

Reception planned for Stallings



STALLINGS

From Staff Reports

A reception will be held honoring Dr. Dwayne K. Stallings on his retirement from Perquimans County Schools on Dec. 7 from 4-6 p.m. in the gymnasium at Perquimans County High School, 305 Edenton Road St.

Hertford.

Tickets are \$10 each and are available for purchase through Nov. 23 at the central office, 411 Edenton Road St.

Funds from federal, state, or local sources cannot be used to finance the event. For more information, call 426-5741.

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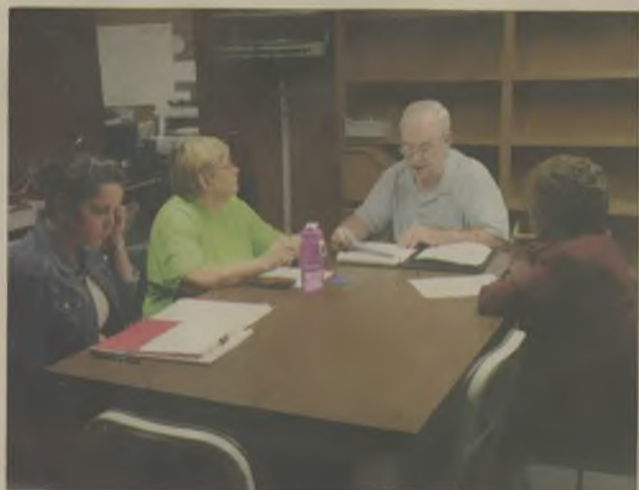
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Aples, Eley tops in balloting for seats



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Perquimans County Board of Elections Director Sydni Banks (left), Chairman Dianne Layden, Secretary John McGowan and member Vera Murrill go over absentee and provisional ballots last week.

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Absentee and provisional ballots counted Friday did not change the results of Hertford's election, but there was that possibility.

Write-in candidate Archie Aples got the vast majority of the votes in a race for one of two Hertford Town Board seats on Nov. 3. He finished with 166. The top two contenders for the second seat were incumbent Sid Eley and write-in challenger Frank Norman. Eley held a four-vote edge over Norman as of last Tuesday.

Two mail-in ballots and three provisional ballots that were reviewed on Friday could have swayed that margin.

Had all five ballots been accepted and if all five voters had cast a ballot for Norman, it would have given Norman a one-vote edge

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Reid wins, is hospitalized

From Staff Reports



REID

Hertford Mayor Horace Reid easily won re-election Tuesday, but apparently suffered bleeding on the brain and was taken to Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

"He is doing well and still at the hospital in Greenville," said Brandon Shoaf, town manager Tuesday morning.

Winfall Mayor Fred Yates confirmed Wednesday that Reid had undergone surgery.

"I can tell you what his wife told me," Yates said. "He was

falling ill last (Nov. 3) evening and they took him to Chowan Hospital and the doctor found there was bleeding on the brain. They flew him to Vidant in Greenville and he had surgery last night. The surgery was successful and he's in ICU at this time."

Yates said Reid spent time

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PCMS principal to resign on Jan. 1

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Andrea Greene, the principal of Perquimans County Middle School since 2012, will step down effective Jan. 1.



GREENE

Greene said she wants to move closer to family.

"I just felt like it was time," Greene

said Friday.

Greene's departure means all four Perquimans County Schools will have new principals by the end of this school year.

Chante Jordan, the principal at Perquimans High School resigned in July. She was replaced by Melissa Fields, who had been principal at Perquimans Central. Bonita Jones, who had been assistant principal at PCMS was picked to take the Central job. Laura Moreland, an assistant principal at PCHS

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

A crowd gathers Saturday at the monument for black veterans who served in the Civil War. Another Veteran's Day event will be held today at 11 a.m. in front of the Perquimans County Courthouse.

Local veterans honored at ceremony

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Area veterans were honored Saturday and another event is scheduled for today.

Today's event is sponsored by Legion Post 126 is at 11 a.m. on the courthouse lawn in front of the Perquimans County Courthouse.

American Legion Post 362 held an observance Saturday at the monument erected for black soldiers and

sailors that served in the Union during the Civil War. The granite marker sits on the corner of Hyde Park and King Streets.

More than 50 people attended.

Joseph Hoffer, a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, gave Saturday's keynote speech. He pointed out 179,000 blacks served in the Union Army and 14,000 were in the Union Navy during the Civil War. In all, 40,000 black troops died.

The monument for them in Hert-

ford was erected in 1910 by women in the community.

"It took a lot of nerve to do that," Hoffer said.

One of the three soldiers mentioned in a plaque next to the monument is Sgt. John Gordon. Hoffer said that was his great grandfather. Other speakers Saturday were Judie Hoffer, the secretary of the Post 362 Auxiliary; Hattie Sharpe, the

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'Loop' drawing boaters

(Editor's Note: This is a first of a two-part series on efforts to increase boat traffic in the region.)

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

What started as a cooperative effort between five municipal marinas and Albemarle Plantation has grown to include three more.

The Albemarle Loop campaign kicked off last spring. It was spearheaded by boaters at Albemarle Plantation to try and market the region for boats traveling nearby along the Intracoastal Waterway. The response has been positive, according to Jack Atwell, who helped spearhead the effort.

"We didn't have to wait for it to pickup speed," Atwell said Monday. "Everybody involved has told us they've seen a significant increase in transient boaters. I know for the Plantation alone last year we had two transients and this year in just six months we've had 40."

The original municipal partners included Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton, Plymouth and Columbia.

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Habitat to increase construction

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Chowan-Perquimans Habitat for Humanity will begin construction on two homes next year one in Chowan County and one in Perquimans County.

Since the affiliate was formed in 1996, the goal has been to build one house each year in each county. The issue was money and having the available volunteer labor.

"Thanks to the monies generated by the ReStore,

a warehouse sale, our partners, and our faithful supporters, we are finally in a financial position to achieve this goal," said Sally Holloway, the president of the local group.

New support from the State Employees' Credit Union Foundation (SECU) will also "prime the pump" by injecting more funds, Holloway said. The SECU Habitat Challenge has a goal is to renovate or build a home in each of the 100 counties in North Carolina before February 2018.

SECU has agreed to buy mortgages of Habitat Partner Families, paying 95 percent of the value of the Habitat home, after the family and affiliate close on the newly built house.

The key advantage of SECU buying the mortgage is that the Habitat affiliate gets cash after completion of the home rather than waiting until the 20-to-25 year mortgage is paid back. The affiliate then has cash in hand to fund construction of the next home.

The SECU wants to see homes in Tier 1 counties — the most distressed — are completed before it releases funds for Tier 2 counties. At the time the deal was arranged, Perquimans County was a Tier 2 county.

So Holloway said the CPH4H group plans to start in Chowan next spring and then start a home in Perquimans later that year. The

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BARK FOR LIFE



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"Jack" gets a little love Saturday during a Bark For Life fundraiser at Myler Farms in Woodville. The event raises money for the American Cancer Society.



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