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## Harvey Point focus of Bin Laden raid

### Reports: Facility was training site

By CATHY WILSON  
Staff Writer

Perquimans County made the international news last week on speculation that Harvey Point was the location for practice runs of last year's Navy

Seal assault on Osama bin Laden's compound in Pakistan — a raid that resulted in the al-Qaeda terrorist leader's death.

In spite of the attention focused on their community, officials appear unmoved by the current news surrounding their secretive neighbor and what may or may not go on behind its gates.

What occurs at the Harvey Point Defense Testing Activity base, located on a southern peninsula in the county, is only known to those who work there or who occasionally train there, officials say.

"The county doesn't really comment on the mission of the (Harvey Point) base or what they do," said County Manager Frank

Heath when asked if he believes practice for the bin Laden mission actually occurred in the county. "We consider them (Harvey Point) an asset to the county. They offer jobs that are badly needed. It's common knowledge around here what they do out there, but it's not our place to comment on what they do."

Recent attention to the

facility stems from comments in a book written by a retired Navy SEAL who says he took part in the May 2011 mission to capture or kill bin Laden. The book details the mission, including what the author says were practice runs made earlier at a North Carolina facility.

Published accounts say the book, written by Matt

Bissonnette who was once a SEAL Team 6 member, includes information about the team practicing before the assault on bin Laden's compound. The practice runs were reportedly made in a forested area of North Carolina.

Since the book came out, several online websites

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## Homecoming Fun!



PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS PHOTOS

Seniors Jaquasia Griffin and L'Don Frierson were crowned Homecoming Queen and King during Friday night's homecoming ceremony at Perquimans County High School.



Are you ready for some football? The Perquimans Pirates share a laugh during the school's Homecoming Pep Rally on Friday.



Dress up as a character day is always a popular (and colorful) day at Perquimans County High School during Homecoming week! See more photos from Homecoming on Page 8.

PCHS Cheerleaders whoop it up during Friday's Homecoming Pep Rally.



### Local man struck and killed in Greenville

From staff reports

A Hertford man was struck and killed early Sunday while walking in the road on U.S. 264 in Greenville, according to the State Highway Patrol.

Ethan Jennings, 23, was hit just after midnight on Sunday while walking on U.S. 264 near North Campus Crossing, Trooper W.A. Hardison said.

According to the Highway Patrol, Jennings was walking in the road when he was struck by a 2003 Ford Explorer driven by 21-year-old Briana Ebron

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### Hertford woman wins at state fair

#### Jalapeno Poppers recipe is a winner

By CATHY WILSON  
Staff Writer

Becky France may need a tool belt to wear over her cooking apron when preparing her prize-winning recipe.

Her recent handcrafted recipe for Tool Box Jalapeno Poppers won her a first place blue ribbon and \$150 cash at the North Carolina State Fair over the weekend.

Plus, she won a handsome apron from Cabot Cheese, the company that sponsored the "Less Guilt - Great Recipe" contest.

When preparing her unique recipe, don't be surprised if you find her milling in her tool shed before heading to the kitchen. She uses an electric drill and propane torch to assemble and finish off her poppers.

"I actually considered using a caulking gun to fill the cheese-filled poppers, but I didn't have a chance to get to the hardware store to see if they had caulking gun blanks," she laughed.

The first time competition cooker - and first time state faire competitor - grows her own Jalapeno peppers in her



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rebecca France of Hertford won the new Less Guilt Great Recipe contest at the State Fair this past weekend for her creative Tool Box Jalapeno Poppers.

garden. They're about the size of a thumb, she said. She tried to figure out how to clean out the peppers with cutting them so she tried her electric drill which worked like a charm. Then she tried charring the peppers with a propane torch instead of lighting the grill, and found that added a smoky flavor to her finished creation.

"First, the electric drill and

then the propane torch, and all of a sudden, I had my theme," she said.

Tool Box Jalapeno Poppers were born...or built. The recipe follows.

#### Tool Box Jalapeno Poppers

Ingredients:  
• 1 pound medium sized jalapeno peppers

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### GOP trying to win third board seat

By WILLIAM F. WEST  
The Daily Advance

Perquimans Republicans are seeking to pick up a third seat on the county Board of Commissioners in this fall's general election.

The six-member Perquimans board currently has two Republican members:

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chairman Ben Hobbs and Sue Weimar. Weimar chose not to

seek re-election this fall, but two other Republicans — Kyle Jones and Matthew Peeler — are seeking to replace her and take a third seat on the board.

Democrats Janice McKenzie Cole, an incumbent commissioner, and Julie Stammer Phelps are also seeking two of the three seats up for election. Democrat Commissioner Mack Nixon is not seeking re-election.

Depending on what happens Nov. 6, the Perquimans board will either continue to look the way it does now — with four Democrats and two Republicans — or be evenly split between the two parties.

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## OLD FASHIONED BUSINESS EXPO - Oct. 26th & 27th

Friday, October 26 Sneak Peek 5 to 8pm, Admission \$15. per ticket, Chefs' Challenge, Sweets Challenge  
Saturday, October 27, 10am - 3:30pm Admission \$1.

Over 35 vendors displaying business products, items for sale, demos, Kids ID, Adopt-a-thon!

