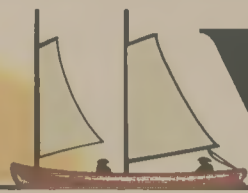


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Incumbent Commissioner Janice Cole (left) greets a voter last Tuesday afternoon in front of the historic Hertford courthouse.

## Peeler, Jones, Cole elected

By CATHY WILSON  
Staff Writer

Incumbent Janice Cole retained her seat on the board of commissioners and will be joined by new board members Kyle Jones and Matthew Peeler following last week's election.

Deborah Reed, who ran unopposed, won another term as

register of deeds.

Last Tuesday, Cole, Jones, and Peeler were elected to the three contested seats on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners. Julie Stamper Phelps, the fourth candidate seeking one of the three seats, came in fourth place.

Cole lead the way with 2,491 votes com-

pared with Jones (2,138), Peeler (1,000), and Phelps (577).

"I am thankful to the voters for their support and confidence in me," said Cole who stayed on the go last Tuesday not only campaigning for office but carrying out her duties as chairman of the Perquimans Democratic Party. "I will

continue to work hard and in the best interest of the county."

Cole carried four out of six voting precincts in the county including Belvidere, East and West Hertford, and Parksville.

Jones carried two precincts including the two largest voter-packed areas - Bethel and New Hope.

"I'm beyond grateful. I want to thank Ben Hobbs and Sue Weimar for their support, Mack Nixon for putting up with all my questions, and everyone who had the confidence in me to vote for me," said Jones. "I look forward to getting started and I

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## SERVICE HONORS VIETNAM VETERANS

By REGGIE PONDER  
Staff Writer

Chaplain Corbin Cherry expressed his admiration for America's veterans — and his disdain for those who disrespect veterans or the flag they served under — during the sixth annual Veterans Day observance at the

Perquimans County Courthouse Monday.

Cherry, a retired field and hospital chaplain, gave a harrowing account of a young man who returned from combat in Vietnam and struggled to walk again after losing three limbs. When the triple amputee had begun to walk again after an arduous course of physical therapy, Cherry encouraged him to walk across a bridge as a symbol of his recovery.

The young man agreed to take the walk if Cherry would accompany him. A television station and a newspaper came out to cover the event.

Cherry related that someone who saw the media coverage of the walk across the bridge sent the wounded warrior a vicious note that called him a "baby killer" who had gotten exactly what he deserved.

"Folks, that's what many Vietnam vets got when they returned home," Cherry said. He recalled being spat upon himself as he walked through airports wearing his uniform.



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Hunter Joyner (left) of Boy Scout Troop 150 accompanies the American Legion's Pete Pery as they present the U.S. Marine Corps flag during a Veterans Day observance on the lawn of the Perquimans County Courthouse, Monday.

But the event Monday morning was all about respect and appreciation for those who served in Vietnam and all other veterans. Vietnam veterans were a special focus of this year's event.

Organized by American Legion Post 126, with assistance this year from Post 362, it was the sixth annual Veterans Day observance on the courthouse lawn.

"We started it the year

before we got our monument and we decided to continue it," explained Post 126 Commander Preston Spear.

The post's annual fundraising raffle also was held in conjunction with Veterans Day.

Spear said this year's fundraising raffle grossed some \$13,000 and the post expects to clear \$5,000-\$6,000 after all expenses

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Chaplain Corbin Cherry speaks during the crowd on the courthouse lawn during the Veterans Day service, Monday.

## County man dies in Dare accident

From staff reports

A Perquimans County man was killed Sunday when the dump truck he was driving collided with another dump truck during state Department of Transportation operations in Dare County.

Michael Brad Stevenson, 36, of Hertford, was pronounced dead at the scene, according to 1st Sgt. R.A. Moreau of the N.C. Highway Patrol. Stevenson was part of a DOT crew working to remove sand from the road in the wake of Hurricane Sandy, according to Moreau.

The road was closed to public traffic at the time of the accident. The crash occurred around 1:10 a.m. on N.C. 12, about three miles south of Bonner Bridge.

Moreau said the truck Anderson was driving stalled in the road because of a mechanical problem. The truck that Stevenson was driving was headed south and rear-ended the truck that Anderson was driving, Moreau said.

The truck that Anderson was driving spun around and overturned following the collision, and the truck Stevenson was driving burst into flames, according to Moreau. Funeral arrangements for Stevenson are with Twiford Memorial Chapel, 405 E. Church St., Elizabeth City.

## Jones: Perquimans' youngest commissioner

By CATHY WILSON  
Staff Writer

At the age of 27, Kyle Jones is believed to be the youngest person elected county commissioner in Perquimans.

While no records could be found to substantiate that claim, neither local historians nor county officials could remember anyone younger being elected as county commis-

sioner in the modern day era.

Running for elected office as a political youngster is nothing new for Jones, however. He filed to run for the 5th District House of Representatives seat at the age of 20 back in 2006 while still attending East Carolina University. He turned 21 (legal age to hold state office) just prior to the election which he eventually lost to veteran former legislator Howard Hunter.

He knew he had an uphill battle challenging a veteran



Jones

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## Hagan covers list of topics on visit

By CATHY WILSON  
Staff Writer

Funding support for the proposed marine industrial park, support for the historic S-bridge, help for educating the youth, more support for small town Mom and Pop shops, and low-regulated property owners associations were just a few of the topics discussed with U.S. Senator Kay Hagan Friday during her Conversations with Kay visit at the county's new emergency services building.

Sitting in small groups, elbow to elbow around rectangular tables, the Democratic senator talked one on one with the local folks



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U.S. Sen. Kay Hagan, D-N.C., meets with local residents during her Conversations with Kay visit Friday morning at the county's new emergency services building.

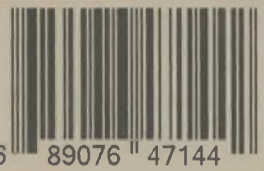
and listened intently to their concerns. She commented on each issue, politely pointed out what is a state or local matter instead of fed-

eral, and pointed folks in the right direction for additional information or help. She took in project handouts which she gave to her assistants

for follow-up. She also instructed her note-taking assistants to make contacts on behalf of

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