6, Morris and his troops boarded landing

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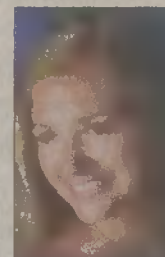
Winslow, Baccus top class of 2009

Graduation set for June 11 at 7 p.m.

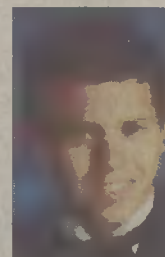
Jaclyn Faith Winslow and Chase Dylan Baccus will lead the class of 2009 during commencement exercises at Perquimans County High School on June 11.

Winslow recorded the highest academic average in the class of almost 100 members, earning the distinction of being named class valedictorian. Right behind her was Baccus, who is serving as salutatorian.

Both top students plan to go into the medical field. Winslow will begin her quest to become a doctor as a chemistry major at Asbury College. Baccus has chosen UNC-Chapel Hill, where he will major in biology, as the first step on



Winslow



Baccus

his journey.

Winslow has been awarded the George and Frances London Educational Scholarship. The London Scholarship is a \$7,500 renewable scholarship and the recipient must attend an accredited four year college or university. Recipients may renew the scholarship each year subject to maintaining a 3.0 cumulative grade point average and

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Riverfest promises fun in Hertford

By Cathy Wilson
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Paddlers and non-paddlers alike can join in the fun Saturday during Riverfest and Paddle the Perquimans Day at Missing Mill Park.

Sponsored by the Historic Hertford, Inc., Perquimans County Trailblazers, and the Albemarle Paddlers, the event not only encourages folks to enjoy the river, but to wade through the downtown businesses as well.

Kayak vendors, face painting, and a rock climbing wall will greet folks in the park from 11 a.m.—4 p.m. The

Coast Guard Auxiliary will also feature "Coastie," the remote controlled tugboat.

Kayakers paddling from Belvidere are expected to arrive during the event. Other kayakers will paddle around the harbor. Kayaks will be available for rent.

Wander to the courthouse and listen to a variety of musical entertainment. The New Hope Christian Fellowship Praise Group will perform from 11 a.m.—12 p.m., followed by the Tri-County Jazz Quartet from noon to 1 p.m. The Albemarle Sounds will take

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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 79 LOW: 64
SCATTERED T'STORMS

FRIDAY
HIGH: 79 LOW: 63
SCATTERED T'STORMS

SATURDAY
HIGH: 82 LOW: 66
ISOLATED T'STORMS

Winslow comes home to practice law

By Cathy Wilson
Staff Writer

Opening his own law firm in his hometown is a dream come true for Jeff Winslow.

The Perquimans County native has returned home to practice law including real estate, criminal, traffic and military justice not only here but in surrounding counties.

"It's good to be home," said Winslow when welcomed by the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce during a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week.

A graduate of Campbell University with both graduate and undergraduate degrees, Winslow has prac-

ticed law since 1993.

He is a former member of the U.S. military special forces and has served four tours in Afghanistan. He still serves his country as a member of the U.S. Army Reserves, 108 Training Command-IET, where he serves as chief of legal assistance.

Winslow lives in Hertford with his daughter, Jessica, 21, and son, Zachary, 16.

He is the son of Lawrence and Kathryn Winslow of Belvidere.

Winslow's law firm is located at 144 N. Church Street in the building formerly occupied by Simply Southern.

For more information, call 426-5726.



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The Perquimans Chamber of Commerce welcomed Hertford's newest law office, Jeff Winslow-Attorney at Law, with a ribbon cutting last week. Opening his own law firm in his hometown is a dream come true for Winslow, a native of Perquimans County. He operates a general law practice including real estate, criminal, traffic and military justice.

