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WALKING FOR A CURE



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

A sea of walkers start out down Edenton Road Street for the annual Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, better know as "Lou Gehrig's disease") Walk in Hertford on Saturday.

ALS events draw large crowds

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

A weekend of events to support victims of ALS could end up raising \$50,000 when all is said and done, organizers said Monday.

Upwards of 300 people walked the streets of Hertford Saturday and just as many attended a softball tournament across the river in Winfall over the weekend. They were raising money to fight ALS and support those who have the progressive neurodegenerative disease.

The 15th annual Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Walk itself raised more than \$27,000 as of Monday and is poised to hit \$30,000 or more. Ashley Stoop, one of the organizers, said typically between \$3,000 and \$5,000 comes once the event is done.

"We have the potential for raising \$30,000," Stoop said.

That won't set an all-time record. That was done in the early days of the walk "when the economy was much

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PHOTO BY CHUCK PAGELS

Joan Hunter (left) and Guy Webb go over details Saturday at the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS softball tournament in Winfall.

Robber pleads guilty

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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A 27-year-old man charged with robbing Hertford convenience stores in January plead guilty last week to two charges of robbery with a dangerous weapon and was sentenced to jail.

Lamell Archer had been facing those charges as well as first degree kidnapping and second-degree sexual offense. Another robbery charge, this one involving the Highway 55 restaurant in Winfall had been dismissed earlier.

Judge J.C. Cole consolidated the two weapons charges Thursday so Archer is to serve 59 to 83



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Two brothers to remain jailed

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Twin 19-year-old brothers charged with having sex with their sister over more than a decade apparently will remain in jail for the time being.

On Thursday, a judge denied requests by attorneys for Aaron and Benjamin Jackson to reduce their bonds. As a result, both Jacksons remain at Albemarle District Jail in lieu of \$150,000 secured bonds.

Danny Donahue, attorney for Aaron Jackson, and John Parker Jr., attorney for Benjamin Jackson, both asked Superior Court Judge J.C. Cole to reduce the bonds for their clients. Donahue

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Boys & Girls Club seeks funding for county

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Supporters of a plan to bring a Boys and Girl's Club to Perquimans County are to the point where they will be raising money to make it possible.

Dave Goss, one of the local organizers, said the group needs to come up with about \$150,000 to show the project has support. That's how much it's estimated to cost to operate the club for the first year.

The group does have moral support from the existing club in Edenton. Under the rules set forth by the national Boys and Girls Clubs, a new chapter

needs to operate under the auspices of an existing club nearby.

The Edenton club will handle administrative functions and the Perquimans County will take care of day-to-day activities.

"We're responsible for doing the fundraising and coming up with the program," Goss said. "Nothing can happen until we raise the first year's funding. It sounds like a lot but you think about, it's not."

The plan is to locate the club in a 5,000 square-foot house Hertford United Methodist Church owns on Market Street. The Perquimans club would have to provide insurance, pay for

the utilities and provide the programs.

The new club will also have to come up with money to transport children to and from the club.

The Edenton club was created a dozen years ago under the auspices of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia. Today about 100 students are enrolled in the program.

Elizabeth Spruill has been the Edenton director for the past year.

She said their group focuses on three things: academic success, helping develop character and citizenship and learning to lead

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Participants in a Boys and Girls Club program in Edenton work on drawing recently. Perquimans County organizers want to create a similar program in Hertford.

Business Expo set for October 9

From staff reports

The 2014 Business Expo, Sailing Into Success will be held on Oct. 9 from 1-4:30 p.m. at the Perquimans Recreation Center. It will feature more than 35 vendors both inside and outside. From 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. the Expo will feature The Tastings From the Gallery with 15 area restaurants

and caterers.

Admission to the Expo is \$1. Admission to the Tastings is \$10. Tickets to the Tastings are available at the Perquimans Chamber office on Market Street.

This year's Expo features a free spa corner (chair massage, manicures, and glitter art), heated duck and deer blinds, live entertainment and food.

"From retirees to school students, we have a schedule of vendors and participants that should be interesting to just about

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Candidates agree more jobs needed

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

The four candidates running for three seats on the Perquimans County Commission seem to agree that the existing board has placed the county in a strong financial position, but they all agree that something needs to be done to spur the local economy and create jobs.

Two incumbents, Tammy Miller White and Ben Hobbs, decided not to seek office. That means the name of just one incumbent, Ed Muzzulin, appears on the ballot. Muzzulin, 70, has served on the county



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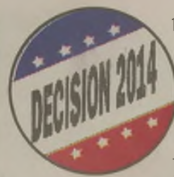
The three other candidates include one candidate who can't really be called a newcomer. Wallace Nelson,

61, served on the county commission in 2000-2004 in between stints as a member of the Perquimans County School Board. He was on the school board from 1992 until 2000 and then again from 2006 through 2014.

The other two candidates, Fondella Leigh, 48, and Stanley Nixon, 64, have not held elected office in

the past.

All four of the candidates were asked by The Perquimans Weekly



to respond to questions about the county board, the challenges it faces and how they can tackle them. Their responses appear in full in the Oct. 1 issue of the Weekly.

Nixon, a retired instructor at College of The Albemarle and pastor of Merry Hill Baptist Church, said the county must do more to offer opportunities to

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