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Hertford town manager to step down

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Hertford Town Manager Brandon Shoaf has resigned to take the job as planning director in Chowan County.

the first four, he was the town planner. When Town Manager John Christenson retired in 2011, the board named Shoaf to the manager job.

job as planning director for the Town of Edenton. Sam Barrow served as planning director in Edenton before taking the job as county planner for Perquimans in May 2017.

stepping down, Jackson called out Shoaf for his role of managing the police department. Shoaf said last week the main reason he's leaving is he and his wife are expecting their second child in May and he said he wanted more time with the family.

ford, requires a lot of hours in the week. The offer I got in Chowan doesn't require all that outside of normal working hours. The move will mean a pay cut. Shoaf makes \$66,500 now and will make \$61,000 in Chowan County.

he was doing a great job as manager, but there are things that needed to be tweaked. He said for eight years Shoaf worked with basically the same group of council members, and with two new members coming on last year, he might have had a hard time transitioning. Jackson and Frank Norman

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Chamber plans special dance

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

A 17-year-old at Perquimans County High School student is organizing May's first ever "Mother-Son" dance for the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce.



GALLOP

Another first is Quantel Gallop. He is the chamber's first ever intern. He will graduate high school this year and plans to attend Pitt Community College to study psychology.

Gallop said the idea for the dance came from Louise Privott, the owner of Louise's Event Center and a member of the chamber's board of directors.

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County in the running for award

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Perquimans County is in the running with four other locations for the Great Places in North Carolina award.

Votes can be cast on-line at https://www.wishpond.com/tp/2301863/ People can vote once a day and the deadline is April 27 at 5 p.m.

As of Monday night, Perquimans was in first place with 101 votes.

Other communities in the running are Wendell Falls, Wrightsville Beach, Emerald Isle and North Park. North Park had 70 votes as of Monday. The others got: Emerald Isle, 53, Wrightsville

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WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Top, C.W. Overton shows Hunter Overton (no relation) how to operate a 1953 Farmall tractor Saturday at the Week of the Young Child event at the Perquimans Recreation Center. Right, Hertford Firefighter Tyler Clark shows Dasean Braxton how to use a fire hose Saturday at the Week of the Young Child event at the Perquimans Recreation Center.



Early voting starts Thursday

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Early voting for the May primary election starts Thursday, but Perquimans County Democrats will have little to vote for.

Democrats can vote in the county school board race in May since it's non-partisan, but it's not really a race. There are three candidates running for three seats, so unless there are a lot of write-in ballots, the three are all assured a victory.

Running this year are incumbents Anne White and Any Spough and challenger Matt Peller. Peeler has served on the Perquimans County Commission before, but opted not to run again when his term expired two years ago. This is his first try running for the school board.

Democrats remain the single largest political party in Perquimans with about 4,000 voters. Unaffiliated voters come in second with 3,100 and Republicans total about 2,600. There were only 31 libertarians registered as of March 7.

Democrats would have had a race for the N.C. District 1 Senate race, but last week a panel determined Democrat Richard James is not a valid resident of the district and can't be a candidate for the seat.

Holly Hunter, Perquimans' elections director,

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Republican candidates square off for May primary

Senate seat sees Steinburg, Twiddy Goodwin, Hunter seek house seat

BY JOHN HAWLEY
The Daily Advance

Does North Carolina's Senate District 1 need experience or a new start?

That's the question facing Republican voters in the May 8 primary election, where three-term state Rep. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, is effectively running for a promotion to a Senate seat covering almost twice as many counties as he now serves. He's opposed for the seat by Clark Twiddy, a Navy veteran, Dare County businessman and political newcomer who argues he'll bring a collaborative, free-market oriented approach to serving the public.



TWIDDY



STEINBURG

development is his priority if elected. He said he first would work on reducing regulations and taxes. Asked for an example of regulations that should be repealed, Twiddy couldn't cite one, although he did note his support for repeal of a ban on plastic bags on the Outer Banks.

As for taxes, Twiddy said he would "work relentlessly" to reduce taxes and stimulate economic activity. However, he said he could not promise to never support a tax increase, explaining the state might face a fiscal emergency in the future.

Clark Twiddy

Twiddy, 41, said he's served others, both in the military and as a business leader, and is running for office to continue that service.

"We have a responsibility to participate in government and derive the greatest good for the greatest number," Twiddy said.

Twiddy says economic

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BY JOHN HAWLEY
The Daily Advance

The two Republican candidates for state House District 1 have different backgrounds but a similar focus: to tackle the many pocketbook issues facing residents of rural communities.

Candice Hunter, of Perquimans County, and Eddy Goodwin, of Chowan County, are running to serve the reconfigured House District 1, which includes their counties as well as Bertie, Camden, Tyrrell and Washington counties. The seat in the 1st House District is now held by state Rep. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, who is running for the open state Senate seat in District 1 instead of seeking re-election.

In interviews last week, both Hunter and Goodwin made their case for why



HUNTER



GOODWIN

Candice Hunter

Hunter, 46, is a northeastern North Carolina native who returned to the region last year. A graduate of Currituck High School,

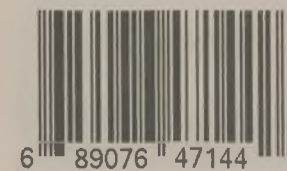
Hunter said she worked her way through college, serving as a television anchor in three different markets before starting her own small business, Media Hunter.

After returning home, Hunter said she became concerned about the 1st District's quality of life, and believes she has the vision to improve it.

"The most important value we have in northeastern North Carolina is preserving quality of life and allowing our children to stay here, and you do that by creating jobs," Hunter said.

Hunter said the district needs to "reinvent" itself after losing manufacturing jobs decades ago. In addition to encouraging small business growth and holding down taxes, she said it's vital to expand high-speed

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