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Stadium

forward

BY PETER WILLIAMS

News Editor

Schools system is moving

forward with plans to build

a new football field in time

for the start of the 2018 sea-

scheduled to interview rep-

resentatives from two archi-

tectural firms today. Based on that, the committee will

make a recommendation to

the school board at the July

meeting and the board can

negotiate with one of the

firms to determine a price

The project is expected

The two firms that ex-

to cost between \$1.1 million

pressed interest in the proj-

ect are Pinnacle Architec-

ture, P.A. of Matthews and

CHA Design/Construction

Solutions, which has offices

Superintendent Matthew

"Our board of education

Cheeseman said he's excit-

is so wonderful," Cheese-

man. "Within 12 months

there is going to be a foot-

ball field across the street

Cheeseman; Justin Rob-

erson, the high school's

athletic director; Jim Da-

vison, the school system's

maintenance director; Ian

Rapanick, the schools new

football coach; Susan Cox,

a former school board mem-

ber and athletic director; Ju-

die Hoffler, as an member of the public and Ed Nixon,

The committee includes

from the high school."

in Charlotte and Raleigh.

for the design contract.

and \$1.2 million.

ed for the future.

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Mabine arrested for shooting

From Staff Reports

Elizabeth City police have arrested a Hertford man in connection with a shooting incident that sent an Elizabeth City man to the hospital Saturday night.



MABINE

Khalil Mabine, 18, of the 100 block of Wynne Fork Court, is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, Sgt. Latova Flanigan said in a press release. Mabine was being

held Sunday at Albemarle District Jail in lieu of a \$50,000 secured bond, she

Mabine is accused of shooting Jermaine Armstrong following what Flanigan said was "some type of child custody dispute" at Armstrong's residence in the 300 block of Dyer Street. Armstrong, 24, was treated for a nonthreatening gunshot wound to his lower left leg and foot and released from Sentara Albemarle Medical Center, Flanigan said.

According to Flanigan, officers responded to a report of shots fired in the area of West Church Street and South Dyer Street on Saturday about 8:40 p.m. When they arrived, they found shell casings in the 300 block of South Dyer Street. Not long afterward, they received a report that a gunshot victim — Armstrong — had shown up at Sentara Albemarle.

Flanigan said police have learned that Mabine and his girlfriend went to Armstrong's residence, and while there got into a physical altercation with him and his family over a child custody matter. During the altercation, Mabine fired several shots from a handgun, striking Armstrong, Flani-

No one was at the scene when police arrived. Mabine, who had taken his girlfriend to the hospital for treatment following the incident, was arrested there by police, Flanigan said.

Mabine was scheduled to make his appearance in court today.

coming Friday

for office.

Election deadline

From Staff Reports

As of Monday only the four incum-

In Hertford, Lillian Holman and Ed

Lane have asked to be on the ballot. In

Winfall, it's Debbie Whedbee and Ken

The deadline to file is Friday at

The filing fee for each position is \$5.

Filing takes place at the Perquimans

County Board of Elections office, 601

A S. Edenton Road St. For more infor-

The election will be held on Nov. 7.

mation on running, call 426-5598.

bents for races in Hertford had filed

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE OVER SOUTH CAROLINA ON AUGUST 21, 2017 Knoxville Raleigh Hickory Asheville Greenville* Goldsboro Charlotte Fayetteville Rock Hill Lumberton Atlanta Athens Augusta Dublin Douglas

IMAGE COURTESY OF GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE.COM

A map shows the route of the total eclipse over South Carolina.

Eclipse coming Aug. 21

BY PETER WILLIAMS News Editor

Sometimes you have to be in just the right place to get an once-in-a-lifetime experience.

On Aug. 21, the Albemarle region isn't exactly the right place, but it's close.

On that day — weather permitting — area residents will get a pretty good look at what a partial solar eclipse solar eclipse looks like.

To see the full total eclipse — you'll have to be somewhere see when the solar eclipse along a roughly 70-mile swath comes next month. that goes from Oregon across the country to South Carolina.

out the light of the sun. Total so- on Earth. But they may happen



While not a total eclipse, a rendering shows what viewers - know as the 'path of totality' in Perquimans County should

lar eclipses are not unheard of. A total eclipse happens when One happens about every year the moon completely blocks or every other year somewhere

in remote places. The partial eclipse will be at the peak in the Albemarle area about 2:48 p.m. It will start at about 1:21 p.m.

The last time a total eclipse was visible in North Carolina was in 1970. Before that, it was 1900.

If you want to wait for the next one, it's in 2078. If you miss that, there is another one

The total eclipse will pass over the far western part of Carolina including Bryson City and Murphy. There the total eclipse may last between 2 minutes 39 seconds to two minutes and 30 seconds.

In South Carolina, the cities of Greenville and Columbia are

See ECLIPSE, 2

Family looking forward to event

BY PETER WILLIAMS News Editor

Samantha Nadj has a vague memory about watching partial solar eclipse when she was a child. She wants to make her

for themselves Nadj remembers when she was a student at Grandy Primary School in the 1970s.

two sons have a better memory

"We wore special glasses and went out to watch a partial eclipse," she said. "It is a vague memory without much detail."

When her sons, Daniel, 16, See FAMILY, 2

SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Nadj family from Camden will be making the trip to see the total eclipse in August. Pictured are Daniel, mother Samantha, Shane and Dan Nadi.

the brother of Dr. William Nixon who is donating the land for the football field. The idea of building a new athletic complex has been around since 2010.

That's when Dr. Nixon, a former Perquimans County resident, offered to give the school system 32 acres provided the schools use the land to build an athletic complex.

Initial fundraising didn't

The original plan would cost \$6.1 million and included a football field, eight-lane track, soccer 8,700-square-foot

See STADIUM, 2

New coach to lead Pirates

BY PETER WILLIAMS News Editor

Perquimans will have a new football coach and a pair of new quarterbacks when the Pirates take to the field in August.

In May, the county school board named Ian Rapanick, 24, to the head coaching job.

Two players are vying for the QB slot now. Mahli Jones is a rising junior. He's been splitting practice duty with Mason Votava, a rising

Both show potential, Rapanick said.



New Perquimans County High School football coach Ian Rapanick talks to players during a seven-on-seven drill against Currituck High School this month.

"Quite honestly if we had a game tomorrow, I'm not sure who I'd start."

Jones is about 6-foot-1, 210 pounds.

"He's an athlete," he said. "If he has a problem, it's that he's so hard on himself. He's

See COACH, 2

Church opens tiny library



Hertford United Methodist Church has opened up a 'Little Free Library' box where people can take a book home to read or donate a book they no longer want. It is located outside the church's educational building on **Dobbs Street.**

From Staff Reports

Hertford United Methodist Church has erected a "Little Free Library" outside the educational building on Dobbs Street.

It will be stocked with books for all ages. People can take them home, and if they wish, replace them with another book or return the book later. Anybody who would like to donate a new of gently used book can drop them off at the church office. They can also put them directly in

The Hertford United Methodist Church Little Free Library is registered with littlefreelibrary.org, a non-profit organization that "inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world."

The church's hope is to provide 24/7 access to books and encourage a love of

reading. For more information, call the church office at 426-5467.