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County OKs construction for senior center

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Construction to transform the former Perquimans 20-20 building into a new county senior citizen center is expected to begin next week.

Monday night, county

commissioners approved a construction contract with ColVot Construction, Inc. for the \$258,000 project.

"This is long overdue," said Commissioner Mack Nixon. "We've done a lot of things for this county, but providing our seniors a decent facility is one

good thing this board has done."

The project is expected to be completed by March 1. ColVot is the Perquimans County firm that also transformed the former Albemarle EMC building into the county's new emergency services build-

ing in Winfall.

Currently, the senior citizens center is located in a small building on Grubb Street. Their new facility will be located at 1072 Harvey Point Road in the larger building that once housed Perquimans 20-20 and served as a business

incubator for several small businesses for a number of years.

Funding for the project will come from a combination of senior grant funds, jail reimbursement funds, and county money.

County management, commissioners, and local

senior citizens worked together to develop and plan the renovation project for the past couple of years.

Delphine Barr, director of the center, said county seniors are thrilled and excited about the project.

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IGNORING RAIN TO DE-FEET ALS



STAFF PHOTOS BY CATHY WILSON

Top: A little rain Saturday did not deter these dedicated walkers who helped raise funds to defeat ALS, during the annual ALS Walk, which is sponsored by the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation.

Middle: Walkers use flowers to create a memorial basket that was placed in front of the headstone of Jim "Catfish" Hunter at the end of Saturday's walk.

Bottom: A 1946 Farmall tractor, previously owned by Jim "Catfish" Hunter, was part of this year's ALS Walk in Hertford on Saturday.



Forum ends with Steinburg arrested

From staff reports

State House Republican candidate Bob Steinburg was arrested in Hertford last week for allegedly assaulting the campaign manager of his Democratic challenger.

The misdemeanor criminal summons signed by Magistrate C.A. Woodard indicates probable cause that Steinburg "unlawfully and willfully



Steinburg did assault Russell Haddad by grabbing him on back of the neck, trying to take a camera away from him."

Steinburg, 64, of Edenton, was charged with simple physical assault and released, according to Officer Terrence E. Farley of the Hertford Police Department. The incident happened at a political forum sponsored by the Civic League at Perquimans County High School on Thursday night.

Steinburg said Monday that he was having a private conversation with Bill Luton, his Democratic opponent in the Nov. 6 election for the 1st District N.C. House of Representatives seat, after the forum ended, "trying to get him to focus on the issues. I did admonish him in a spirited way."

Steinburg said that he looked up and saw that Haddad had walked over and was taping their conversation with a camera phone.

"I said, 'Look, I don't want you taping this, it's a private conversation,'"

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Arts on the Perquimans is Saturday

From staff reports

Thirty-five vendors are expected to offer their arts and crafts Saturday during Arts on the Perquimans, the second annual juried arts and crafts show.



Sponsored by the Perquimans Arts League, the show will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Perquimans Recreation Center.

Many of the vendors this year are repeat vendors from last year's show. Among the juried work this Saturday will be pottery, paintings, wood carvings and wood turning, glass, hand-painted silk scarves, jewelry, photography, and fiber art.

Admission is \$2 and lunch, a bake sale, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle will be available.

As the only arts organization in the county, PAL recognizes the importance of supporting area artists by offering them venues to exhibit their works.

Another venue is PAL's gallery located in the Hall of Fame building at 109 N. Church Street (opposite the Perquimans County Courthouse). The gallery is open Monday-Saturday throughout the year with a variety of exhibits.

For more information about PAL and the gallery exhibits, visit www.perquimansarts.org.

Commissioner candidates voice concerns at forum

By REGGIE PONDER
The Daily Advance

The idea of adopting county minimum housing standards got a lukewarm reception from candidates for Perquimans County commissioner last week — with one candidate opposing a minimum housing ordinance altogether.

Four commissioner candidates — two Republicans and two Democrats — shared the stage last

Thursday night at Perquimans County High School.

Republican Matt Peeler said housing conditions are between the landlord and the tenant. Government shouldn't be telling people what the standards are, he said.

"The government does not need to be involved between you and the person that you're renting from," Peeler said.

Kyle Jones, also a Re-

publican, did not rule out support for some kind of minimum housing ordinance, but expressed reservations about the regulations that were proposed previously.

"Conceptually, I love the idea," Jones said.

But he added he believes standards can get too restrictive. He also said he has concerns about how the standards would be

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ARTS ON THE PERQUIMANS
Saturday, October 6 • 10 am to 4 pm • Admission: \$2.00
Perquimans County Recreation Center, 310 Granby Street in Hertford

PERQUIMANS ARTS LEAGUE Over 35 vendors with pottery, wood carving, fiber arts, jewelry, painting, photography, basket weaving, Food, door prizes, 50/50 drawing and more