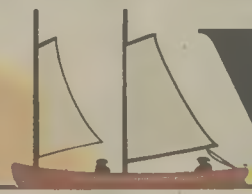


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Court hears suit brought by fired teacher

Joyner was initially approved for tenure

By WILLIAM F. WEST
Staff Writer

CURRITUCK — A Superior Court judge will decide whether a former Perquimans County teacher will get her job back

after hearing arguments in her lawsuit Monday.

Attorneys for both Vanessa Joyner, the former teacher, and the Perquimans County Schools made arguments in the case during a hearing before Special Superior Court Judge William Pittman in Currituck County Superior Court.

Pittman advised the attorneys

after the hearing that he will render a decision in the case at a later date.

Joyner, a teacher at Perquimans Central School since 2008, was recommended for tenure by schools Superintendent Dwayne Stallings earlier this year.

However, the Perquimans Board of Education disagreed and, after a hearing, voted at

the start of June to deny Joyner tenure and also didn't renew Joyner's contract for the 2012-13 school year.

Joyner, who filed suit in July, has contended the School Board's actions were arbitrary and capricious.

Greenville attorney Mary-Ann Leon, representing Joyner on Monday, contended that her

client was given a pile of documents, but that her client wasn't supplied all of the documents referred to in the School Board's decision. In addition, Leon said Joyner wasn't told the School District's legal counsel would be cross-examining her at the hearing before the School Board.

See TEACHER, 4

PCMS STUDENTS CELEBRATE HOMECOMING



PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS PHOTOS

The Perquimans County Middle School Homecoming Court for 2012 includes (l-r) Colton Meads, Ellie Howard, Rodney Lyons, Kalen Thornton, Bishop Smith-King and De'Jha Rogers-Queen.

Police busy with vandals, break-ins

From staff reports

Hertford Police responded last week to two separate reports of back doors kicked in at Wynne Fork Court apartments while residents were away during the daytime.

On Oct. 30, police responded to the 100-block of Wynne Fork Court after a resident reported that the door to the apartment had been kicked in, causing approximately \$250 damage. The resident discovered the break-in when she arrived at the apartment around 5:30 p.m.

The police report did not list anything stolen from the residence during the break-in.

On Oct. 29, police reported to the 200-block of the apartment complex after a resident discovered her back door kicked in and a PlayStation 3 and two pairs of baby shoes stolen.

Police were also busy last week responding to reports of vandalized vehicles.

A van parked at the senior citizens center on Grubb Street was egged and a window broken sometime during Halloween night.

According to the Hertford Police Department, vandals apparently busted a window on an Econoline Ford van, causing about \$200 damage to the vehicle.

Police say neighbors in the area also reported vandals smashing tomatoes on houses during the same time frame.

Unfortunately, the county van wasn't the only

See POLICE, 4



Students (l-r) Alec Nixon, Ernest Privott and Danisha Stone strike a pose during a fun-filled Homecoming Week at Perquimans County Middle School.



PCMS students enjoy recent school homecoming activities.



Celebrating homecoming are (l-r) Victoria Sawyer, McKenzie Twine, Kaitlyn Christian, Kalen Thornton, Layden Stallings (background), Drake Trueblood (background), Austin Leary, William Byrum and Austin Overton.

Grand Illumination plans updated

By CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Some things never change, but that's not the case for this year's Grand Illumination scheduled for the end of this month.

Organizers say they have changed the program this year to hopefully make the special event more meaningful, more fun, more illuminating, and more entertaining with a special holiday focus.

The first change is the date. In the past, the Grand Illumination has been held on the Thursday before the Saturday Christmas parade in town. This year, however, the Grand Illumination will be held on Friday, Nov. 30, from 6-7 p.m.

See ILLUMINATION, 8

Service to honor veterans, Monday

From staff reports

The Veterans Day Observance will be held Monday at 11 a.m. on the courthouse square. Guest speaker will be Corbin Cherry, a Vietnam vet and former U.S. Army military chaplain.

Former Major Cherry saw duty in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division. He is a member of the American Legion Post 126 where he currently serves as the Post chaplain.



Cherry

American Legion Post 126 hosts this annual county observance. This year's ceremony honors veterans of the Vietnam War era. Inclement weather moves the observance inside the county recreation center.

There were some eight million men and women veterans during the Vietnam era including approximately 1,200 veterans

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Hagan coming to Hertford

From staff reports

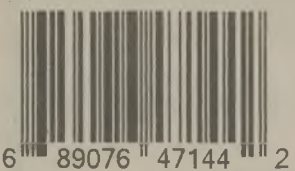
U.S. Senator Kay Hagan will continue her statewide "Conversations with Kay" series when she hosts a "Conversation" with residents of Perquimans County on Friday at 8:30 a.m. at the county's new emergency services building in Winfall.

Hagan and her staff will meet with constituents, listen to concerns, and help navigate issues with federal agencies such as the VA, IRS, or Social Security Administration. Staff will be available for additional assistance from 8-10 a.m.

Hagan regularly hosts "Conversations with Kay" in communities across the state to help North Carolinians who need assistance or want to discuss topics of concern.



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