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Internet sweepstakes cafes request tabled

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Hertford Town Council wants more information on internet sweepstakes cafes before deciding whether or not to allow them to operate in the town's commercial

district. Monday night, council tabled a proposed ordinance amendment until next month that would allow such establishments by conditional use permit in the town's C-2 district. "I don't feel like I have

enough information on this," said Councilwoman Lillian Holman in asking to table the issue. Elizabeth City businessman Bob Luther has applied to open an internet sweepstakes cafe in Hertford. He already has one

operating on Ehringhaus Street in Elizabeth City. "Ours is open only for adults for entertainment purposes," Luther explained during a public hearing. "We don't consider it to be any different from Bingo."

The zoning amendment proposed to council by the town's planning board would define electronic gaming/internet sweepstakes cafe as a business enterprise that would utilize electronic machines including computers and gam-

ing terminals to conduct games of odds or chance such as sweepstakes, and where cash, merchandise or other items of value are redeemed or distributed. It does not include operations

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SCHOOLS CELEBRATE HOMECOMING

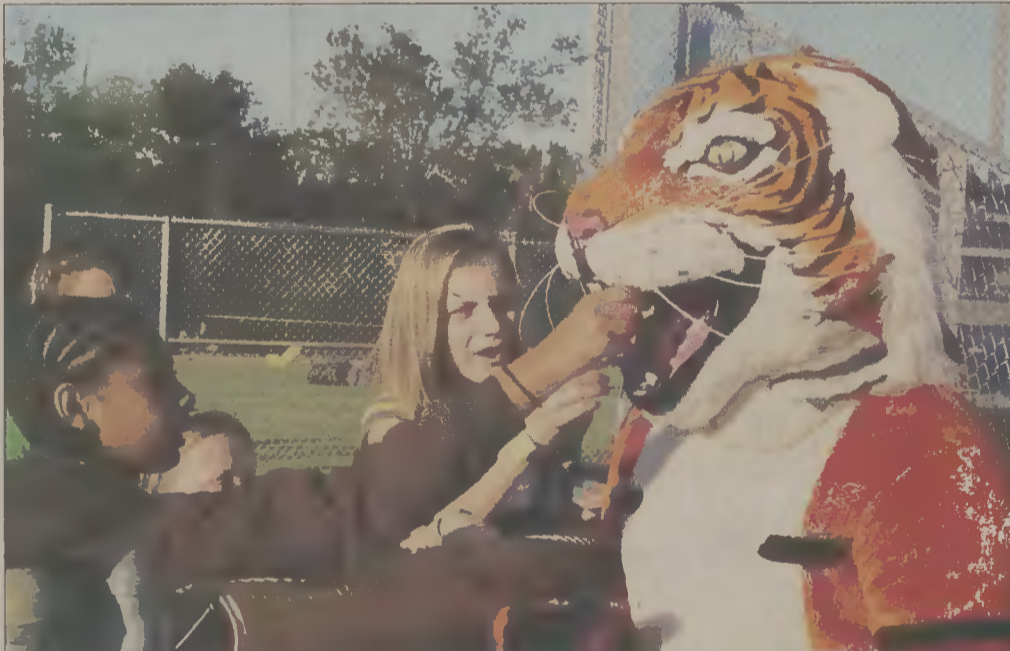


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Seniors Dustyn Fields and Katie Copeland were crowned Homecoming King and Queen at Perquimans County High School, Friday.

PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS PHOTO

Perquimans County Middle School students check out the choppers on their school mascot during the school's recent homecoming celebration. A variety of spirit-filled dress-up days were enjoyed by the students to celebrate Homecoming. See more Homecoming photos on page 7.



PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS PHOTO

Perquimans County High School celebrated homecoming last week with several themed days for wearing outlandish costumes and displaying school spirit. Kaysan Hallett (l-r), Michael Castle and Victoria Johnson show their spirit during Nerd Day.



Reid resigned from BOE before filing to run for mayor

One stop voting begins Oct. 20

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Get out and vote

One stop voting for the Nov. 8 election begins Oct. 20 at the county BOE office and continues until 1 p.m. on Nov. 5.

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A Hertford mayoral candidate apparently followed state law when he resigned from the Perquimans County Board of Elections (BOE) before filing to seek local political office.

Eula Mae Forbes, director of the county BOE, said Horace Reid was appointed to the board in March 2010 but is no longer a member of the board where he served as secretary.

"He resigned before he completed his notice of candidacy," wrote Forbes in an email.

"He was a real asset to the board," Forbes added. "We are really going to miss him."

State law prohibits elected officials or those seeking political office from serving on local election boards.

Vera Murrill was appointed to replace Reid on the BOE, said Forbes.

Reid and candidate Lloyd Hodges are challenging veteran Hertford Mayor Sid Eley for the mayor's slot in the upcoming Nov. 8 election.

Reid was appointed to the county BOE four months after losing his Hertford council seat by one vote during a five-person race for two council seats in the November 2009 election. He had served on town council since 1997, including three terms as vice mayor.

In the 2009 election, Councilman Ed Lane received the most votes with 194 followed by Lillian Holman with 138. Reid received 137 votes. Quentin Jackson received 74 votes followed by Lloyd Hodges

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Hopeline brings awareness to domestic violence

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A candlelight vigil was slated to be held on the historic Perquimans Courthouse square Oct. 11 in tribute to those who have suffered from domestic violence. Domestic violence victims who have died across the state were to be remembered as well.

Tuesday's vigil was the first vigil planned in the county by Albemarle Hopeline, Inc., a non-profit agency serving victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Currituck, Gates and Chowan counties.

"We planned the vigil in Perquimans County to continue our effort to provide awareness and education on issues surrounding domestic violence."

Tania Williams
Outreach specialist,
Albemarle Hopeline Inc.

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Perquimans guitarist Jernigan featured in CMT video

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A Hertford guitarist is featured in a country music video now playing on

CMT.com. James William Jernigan, known as JJ Jernigan around Perquimans, and James William in the business, played acoustic guitar in "Kickin' Up Dust" featuring the multi-instrumentalist and recording artist Jake Clayton. In addition to playing guitar, Jernigan also helped design and cre-

ate the album cover artwork.

"I flew out to Nashville in May for a very busy week of rehearsals, shows, and a video shoot," stated



Jernigan

Jernigan. "We played a warm-up show at the Whiskey Bent Saloon in the heart of downtown Nashville, and then traveled to Jake's hometown of Mexico, Missouri for the cd release show. I had the pleasure of sharing the stage with some incredible musicians, including Troy Lucketta, drummer for

the multi-platinum selling rock band Tesla. He played drums on eight of the 12 tracks on Barnyard Stomp and was very happy to come play the shows with us. It took me quite some time to come back down to earth after such an exciting week."

The video showcases Clayton playing seven dif-

ferent instruments (only a portion of the 27 he plays in total). The video is also a candidate for the Wide Open Country show that airs on CMT's second channel, CMTPure. The 'Kickin' Up Dust' video was most recently featured on The Phil Mack Country

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