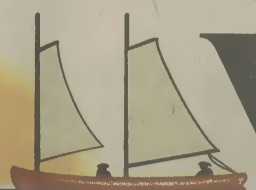


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Nelson, Muzzulin, Leigh win races

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Former Perquimans County Commissioner Wallace Nelson easily won a seat on the county board Tuesday night in an election that also smiled on the only incumbent in the race, Ed Muzzulin and a political newcomer Fondella Leigh. Finishing fourth in the race for three seats was another political newcomer, Stanley Nixon. Nelson picked up 1,492 votes and won five of the county's seven precincts. Muzzulin had 924 votes, Leigh 864 and Nixon 794. Turnout in Perquimans was 42 percent, which was

higher than the 36 percent reported in Pasquotank County but lower than the 50 percent that voted in Chowan County. Statewide turnout was 44 percent.

"I was really pleased and humbled by it," Nelson said of the election victory. "I appreciate the support that people gave me. I'm anxious for a new challenge."

Nelson didn't run a high-powered campaign. He estimates he spent \$600 or \$700, mostly on signs.

"I was really depending on people reaching out for me and I really think that happened."

Nelson first ran for office in 1992 when he ran for

and won two terms on the Perquimans County School Board. In 2000, he opted to run for county commission and won a four-year term. Then in 2006, he returned to the school board where he served two more terms before deciding not to seek another one and instead run for the commission again. He said he did so because he felt he could do the most good in the role as a commissioner. Nelson, 61, is the director of pharmacy services for both Vidant Chowan Hospital and Vidant Bertie Hospital.

One of the things Nelson wants to maintain is the strong relationship between

the county board and the school system.

"With 16 years working with the schools, we've always had a good, solid relationship between the schools and the county commission. I just hope I can be a part of keeping that."

He also believes economic development is a key concern.

"While I don't have a silver bullet to fix that, I think it is a concern."

The only precincts Nelson didn't win were East Hertford and Bethel and he came in second in both. Leigh had the most in the

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Voters express their frustration

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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At least some of the voters casting ballots last week said they were mad at the way government is working and they wanted a change.

"I think our state legislature has gone too far," one man said outside the Perquimans County Courthouse precinct. "It's adversely affected people. My wife was a former school teacher and they were targeting education."

On the other races, he said he felt the GOP pushed

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Man, 28 facing gun charges

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

A man was arrested Wednesday for having a handgun outside the Perquimans County Courthouse.



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Sheriff Eric Tilley said Mikel Guayardo ran into the sheriff's office and said a man had just pointed the gun at him.

Tilley said he and a deputy went out and approached the man, identified later as Robert Paul Hollowell IV, 28, a resident of Goodwin Mill Road. On the seat beside Hollowell in the car

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DOT to present bridge plans

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold an open house Thursday to present revised plans for two options to replace the S-Bridge.

The event runs from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Perquimans County Recreation Center. There will be a presentation at 5:30 p.m.

DOT will be unveiling

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HONORING THEIR SERVICE



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts salute the flag Tuesday during a Veteran's Day ceremony held in downtown Hertford. The event was sponsored by American Legion Post 126. Also participating were members of Hertford Post 362. A special tribute was paid to Vietnam veterans. For story see page 4.

Books donated to Holocaust museum

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The Perquimans County Library donated a collection of photographs of Nazi Germany during World War II to the Holocaust museum in Washington D.C. on Monday.

The three volumes of "Grossdeutschland im Weltgeschehen Tagesbilderberichte" depict Germany in 1939, 1940 and 1941. The title translates as "Greater Germany in the affairs of the world."

How the books came to be housed in the Perquimans library is a bit unclear. The books were donated to the local library by Clement Jordan on behalf of his son, Joseph. Joseph Jordan served in the Army after World War II but died in



1948 in a car accident in Virginia. Clement Jordan died in 1984.

Perquimans Librarian Anita Bennett said given the nature of the books, she felt it was best that they be in a place like the Holocaust Museum.

When Bennett found the Perquimans library had the books, she spoke with Bill Ross, the chairman of the library board.

"He felt we really should donate them in honor of all veterans," Bennett said. "What better time than before Veteran's Day."

The Holocaust museum had the 1940 volume, but not the ones from 1939 and 1941.

"The library is pleased to honor the original donor, Clement Jordan, and his son, US Army Veteran

STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

The cover page of one volume of "Grossdeutschland Im Weltgeschehen" shows a dedication. The books were donated to the Perquimans County library by Clement Jordan on behalf of his son, Joseph. Joseph Jordan served in the Army after World War II but died in 1948.

Joseph Jordan with this gift to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum," said Lenore Bell, the Holocaust library director. "These important documents will receive the archival preservation that they deserve and will be made available to the public for viewing and research."

The Holocaust library

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Turkey donations sought for 'Drop'

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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A Hertford Church is hoping it can help a local food pantry feed people at Thanksgiving by collecting turkeys and other food items during a three-day "Turkey Drop" this week.

Hertford United Methodist Church is asking people to bring food typical of the holiday to the church on Dobbs Street. People will be on hand to unload the cars and Erie Haste, the owner of Hertford Hardware, is providing a freezer to store the turkeys. The event runs from Thursday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The turkey is not only the centerpiece of a traditional Thanksgiving meal, it's also the most expensive part of it. Rosemary Smith, the director of the Open Door Food Pantry in Winfall, said last year the pantry spent \$5,000 on Thanksgiving meals and \$3,500 of that was for the turkeys.

Even though the pantry buys in bulk, it doesn't get a break on the price.

"Turkeys are a loss leader for grocery stores," Smith said last week. "Stores use them as a promotion to bring people in."

That means a typical customer can buy a turkey for less than Smith can, even though she bought 275 of them last year. Smith isn't sure how many people will request help this year, but she knows it's more than 275.

"We don't know the exact number yet, but it will be more," Smith said.

There is a stigma that food pantries only help people who are unemployed. While it is true some of them

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Mini-park dedicated to Sylvia Wyatt

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Friends and family of the late Sylvia Wyatt gathered Thursday to swap stories and dedicate a mini-park in her honor.

Wyatt, 78, died in June at

her Church Street home.

For a dozen years, she worked as administrative assistant at the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce. That meant Wyatt



WYATT

was often the first person an out-of-town visitor might meet. That role as the face of Perquimans County served the chamber and the commu-

nity well, said Sid Eley, the executive director of the chamber.

Wyatt did not want a memorial service after she died and none was held. Thursday's event wasn't a memorial Eley insisted; it was dedication of Wyatt's mini-park. The park sits outside the window of the chamber where Wyatt sat. Friends provided the

donations to give the park a makeover.

"She'd be upset if she ever knew we were doing this," Eley told the group. "She told me once 'don't mourn for me. I'll just be gone, and I know where I'm going to be.' But she meant so much to us, I think Sylvia would have understood."

Friends and family first gathered inside a base-

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5K RUN

STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Erin Leary heads back toward the Perquimans County Recreation Center during a 5K run held Saturday morning. The event was sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Perquimans County.



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