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School system shuffles top positions

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

The top leadership at Perquimans County High School will be gone when students return next month and for now Perquimans Central won't have a principal.

The Perquimans County School Board agreed Monday

night to shuffle staff to fill the gaps created when two high school administrators resigned.

Chante Lassiter-Jordan, the high school's principal since 2010, is leaving to take a position in Gates County. The school board agreed to replace her with Melissa Fields, the principal at Perquimans Central School.

As of Tuesday, nobody had been named to fill the Central spot.

Both of the high school assistant principals will also be gone. One resigned to take a job near Charlotte and the other will swap jobs with the assistant principal at Perquimans County Middle School.

Guy Webb resigned to

take the job at a charter school in Mooresville. Laura Moreland, the other assistant principal at the high school, will swap seats with Bonita Jones, who has been assistant principal at the middle school.

Moreland was hired last year to serve as assistant principal at the high school as well the athletic director.

In her new role she will be assistant athletic director at the middle school. Justin Roberson, the high school's baseball coach, will be assistant athletic director at the high school. At this point both Moreland and Roberson will get support from the central office for their athletic director roles, according to Teresa Beard-

sley, the spokeswoman for the school system.

Lassiter-Jordan and James Bunch, assistant superintendent of the school system were suspended without pay last year after two students were allowed to play football after being convicted of misdemeanor

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Bridge finding released

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The lead federal agency on a project to replace the S-Bridge in Hertford has issued an opinion that the proposed project will have an adverse impact on the historic district.

The Coast Guard document doesn't stop efforts to replace the bridge, in fact one N.C. Department of Transportation official said the "finding of adverse effect" document is actually welcomed by DOT because it means the agency can move on to the next step — mitigation.

"It's just admitting there will be adverse effects on the historic district and the bridge itself," said Terry Knowles, who is working

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Rally to support local club

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Five area Ruritan Clubs are joining together for a chicken lunch and dinner Aug. 14 to raise funds for a Boys and Girls Club in Perquimans County.

Tommy Dail, the secretary for the Parkville Ruritan Club, said it's the first time in his 20 years as a Ruritan he's seen that many clubs join together on a single project.

Plates will cost \$8 and will be available at the Parkville Ruritan Club from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

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'LOVE PQ' JUL 29 REC'D



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Madison Byrd trims back shrubs at a house on Pennsylvania Avenue in Hertford on Monday. She was part of a week-long program by Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church dubbed "Love PQ."

Fifth Jackson brother pleads

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The fifth of six brothers charged with having sex with their sister, accepted a plea bargain this month in Perquimans County Superior Court.

Jon Marc Jackson, 26, appeared before Judge CyAnthony Grant Sr. on July 20. He pled to one count of first-degree sexual offense and one count of indecent liberties with a child

In May four of Jackson's brothers accepted plea bargains. The sentences handed down by Judge Walter H. Godwin Jr. ranged from 20 to 24 months to as long as 144 to 182 months. The maximum charge on one of the original charges was life without the chance of parole.

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Some older newspapers to go online

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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History lovers will soon be able to research a 37-year slice of Perquimans County history on-line.

The North Carolina Digital Heritage Center will be digitizing copies of The Perquimans Weekly from the newspaper's start in 1934 through 1971. The results will then be put that on the Website — <http://digitalnc.org> and be available for free for anybody with a computer.

Historically the period from 1934 through 1971 covers the Great Depression, World War II, the Korean War,

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The front page of a March 1973 issue of The Perquimans Weekly leads with a story about rumors about closing Uncle Mel's a fooball establishment in Hertford. Issues of the paper from 1934 through 1971 should be on-line soon.

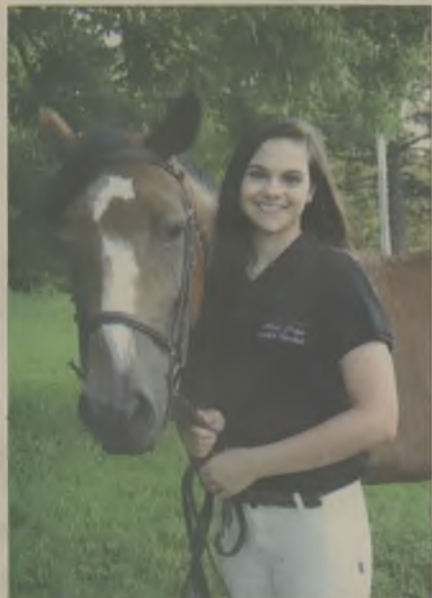
Treasure captures third victory

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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A 13-year-old horse that was rescued from a yard sale and a newcomer to Perquimans 4-H teamed up to win the grand championship in the Western Division at the annual state competition in Raleigh.

It was the first time

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Payton Burnham poses with Hidden Treasure. The pair took top prize in a state 4-H competition this month.

"CONNECTED" PERFORMS



PHOTO BY CHUCK PAGELS

The band "Connected" with Dennis Figgs, Ellard Forrester, Jackie Downing, Steve Raisor and guest Chris Bittner performed Saturday at the Carolina Moon Theater.



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