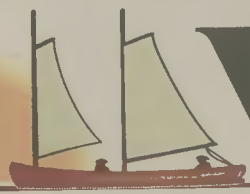


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More funding sought for marine park

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Bob Peele is excited, but not too excited.

He's excited that the General Assembly allocated \$2.9 million towards building a boat basin at the Perquimans Marine Industrial Park.

He's not too excited because it will take more money to complete the first

phase.

Peele is the director of the N.C. Seafood Industrial Park Authority — an agency within the N.C. Department of Commerce that oversees that state's three marine parks, including the one in Hertford. The state and local officials have been trying to develop the Hertford site for about eight years.

"I will say we're the closest we've ever been," he

said. "But we've got a lot of work ahead of us. What we've done so far has been the easy part."

He was referring to getting the necessary permits to build the project.

"Now we're trying to find the money to build it," he said.

"I just hope one day we get to the point you see

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Schulze named to park authority

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

A former Congressman who retired to Perquimans County from Pennsylvania has been named a member of the N.C. Seafood Industrial Park Authority.

The authority oversees three designat-



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ed marine parks, including the one in Hertford. It is governed by an 11-member state board. Dick Schulze was appointed to the board by House Speaker Tim Moore.

Schulze, 87, served in Congress for 18 years in the 1970s, 80s and 90s.

He's owned property at Albemarle Plan-

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Murder trial set for Sept. 11

BY WILLIAM WEST
The Daily Advance

CAMDEN — A trial is set for this fall for two Perquimans County men charged with murder in the fatal shooting of an Elizabeth City teen at Camden Causeway Park nearly two years ago.

Judge Jerry Tillett has set the week of Sept. 11 for the start of the murder trial in Camden County Superior Court for both Kamani Ames, 18, and Nahcier Brunson, 20. The men are charged with first-degree murder in the death of Unique Graham, 17, in September 2015.

An autopsy report, obtained from the N.C. Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, shows Graham died from a gunshot to the head that was fired from behind him. The report also outlines injuries to Graham's face and forehead.

Elizabeth City police said Graham's body was found in the shallow water of the Pasquotank River just off the walkway at Camden Causeway Park the morning of Sept. 28, 2015. The park is in Camden County but because the area was annexed by Elizabeth City, city police investigated.

The day after Graham's body was found, police arrested Ames, of the 100 block of Red Banks Road, and Brunson, of the 900 block of Chapanoke Road.

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Top, Children and adults wave to passing trucks in the annual Fourth of July Parade held in Hertford earlier this month. Right, Hertford Grammar School Principal Jason Griffin (left) and Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman were honored during the third annual Independence Day Parade held in Hertford. Also pictured is Linda White. Bottom left, fireworks light up the sky over Hertford and Winfall on July 1 during the annual display. Bottom right, a float by Bethel Baptist Church rides past the Perquimans County Courthouse during the parade this month.



Election filing period starts

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Incumbents in both Hertford and Winfall will run again for office later this year and Hertford will have a contested race.

The filing period for municipal offices opened on July 7 and closes on July 21 at noon. The election will be held on Nov. 7.

Each town has two seats that are up this year. In Hertford, it's the seats of Ed Lane and Lillian Holman. A third person, Frank Norman, said he's running as well.

In Winfall, Ken Rominger and Debbie Jean Whedbee say they will run again.

Norman moved to Hertford about 25 years ago as a 35-year-old adult.

He's been involved in the NAACP and as a Perquimans County school testing proctor. He's worked in an outreach ministry, as a mentor and COA MEDIA program advisor. He's volunteer putting on the Indian Summer Festival and with Carolina Moon Theater plays.

He said he sees potential in Hertford, and quoted a line from a recent Carolina Moon play, "If you look to the future you will see that the future is now."

Rominger, 77, is finishing out his second four-year term and didn't plan on seeking a third. In fact he didn't plan on having a second term. His name wasn't on the ballot four years ago. He was elected because of write-in votes.

"I did it because nobody else is running," he said Monday. "We tried to get people to do it, but it didn't work. It's a shame we can't get more people to take part."

While he did file for office, he said, "this is definitely going to be the last time."

It will be the third term for Whedbee. She serves as

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84-year-old woman injured in Harvey Point wreck

From Staff Reports

An 84-year-old Chowan County woman is in serious condition at a Virginia hospital after she was injured in a single-car wreck on Harvey Point Road Sunday.

Patty Jordan of the 2100 block of Albemarle Drive, was still being treated at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital Monday afternoon, Sentara Healthcare spokesman Dale Gauding said.

Trooper K.R. Briggs of the N.C. Highway Patrol said Monday that Jordan was driving a 2004 Ford Focus southeast on Harvey Point Road Sunday morning when she apparently lost control of her car in a curve. Jordan's Focus left the roadway, struck a ditch, crossed a driveway and became airborne, Briggs said. The Focus landed near two vehicles parked at roadside garage, Briggs said. The rear axle of Jordan's car was found on top of a

2001 Lexus.

Briggs said Jordan suffered an injury to one of her legs but was conscious and speaking after the wreck.

Briggs estimates Jordan was driving 50 mph in a 55 mph zone. Jordan also was wearing her seat-belt before the accident, he said.

Besides Briggs, also responding to the wreck were Perquimans Emergency Medical Services, Perquimans sheriff's deputies, Hertford police

officers and firefighters. Briggs said a landing zone was set up at Perquimans Parks and Recreation Center so a Nightingale Air Ambulance crew could pick up Jordan for transport to Sentara Norfolk General.

Following the accident, traffic on Harvey Point Road had to be detoured, Briggs said. He estimated he was the scene for an hour and 45 minutes.

He said his investigation of the incident is continuing.

Plantation wraps up fourth Biggs Classic golf tournament

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The fourth annual Biggs Classic at Albemarle Plantation was a success, and organizers say they will look at where to go from here.

There were 33 people who participated, but the young would-be pros num-



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bered 19. Buddy Lawrence, the acting manager at The Plantation, said it would have been nice to have more

golfers. "We are exploring our options to generate more players. That is a major interest for us, to have more players.

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Bruce Biggs (left) and his wife Anna pose with Chad McCann, the winner of the fourth annual Biggs Classic at Albemarle Plantation on July 1.

McCann holds on to win

BY CRAIG MOYER
The Daily Advance

Chad McCann reached the green on the Par-4 18th in two shots on July 1, with a two-shot lead he knew he had three putts to become the champion of the Biggs Classic, he only needed two.

The 20-year-old, who lives in Wilmington, finished his impressive week by knocking in a par

putt on the 18th green, much to the delight of the hundreds of fans around the green and watching from the clubhouse deck.

McCann finished the tournament with a 12-under par 272, after posting an even-par 71 in the final round on Saturday, to win the tournament, finishing two shots ahead of second place

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