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"We were lucky to have him eight years (as superintendent)," school board chair Susan Cox said noting the average span for a superintendent is four years.

The man who held the post before Stallings, Ken Wells, credited Stallings for many of the accolades Wells got after he became superintendent in 2001. He said Stallings has the gift of bringing people to the table to talk about issues.

community cares as much preciated his integrity. He about the education of our children as the education community," Wells said.

One speaker, Stallings' daughter Megan Stallings principal while she was at PCHS.

"A lot of people go

on people," she said. "You don't have that problem. Look at these people who came tonight.

Mary Kay Peele, who has served as his assistant during his eight years, said before the event Stallings will be missed.

"His door is open if someone wants to talk. He's always there to listen," Peele said.

Brenda Lassiter, who retired in 2013, also worked closely with Stallings as the school's communication of-

"Serving under Dr. Stallings was a pleasure," Las-"He taught me the faith siter said. "Above all, I aptruly possesses the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles. He will leave a legacy as a visionary, a great communi-Loftin, talked about her fa-cator and a superintendent ther as both a father and a with a big heart, who cared community.

Stallings came to Perqui-



Perquimans County School's Superintendent Dwayne Stallings asks his wife Kathy to for students, staff and the stand and be recognized Monday night at his retirement party. Stallings said she's proof that Perquimans County is "The Land of Beautiful Women."

pal at the high school. He and high school levels, and assistant superintendent through life wondering if mans County Schools in went on to serve as princi- was named Principal of the for four years before being they are making an impact 1994 as an assistant principal at both the elementary Year in 2001. He served as tapped by the school board

to lead the school district in July 2007.

After earning a BS in technology education from Elizabeth City State University in 1985, Stallings earned a masters in technology education from East Carolina University. He also holds certifications in administration and curriculum from East Carolina University.

In 2008, Stallings earned his Doctorate of Education from East Carolina Univer-

He is married to Kathy (Godfrey) Stallings. They have one daughter, Megan, who is a graduate of Perquimans County Schools and North Carolina State University. She is married to Patrick Loftin and they now reside in Virginia. Stallings and Kathy are the proud grandparents of Owen Glenwood Loftin, who was born April 28.

On Saturday Stallings served as grand marshal of the Perquimans County Parade in Hertford and the Winfall parade.

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coordinate Perquimans County Salva-

tion Army drive, said the In Perquimans, it lasts they don't want to mess strong support they get two weeks and wraps up from Albemarle Plantation this Saturday. Also unresidents is one reason like some areas, shoppers dollars in the kettle mean why he can keep the drive need not worry about get-

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shorter than some areas. ting hit up for a donation thews said, is the big drivat every store they shop. In er. Perquimans County there is just one kettle and it ro-

> "We tried collecting earlier, and that didn't work ing to get dinner ready and from the kettle drive.

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with it."

While the nickels and a lot, the Plantation, Mat-

"A major portion of our collections come from tates between Woodward's the Plantation. Instead of Pharmacy, Family Dollar, sending cards out to resi-Dollar General and Food dents there, they put up an Lion. Bell ringers are out envelope at the clubhouse from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. in and people write checks."

Matthews credits that generosity for the fact that Perquimans ranks just beand we tried collecting low Elizabeth City when it later, and people are try-comestoper capita income

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Yates is self-employed as owner of The Learning Center of Perquimans

In the 2012 primary, Yates was the clear favorite with 614 votes. Susan Cox picked up 420 votes while newcomer Steve Magaro had 294. Cox has said she won't be seeking another term. Magaro can't because of a change in state law and the fact that he works for the federal government.

working in the register's since February 1994. She said she enjoys the work and trying to improve the system.

"We're continuing to she will not run and board she said. She's also working to be able to accept debit and credit card payments.

"We're also continuing to work on preservation," the records her office keeps date back to the fice. 1600s.

county and state offices office once he retires.

has been moved up because the spring election has been moved from May

to March.

The candidate filing period, typically in February, is now Dec. 1 through Dec. 21. There are three seats

open on both the school board and the county com-So far only Jones had

filed for a commission seat. There are three seats Frierson, 50, has been open. Incumbents Janice Cole and Matt Peeler have said they will not run again next year. On the school board, Chair Susan Cox has said

move toward automation member Steve Magaro is prohibited from running because of a change in the state law. Magaro is employed by

FEMA, a federal agency, and the Hatch Act prohibshe said, noting some of its federal employees for running for a partisan of-

Magaro has said he will The filing period for seem some local or state

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