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assembled in the back to take the offenders out. They didn't have to.

While guns have been used to kill in U.S. schools, Rennie's comments didn't focus on guns. He laid the issue of dealing with the hate and hurt that causes young people to kill back at the

feet of his classmates.

He talked of Dylann Roof who killed 12 at a church in South Carolina.

Students who killed people in Columbine High School and Adam Lanza who killed 21 people at Sandy Hook.

"Do we see what these killers had in common? Bullets killed the people, but was their mentality that led them to do it."

So Rennie pulled out a book, a spoon and a bar of soap of from his backpack.

"Is this bar of soap making anybody cleaner? The answer is no. You have to use the spoon to eat and overeating causes weight gain. You have to read a book to learn and learning makes you smarter. The bar of soap does no good sitting there. You have to wet it,

and use it correctly in order to be clean."

Rennie urged fellow students to reach out to others who may not have a friend.

"I am not here to change how you think about guns," Rennie said. "I am here to shine a light on the real problem with these shootings. We can blame our gun laws for this and actually our gun laws could be better to keep guns out of unsafe

hands.

"(But) if we don't want to see any more of these shootings, it's we, the students that need to change. We as classmates were the reason that these killers felt isolated. As I was reading the names and descriptions of the fallen students, did any of them sound like people you know? While you think about that is there anyone that shows signs of being

isolated? If someone came to this school and exhibited the same level of hostility, would you know them? Would you have wished to prevent this?"

"When you get back to class, tell other classmates about what happened here. It does not cost anything to talk to someone sitting by themselves. Don't sit back and watch things like this unfold."

## AUDITORIUM

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walls. Replacing those walls and remodeling two classrooms near the auditorium lobby are part of the \$60,000 project.

But Lassiter's comment did prompt others to speak.

"I think Russell raised a good question," said Wallace Nelson, the chairman of the county commission. "If we think about replacing it, what would it cost to demolish it?" Nelson also was a long-time school board member.

Davison said the building is listed as a historic structure, and Davison said tearing it down wouldn't be easy given regulations.

"If you want to tear it down it's a huge process," Davison said.

And Cheeseman said it wouldn't be cheap, but said he has no cost estimates on a new facility.

"It would be a multi-million dollar project," Chee-

seman said.

The costs that were laid out Monday were capital items and the auditorium wasn't even close to being the biggest one. Upgrading HVAC control systems alone and replacing the floor on the Perquimans County Middle School gym were estimated at \$150,000 each.

Davison's listed out in priority order \$771,000 in new requests for the next fiscal year, plus \$122,000 requests from last year that weren't funded.

Over and above that, the schools are asking for \$56,329 right now to deal with heating and air issues that can't wait. There are two heat pumps at Perquimans Central that need replacing now. They date back to when the school was built, and they require spending \$500 a week to replace leaking coolant. In all, the Central project will cost about \$50,000. There is a smaller \$5,000 project at Hertford Grammar School.

## Speakers to talk about Water to Thrive

From Staff Reports

A group called Water to Thrive will be visiting Perquimans County the week of March 25.

Ed Scharlau and his wife Rennie from Water to Thrive will be speaking at Holy Trinity Sunday, the Hertford Rotary and the Perquimans Chapter of North Carolina Retired School Personnel NCRSP on March 27, Up River Friends on March 28 and Hertford Grammar School on March 29.

Water to Thrive is a non-profit organization that provides water wells in African countries where there is no disease-free fresh drinking water.

Ed Scharlau is a founding board member of the 501 c 3 not-for-profit organization. This year is the 10th anniversary of the program. The goal is to surpass 1,000 wells in 2018.

The couple both graduated from Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa and Mr. Scharlau completed further

studies at the University of Minnesota, Rutgers University and Concordia University, Austin, Texas.

Water to Thrive vets non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Africa who send the organization proposals to fund. The proposals are negotiated in similar manner as building a house. The group employs a full time graduate level water engineer to monitor the NGOs and to spot check their work and to assure that completed wells are

sustained. Full project donors receive the GPS coordinates of their well, naming on well plaque, pictures of their well and a final report.

The Water to Thrive work is in Ethiopia, Uganda and Tanzania. There also has been one project of 10 wells in Sierra Leone several years ago. The majority of the wells are in Ethiopia. Almost all wells are in rural areas.

For more information, call Brenda Hollowell-White, 331-3581.

## Aples speaks to Rocky Hock Lions

From Staff Reports

Archie Aples, the Veterans Service Officer for Chowan County, made a presentation to members of the Rocky Hock Lions Club recently.

He told club members, including several veterans and relatives and friends of veterans, about benefits available from the Veterans Administration, particularly in the area of health care.

Members were provided written materials as well. Aples has office hours at 305 West Freemason Street in Edenton on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday,

and in Elizabeth City on Thursday and Friday. He can be contacted at 482-1033 and at archie.aples@chowan.nc.gov.

Aples retired from a career in the United States Air Force. He serves as a member of many other organizations, including the Hertford Town Council.

The Rocky Hock Lions Club, part of the worldwide Lions Club International, meets on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at the Nothin' Fancy Café in Edenton at 6:30 p.m. Persons who are interested in serving the community are welcome to visit.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Rocky Hock Lion's Club President Laura Spruill presents a certificate of appreciation and a Rocky Hock Lions Club pin to Archie Aples after his recent speech.

## COMPLEX

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sure on the baseball field they could create "true honor for Jim 'Catfish' Hunter."

Nixon said even more pressure was placed on the outfield when high schools starting spring football practices on the same grass as the baseball field.

Nixon said that as a small rural area, it can't fund some projects that larger places can. He was also critical about North Carolina's lottery funding formula that is giving even less for capital projects.

Despite the money com-

mitted there is still a huge gap to complete this project," Nixon said.

Nixon said even those who don't have or may never have had a child who played football, Friday night is special.

"Friday Night Lights," he said of the TV program. "People come out."

He said the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce can also use the sports complex as a tool to attract people and businesses to come.

Amy Spaugh, the chair of the school board, said she was thankful for "our children and our grandchildren."

## Tyron Eason honored by ECSU

From Staff Reports

Tyron Eason was recently honored by his alma mater, Elizabeth City State University, during the Founders Day Scholarship Gala XI.

Eason, a retired lieutenant colonel, was the recipient of the ECSU Chancellor's Legacy Award for his outstanding military service. Eason is the son of Shirley Eason of Hertford and a 1982 graduate of Perquimans County High School.

During his 21-year military career, Eason has served in various command and staff positions. His duty locations include: Fort Jackson and Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.; Wiesbaden, Germany; Taegu



TYRON EASON

and Tong Du Chon, South Korea; Washington, D.C. (Howard University); Fort Lee and Fort Monroe, VA; and Fort Bragg. Addition-

ally, LTC Eason deployed to Iraq along with several other Middle Eastern countries in support of contingency and combat operations.

His military awards include: two Bronze Star Medals awarded by the United States Air Force (Operation Iraqi Freedom I) and United States Army (Operation Iraqi Freedom III); Meritorious Service Medal (four awards); Joint Service Commendation Medal; Army Commendation Medal (seven awards); Air Force Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal (two awards), and the Iraqi Campaign Medal. Additionally, he earned the United States and Australian armies para-

chutist badges

LTC Eason is in his fourth year at Rocky River High School in Mint Hill where he serves as the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps Senior Army instructor.

Previously, Eason was the recipient of the Rocky River High School Principal's Award in 2015; Teacher of the Year in 2016 and most recently selected as the American Legion Department of North Carolina 2017 JROTC Officer of the Year.

Eason was an all-conference track and field performer and played on the 1980 and 1981 football championship teams. The teams finished with a record of 17-3-1.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 6:50 p.m. in the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex Building, Second Floor Courtroom, located at 110 N. Church Street, Hertford, NC to receive public comment and consider the following:

1. An Amendment to the Perquimans County Animal Control ordinance to establish regulations on tethering of animals.

The proposed ordinance may be viewed at the Perquimans County Manager's Office at 128 N. Church St., Hertford, N.C. 27944 or on the County's Website at [www.perquimanscountync.gov](http://www.perquimanscountync.gov).

## MEMBERS

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Pier for more than 13 years. Perquimans has three members on the board: Janice Cole, a lawyer, former judge, U.S. Attorney and

Perquimans County Commissioner; Wallace Nelson, a pharmacist and current chair of the county commission and Dick Schultz, a former Congressman. Cole serves as chair of the board. Other members already named to the board are John

High, a businessman from Rocky Mount; Dawson Rascoe, a farmer from Windsor; Stephen Wheelless, a metal building construction owner from Wilmington; and Jim Tobin, a member of the Dare County Board of Commissioners from Manns Harbor.

The governor appoints nine members of the board. The Senate Pro Tem and Speaker of the House each get to appoint one at-large member.

The board meets four times a year. The next meeting is set for April 17.

## LIBRARY

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The library features a history room with local and North Carolina materials, including family histories. Many of the books can be checked out, but the family histories can-

not because they can't be replaced.

There are also copies of old yearbooks available to view.

The library offers a storytime for pre-schools on Thursdays at 11 a.m. and another story time on the second Saturday of every month at 10:45 a.m.

**HERTFORD**  
**CEMETERY FLOWERS**

After March 23, 2018 the Town will remove any Christmas season and unsightly flowers from the Town's cemeteries. The cemeteries are Cedarwood, Cedarwood Addition, Cedarwood Phase III, and Roadside Cemetery. Arrangements that are not Christmas season arrangements and are in good condition will not be removed. The Town is not responsible for any arrangements removed from the Town's cemeteries at any time.

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