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Gazzolo rallies to win Biggs Classic

BY MALCOLM SHIELDS
 The Daily Advance

For those who were witness to David Gazzolo's tee shot on the 18th green during the final round of the 2018 Biggs Golf Classic, some might say it ranks as one the best shots in the tournament's five-year history on The Sound Golf Links at Albemarle Plantation.

Gazzolo's tee shot on the 343-yard par-4 hole maneuvered past the Albemarle Sound to the right and came

to a stop on the green within a few feet of the hole.

All Gazzolo had remaining was a manageable eagle putt to cap an improbable third and final round for the Riverside, Calif. native.

Gazzolo shot 6-under-par 65 during the final round to win the Biggs Classic at 14-under-par.

He edged out second-round leader Drew Weaver who completed the tournament at 13-under-par.

Gazzolo, who began the final round at 8-under par

and three shots behind Weaver, shot under par during all three rounds of the Classic.

"I was driving the ball well," Gazzolo said. "My ball strike was pretty good. Putting was a lot better (Saturday) than the last two days. I got pretty hot with my putter. I just managed the course pretty well."

He added that he was aggressive on the holes that he wanted to be aggressive on and laid back on others.

Gazzolo held a one-shot

lead over Weaver at 13-under after completing the 15th. He ran into some trouble on the next two holes.

On the 16th, which is a par-4, Gazzolo bogeyed and on 17, his tee shot was left of the fairway past the cart path and in the rough.

Gazzolo punched it over the green and eventually had to settle for par on the par-5 hole.

When Gazzolo arrived to the 18th tee, he decided to

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PHOTO BY MALCOLM SHIELDS/THE DAILY ADVANCE

David Gazzolo chips on the 17th green during the third and final round of the Biggs Golf Classic, Saturday at The Sound Golf Links at Albemarle Plantation. Gazzolo won the tournament at 14-under-par.

Grammar school principal leaving

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Jason Griffin, a 2017 National Distinguished Principal and North Carolina's 2017 Principal of the Year, will be leaving Hertford Grammar School to take a position with the Craven County Schools.



GRIFFIN

Griffin, 39, will become the director of elementary education in Craven on July 2.

He said he's always aspired to become a school superintendent and he sees the Craven job as his next step.

Craven is much larger school system with 23,000 students and 25 schools. Griffin will oversee the 15 elementary schools.

Perquimans has four schools and about 1,600 students.

Griffin earns \$71,322 in Perquimans. His Craven County salary is presently being negotiated.

He said "everything happened really quickly."

He said Craven contacted him on May 15, and he told them he would take the job. He told his staff the very next day.

Griffin said he would do as much as he can to help ease the transition for HGS.

"As much as Craven County would like me to start tomorrow, we still have a lot of work to do here. I'd like to help the next (HGS) principal get acclimated."

End of year testing started last Friday and the last day of school is June 8.

Local school officials wished Griffin well.

"The Superintendent and Perquimans County Schools Board of Education would like to thank Mr. Jason Griffin for his service as a teacher, instructional facilitator, and Hertford Grammar School principal," said Lisa

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

The crowd stands while the color guard carries the flags to the podium at a Memorial Day service Monday.

Bundy: Make U.S. worth dying for

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

America can honor those servicemen who died by working together to make the country one worth dying for, a speaker told a crowd of 150 people Monday.

Sgt. First Class Carroll Bundy, N.C. National Guard, (Ret) addressed the annual Memorial Day gathering. The event was moved from the courthouse green to the Perquimans County Recreation Center because of the threat of rain.

Bundy addressed the reoccurring question "how do we honor those that died for us?"

He said our debt to them could never truly be repaid except to make the nation something they would be proud of.

"These men and women didn't die for us as individuals," Bundy said. "They died for the ideals that make us a country, a country most of them thought worth risking their lives for."

"If we want to honor them, we must find ways to put aside our individual feelings for the greater good of the country. We must pull together to continue to make this country worth risking death, and dying for."

"We hear all the time, 'May God bless America.' If we truly want America to be blessed, we must become the blessing."

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Carroll Bundy addresses the crowd at a Memorial Day service Monday at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.

Perquimans football coach steps down

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Ian Rapanick has stepped down as head football coach at Perquimans County High School.

The coach made the announcement last week. Rapanick resigned on Wednesday.



RAPANICK

football coach. Perquimans gave me an opportunity to

achieve that goal and for that, I am forever thankful," Rapanick said. "I would like to thank the people of Perquimans County for treating my family like we were born and raised here. I would like to thank the administration and Board of Education of Perquimans County Schools for giving

me this opportunity. "To Coach (Tommy) Johnson and Coach (Kristie) Thach, thank you for making every day so fun and giving me a lifelong friendship. Most importantly, I'd like to thank Megan and Justin Roberson. Y'all made me love being a Pirate and love going to work

everyday. I cannot put into words how thankful I am for our friendship and everything you have done for my family and I. Thank you to all of you for giving a 24-year-old kid a chance to live his dream."

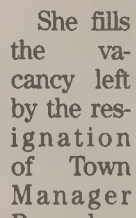
Rapanick isn't sure what

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Hurdle named interim manager

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Pam Hurdle has been named interim town manager in Hertford.



HURDLE

She fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Town Manager Brandon Shoaf who took a county planner position in Chowan County.

She started working for the town 19 years ago as a secretary and about 15 years ago was promoted to the position of executive assistant. She also serves as deputy town clerk.

Hurdle is originally from Gatesville. She graduated from Elizabeth City State

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Whedbee leaves Winfall council

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Winfall Town Council member Debbie Jean Whedbee has stepped down from office because she is moving outside to the town to another place in Perquimans County.

Whedbee last won an election in November.

Both she and Ken Rominger were the only names on the ballot. In all, she's won three elections for the town board seat.

Mayor Fred Yates said



WHEDBEE

Whedbee would be missed. "She has been a blessing to the town," Yates said. "I can't say enough good things about her."

Whedbee's resignation took effect earlier this month. She could not be reached for comment.

Rominger agrees Whed-

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