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## Tenure swap may be tricky

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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About 40 Perquimans County teachers and counselors will be offered a deal next summer to trade their job security in exchange for up to \$5,000 under a four-year contract.

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The General Assembly has mandated the end of all teacher tenure by 2018. For now school systems have been told to offer the \$500 deal to 25 percent of their teaching staff this year in exchange for them turning in their tenure.

The second year, the teachers would get \$1,000 and the third year it would be \$1,500 up to a total of \$5,000.

What is unclear is the fate of the other 119 Perquimans County teachers who either have tenure or are eligible for it and won't be offered the tenure-for-cash swap at the end of this school year. Clerical and maintenance workers aren't eligible for tenure and won't be offered anything.

"We know what is going to happen at the end of this school year, and that's all we know," Superintendent Dwayne Stallings said last week. "It's so complex the way they have legislated it."

In Perquimans County the fate of educators is significant because teachers make up the single largest job category and the salaries are among the highest in the county.

The county government in Perquimans ranks number two in terms of employment. After that, the Brian Center, Albemarle Plantation and Food Lion are considered the top employers.

Stallings said he likes to believe the \$500 offer in

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## PEARL HARBOR: 'A TIME TO REMEMBER'



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Actors hold hands and pray (above) after hearing a radio news report of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, during Sunday's performance of "A Time To Remember." The Carolina Moon Theater Group production sold out all three-day performances and was performed at American Legion Post 126. Pictured are Ann Taylor (left) Linda Farnsworth Gregory, Tom Loughlin and Lydia Sutton. The original play written by Ray Sawyer and covered a period in Hertford from 1939 through 1945.



Sid Eley (left, left photo), playing the barber, prepares to cut the hair of Dave Goss during Sunday's performance.

Gail Hill, playing a shooting suspect, responds to Judge Henry Walker (also performed by Sid Eley) during Sunday's performance of "A Time To Remember."



## Jobs big topic for hopefuls

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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Encouraging business development and increasing job creation are two issues candidates for Hertford Town Council seem to agree on.

The vote will be held Nov. 5, but one-stop absentee voting began Oct. 17 and ends Nov. 2. The deadline to apply for a mail-in ballot is Tuesday.

### CANDIDATE PROFILES, Q&A

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There are four people running for two open seats in Hertford. Incumbents Lillian Holman and William Lane face challengers Quentin Jackson and Archie Aples III. Jackson did not respond to a request for information.

As of noon Monday, just 30 of the 1,445 registered voters in Hertford had voted. None of the 416 in Winfall had cast a ballot.

In Winfall Debbie Jean Whedbee is running for one of two four-year seats on the board. Preston White is running to fill the two years of an unexpired term. There is one seat that isn't being challenged and will likely be filled with a write-in candidate. Neither Whedbee nor White provided the information requested by The Perquimans Weekly.

Candidates were asked to respond to three questions. One asked them to name issues that need to be addressed in the town. The second asked about their qualifications and the third asked about what makes a successful local government.

Aples believes the economy needs to be addressed.

"Economic Growth is priority one," Aples said.

"Our town is lacking in the area of job opportunity which means many of our citizens live here but have to

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## Requests for Golden LEAF funds mixed

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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If the Albemarle area is any indication, Perquimans County will be competing against both infrastructure projects and educational projects like computers and building a new STEM school.

Last week was the deadline for 21 counties to submit applications for \$10 million available through the Golden LEAF program. The Daily Advance compiled the wish list of the five in the Albemarle region.

Each county could submit three projects worth a maximum of \$1.5 million. Camden, Currituck, Pas-

quotank and Chowan counties all sought the maximum. Perquimans County's three projects were just shy of \$1.4 million.

Perquimans is seeking \$860,000 to provide tablet computers to every child from third through 12th grade. There is also \$360,000 to build an industrial-sized boat ramp on county-owned land near the Perquimans County Recreation Center and \$150,000 for an industrial recruitment project designed to attract boat builders.

Chowan was the only area county to submit just one project — a \$1.5 million plan to redesign and repurpose the old D.F. Walker School for use by College of The Albemarle.

Pasquotank is asking for \$900,000 to create a new STEM school to focus on the aerospace industry plus \$600,000 for an emergency generator for COA's main campus in Elizabeth City. Elizabeth City Mayor Joe

Peel had asked all five counties to include \$200,000 for the STEM school in their Golden LEAF proposals. Camden, Chowan, Currituck and Perquimans instead came up with Golden LEAF proposals of their own.

As planned the STEM school would serve 420 students across the five-county region.

Currituck and Camden's proposals focus on water and sewer infrastructure. Currituck is asking for \$1 million for waterline improvements and \$500,000 for computers for the classroom.

Camden wants \$400,000 to improve its wastewater plant and \$1.1 million to extend wastewater lines.

Golden LEAF staff will narrow the applicants to between six and 10 counties in November. Each county will then submit a "letter of inquiry" to LEAF's board of directors by Dec. 1. The board will make a final funding decision on June 5.

## Tales of ghosts linger

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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Older members of All Saints Episcopal have told Ray Winslow about a ghost that haunts the church.

You can talk history and cemeteries at length with Winslow but he doesn't put much weight into tales of ghosts.

"I've never seen it and I've been hanging around (the church) for 50 years," Winslow said earlier this month. "I've been there once a week sometimes hours at a time. I've never paid much attention to such. I'm into gathering facts."



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A Confederate cross lies half buried at one grave in the Episcopal Cemetery in Hertford.

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