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Lassiter is new principal at PCHS

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Chante Lassiter will become the new principal of Perquimans County High School, July 1.

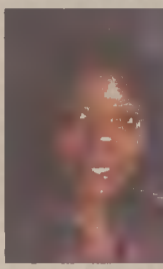
Lassiter, 28, is currently interim principal at the school following last month's appointment of Principal James Bunch as assistant superintendent. Bunch has served in

both capacities since his appointment.

Lassiter, served as assistant principal at the school for almost two years.

"This is an honor and a privilege," Lassiter told members of the Perquimans Board of Education Monday night following her appointment.

"I'm excited to accept the challenge of becoming the new captain of the



Lassiter

A native of Gates County where she still resides, Lassiter is a three-time

Pirateship as we continue to sail the course for success at Perquimans County High School!"

graduate of East Carolina University with a bachelor's degree in teaching the mentally handicapped.

Also, she has two master's degrees: one in teaching the severely/profoundly handicapped and a second one in school administration.

Before coming to Perquimans, she served as department chair and taught in the exceptional

children's program in Gates County.

"Ms. Lassiter is well respected as an administrator at PCHS," noted Dr. Dwayne Stallings, division superintendent. "She is an advocate for all children and those she works with comment that she consistently thinks out of the box."

"She is visible within the school and will be an

asset to the school and community as the school continues the process of providing rigor for students as they prepare for the 21st Century learning environment and skills needed to prosper in the global society we now live in."

School officials are expected to begin a search for a new assistant principal immediately.

Small is Monday service speaker

Memorial Day event 11 a.m., courthouse

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

A former Naval officer during World War II who eventually had a federal courthouse building named after him will be the guest speaker during Monday's Memorial Day observance scheduled to be held on the historic courthouse green at 11 a.m.

Retired Judge Herbert Small, a former district and superior court judge in the area, will lead the ceremony that honors those who died while serving this nation.

The federal courthouse in Elizabeth City was named after Small earlier this year.

A life-long resident of Elizabeth City, Small is a graduate of the University of Virginia Engineering School and the University of North Carolina Law School at Chapel Hill.

He started practicing law in 1949.

Thirty years later, he was elected superior court judge for the First Judicial District and served as senior resident judge for 17 years.

Sponsored by American Legion Post 126, names of veterans who have died since last year's observance will be read during the ceremony and wreaths will be placed in memory of all who died in service to their country.

In the event of inclement weather, the service will be held in the county recreation department.

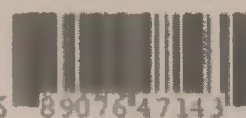
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WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY
HIGH: 82 LOW: 65
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 81 LOW: 64
PARTLY CLOUDY

SUNDAY
HIGH: 82 LOW: 65
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Relay rallies against cancer



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Relay for Life teams from Perquimans County, including the team from Hertford Grammar School, participated in the annual event held last weekend in Edenton. Organizers said their goal was to raise \$160,000 to help fight cancer. Five teams from Perquimans took part in the event.

For Clark, talking helps in cancer battle

By REBECCA BUNCH
Chowan Herald

Talking to others experiencing the same battle against cancer gave hope to local cancer survivor Renee Clark.

Clark, of Hertford, spoke movingly of her experiences as she opened the 2010 Chowan/Perquimans Relay for Life held recently in Edenton.

She said staying at the American Cancer Society McConnell-Raab Hope Lodge in Greenville as she was being treated for cancer was "like a mental vacation in the middle of a nightmare".

At the Hope Lodge, Clark spent time with other cancer patients, and found comfort and understanding during a difficult time.

Clark said the first such facility

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Perquimans cancer survivor Renee Clark (left), who spoke during the opening ceremony of the Relay for Life, shares a moment with Meghan Shoaf, the American Cancer Society's community manager for this area.

AEMC breaks ground on new building

By CATHY WILSON
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The rain stopped and the sun came out Monday morning just in time for officials to turn the first shovels of dirt signaling the start of construction on the new \$4.8 million Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation's (AEMC) office building and warehouse in Winfall.

Brad Furr, general manager of AEMC, said the cop's new building, located about a mile from its current location, will be constructed by Annis Building Corporation with much of the work being done by local subcontractors. The project is expected to be completed by February.

"This groundbreaking ceremony represents the beginning of a new chapter in the history of Albemarle

EMC's endeavor to provide affordable, reliable electricity to the rural parts of northeast North Carolina," said Furr. "Our cooperative has come a long way since its humble beginnings in 1945 when a group of people came together to charter AEMC. Beginning with a membership of 1,200, Albemarle EMC now has more than 12,000 members... We never forget that this is a member-owned cooperative. It is the members, who pay their power bills, attend the annual meetings, stay informed, and support their co-op who make all that we do possible."

The new building, which replaces the current building constructed in 1968, will be built to ENERGY STAR standards using state-of-the-art heat pumps, more

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STAFF PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

Local officials shovel dirt Monday morning during the groundbreaking to start construction on the new Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation building in Winfall. Officials include (l-r) Winfall Mayor Fred Yates, Perquimans County Manager Bobby Darden, Director Charles Matthews, Director Virgie Whitehurst, Director Estelle Felton, Director Gary Meiggs, L.A. Harris, Jr., president, board of directors, and Brad Furr-general manager.