

# VETS HONORED



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Perquimans Central School first grade students paid tribute to the men and women of the military at an annual Veterans Day ceremony led by PCS Music and Art teacher Connie Ashley.

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cient from income at the two operating industrial parks.

Rotating off the board will be Chris Lane, a Winfall resident who had been on the authority board since 2010.

Lane said she was glad to serve.

"I was really on there longer than I should have been," she said.

She noted board terms are for two years and she ended up serving for seven. "I was really surprised I lasted on the board as long as I did."

Cole joins fellow Perquimans County members Dick Schulze and Wallace Nelson. Schulze, a former Congressman from Pennsylvania, was named to the board earlier this year. Nelson is also a member of the Perquimans County Commission.

Commissioner Kyle Jones, who held the position of chairman for the past year, applauded Cooper's decision to appoint Cole.

"This potential project is, for Perquimans County, a game-changer," Jones said. "To that end, we're fortunate to have had Chris at the table on our behalf, and we're grateful for her service and dedication to this project. With Chris coming off, I don't think there's a more capable person on the planet than



SUBMITTED IMAGE

A graphic shows the proposed Perquimans Marine Industrial Park. The first phase of the boat basin is shown in blue and the second phase in red.

Janice to have on the board representing us in this capacity."

Carl "Pogie" Worsley Jr., a general contractor from Nags Head, had been chair of the authority. Cole said Worsley stepped down from the authority last summer.

The Seafood Park Authority has the power to set and regulate land lease fees, building rental fees, and make most operational decisions necessary to attract and keep tenants in the state's seafood industrial fa-

cilities. The authority leases land to tenants who typically building their own buildings. In some instances, the authority will erect a building for tenants.

The authority board meets quarterly or more often if needed.

Bob Peele, the director of the authority, could not be reached for comment.

The cost to fully develop the Perquimans Park has been estimated at \$20 million. It involves digging a 350-foot-wide, 10-foot deep boat

basin into the interior of the site. There will be 4,600 feet of bullheaded shoreline within the protected basin.

A first phase plan involves digging the first several hundred feet of the basin.

The state budget this year included \$2.8 million to help with the first phase of construction. The total cost is estimated at about \$6 million to \$7 million.

To view a video about the project visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1x7tLLVCvtxA>

# Program to offer free books

## From Staff Reports

Parents of children age 5 and younger can sign up to have an age-appropriate book mailed monthly to their child.

In the 2017-19 state budget, the General Assembly approved \$3.5 million to fund the program in the first year. Smart Start will administer the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. Another \$7 million is set aside for the second year.

The program is first come,

first served and Perquimans County has an allocation this year so 175 children who can participate.

Parton established the program in 1995. She was inspired by her father's inability to read and write and wanted to have a program to help future children. Today, her program spans four countries and mails over 1 million free books each month to children around the world.

The only requirement to participate in the program is that your child be five or younger, and that you have registered them either through your local Smart Start, or online.

Registration may be completed online by clicking on the link provided on the Smart Start website at [cp-smartstart.org](http://cp-smartstart.org), or at [imaginationlibrary.com](http://imaginationlibrary.com); click on "Register My Child."

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The Hertford Town Council will hold a public hearing on December 11th, 2017, 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Perquimans County Courthouse located at 128 North Church Street. The following items are on the agenda:

Consideration of an annexation at 108 Cedar Stretch Road.

Any information regarding this may be obtained from the Town Manager, at the Municipal Building, or by calling 426-1969, x. 9. You may also submit comments regarding these agenda items by mail no later than 5:00 PM Friday, December 8th.

# WHITE

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Under White, patrol deputy Tom Reid was named to the job of "chief deputy."

While an investigator, White played a key role in the arrest and ultimate conviction of seven brothers and their parents on charges the brothers sexually abused their younger sister.

"That case got the most publicity of any I've handled," White said of the Jackson trials.

He's played a big role in some murder and high-level drug cases

In September White and his deputies had the job of securing the site of a helicopter crash in Belvidere.

The Duke Flight helicopter went down in a field, killing the pilot, two crew members and a patient who was being airlifted from Elizabeth City to Duke.

White along with Jonathan Nixon and James Fowden were singled for their efforts in a letter from Doug Brazy, air safety in-

vestigator for the National Transportation Board's east-region.

"The immediate response of everyone in your county helped our team recover evidence from a very challenging crash site," Brazy wrote in a letter to Kyle Jones, the chairman of the Perquimans County Commission.

"Their work in preserving and the scene and supporting all of those involved was exceptional, and will no doubt provide vital insight into why this tragedy occurred.

"When the board (NTSB) responds to an accident, we don't know what type of support we'll receive on scene, but in this case the hospitality we received from you and your staff, was humbling. I cannot thank you enough for your outstanding work and assistance we received from Perquimans County."

If another Democrat files for sheriff, White will be on the ballot in the May primary. If not, he could face a challenger in November 2018.

# GUN

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lence does happen, Murray said.

"It's a relevant topic. Instead of burying your head in the sand we need to face the problem and not ignore it. We're also giving them a platform to interact with law enforcement in a posi-

tive way."

Also teaching the program will be Dep. Brian Watson, another school resource officer and Faran Sawyer, who is expected to join the department this month as a third resource officer.

Murray hopes to continue the program each year into the future. The first two years it will involve seventh

and eighth grade. In the third year it will be just the seventh.

Murray thinks the program will make a difference.

"Sometimes it's the smallest things that can influence a kid, especially in the seventh or ninth grade. It will be an eye-opening experience."

Sheriff Shelby White sees

the program as just another way his department can reach out to youth.

One of the things we want to do is develop relationships with the schools.

He said recently deputies have been reading with students at Hertford Grammar school.

"We want to get them on board that law enforcement is there to help them."

# BRIDGE

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American shad, hickory shad, striped bass, lamprey

and gulf sturgeon.

By starting the project this week, Ballance said the contractor should have time to drive any pilings or do other work in the water

before the start of the Feb. 15 moratorium.

Another reason to do the work now is farmers aren't out on the road as much in the December-March timeframe, Ballance said.

The new bridge will be wider. The distance from guardrail to guard rail will be 30 feet, Ballance said.

The entire project should

be complete by March 23.

Motorists will find the detour will be about 7.2 miles, Ballance said.

Barricades and signs will be placed to advise drivers of the closure.

"We know there will some inconvenience, which is why we turn and turn these smaller bridges around as quickly as possible."

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**Notice of Public Hearing**  
The Town of Hertford Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold 2 public hearings on December 18, 2017, at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Municipal Building located at 114 W. Grubb Street. The following items are on the agenda:  
Consider an amendment to Article IV: Conditional Uses 4-2.8 Bar, Tavern.  
• The amendment request is to reduce the minimum distance for a bar from a Church, Elementary or Secondary School, Public Park or residentially zoned property from 400 ft. to 50 ft.  
• Consider adding Funeral Homes to the R-8 Zoning District as a Conditional Use  
Any information regarding this may be obtained from Town Manager Brandon Shoaf, at the Municipal Building, or by calling 426-1969 x. 9. You may also submit comments regarding this by mail no later than 5:00 PM Friday, December 15th.

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