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Football team, band rack up wins

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The Perquimans County High football team racked up a key conference football win Friday and the high school band swept its 1-A competition over the weekend.

The Pirates came back with 15 seconds left to beat visiting Gates County 34-32 to remain undefeated in Coastal-10 conference play.

Kelly Tyson and Eric Copeland were also crowned Queen and King of Perquimans County High School at homecoming game Friday night.

On Saturday, the 42-member band under the direction of director Sarah Fenske, captured best overall band in its division and first place for drum major, second place for visual, first place for percussion, first place for general effects, second place for music and first place for marching.

The victories were sweet for Fenske who is in her fourth year as director.

"Some of these students I started with as freshmen when I was a freshman (teacher)," Fenske said Monday. "The show is basically about teenagers. They have been having a lot of input and I've been giving them a lot of say so about creating a program. It's their show, it's not just a show I created for them."

The Marching Pirates, led by Drum Major Courtney Langley, performed music with the theme Our Time is NOW! that included Welcome to the Black Parade, Dream On,



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Perquimans County High band members Joy Spittler (drumline), Evan Bunch (percussion), Joshua Parker (trumpet), Courtney Langley (drum major), Daja Felton (guard), Brandon Shriver (hornline) and Brianne Green (guard) hold the trophies won Saturday night at the Battle of the Bands in Edenton.



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Perquimans' Raheim Kee runs for a touchdown against Gates County in last Friday's homecoming game 4. The Pirates were down by six points with 38 seconds left but came back to win 34-32. For more on the game, see page 6.



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Kelly Tyson and Eric Copeland were crowned Homecoming Queen and King of Friday night. For pictures of the Homecoming court, see page 7.

and Don't Stop Me Now.

And a band victory next door in Edenton was especially sweet. The Battle of the Bands is part of Edenton's Peanut Festival.

"There was a lot of home crowd there, and we were able to play in

front of a lot of family and friends," Fenske said. "It was a big win, almost like performing at home and it's a great start to our season."

On Oct. 26 the band is scheduled to perform at Greene Central High School and on Nov. 2 it

will attend a large competition at Havelock High School.

The Class 3-A Currituck County High School Marching Knights from Barco, under the direction of Lynn Dale, received the Otis Strother Award. Strother served

as band director at John A. Holmes High School in Edenton for about 20 years and was instrumental in initiating, organizing and hosting the Battle of the Bands for many years. Dale was also a longtime band director at Holmes.

County seeks money for schools, jobs

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Perquimans County officials agreed Monday night to apply for a \$1.4 million grant for two industrial development projects and a program that would put a tablet computer in the hands of most local students.

The board also approved three privately funded solar power proj-

ects worth about \$18 million.

The grants would come from Golden LEAF, an organization that uses money from a tobacco settlement to promote economic growth. Perquimans is one of 16 counties eligible to apply for \$10 million. The maximum a county could receive is \$1.5 million and each county can submit up to three proposals.

Perquimans had four plans, including one for a STEM school in

Elizabeth City aimed at training students for aviation jobs. The Perquimans commissioners opted not to include that in the Golden LEAF proposal.

What is included is an \$860,000 plan that would provide tablet computers to Perquimans students in grades three through 12. The school board had looked at plans that would have tackled grades six through 12 as well as one that

would cover all grades.

If the county is going to seek the money, County Manager Frank Heath's number one recommendation was a commercial-sized boat ramp on county-owned property on North Grandy Street near a proposed marine industrial park. Heath's hope is that will spur some economic development from the

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Business Expo starts Thursday

From staff reports

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will host more than 30 businesses for a two-day expo at the Perquimans County Recreation Center Thursday and Friday.

A celebrity chef challenge Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. will feature Beautiful Moon Café, Church Street Grill and

Bakery, Boutine, Living Waters, The Carriage House, One Stop Grille, Sweet Surrenders, Tommy's, Brew 2 Rescue Café and Chick-Fil-A. Mascots from local teams will be present, as well as Helen Hunter, wife of the late Jim "Catfish" Hunter. The theme is "Pitching a perfect game with Perquimans Chamber of Commerce." Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Chamber.

Registration deadline is Friday

From staff reports

Prospective voters in Winfall and Hertford have until Friday to register for the

upcoming municipal elections in Perquimans County.

The vote will be held Nov. 5, but one-stop absentee voting begins Oct. 17 and ends Nov. 2.

The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is Oct. 29.

People wishing to register and vote

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ARTS LEAGUE



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A shopper looks at dishes at the arts and crafts show sponsored by the Perquimans County Arts League, Saturday. More than 600 people attended the event, which was held at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.

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