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Sheriff Shelby White (second from the left) and his Chief Deputy Tom Reid (left) talk with Elizabeth City lawmen who are donating their old laptop computers to Perquimans County.

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at no cost to Perquimans County.

Toughbooks are not the same as a laptop a student might get in school or a person might buy for home

trademarked brand name owned by Panasonic Corporation for a brand of rugged computers. They are used in a wide variety of industries, including construction, defense, emergency services, healthcare, government.

utilities.

White said Buffaloe told him he'd send the first of the computers over to Hertford as soon as he could, and White said he said no, he wanted to go in person and shake everybody's hand.

Toughbook is a registered deputies will have instant access to the NCAWARE system and DMV license information. Arrest warrant are filed electronically now, and until now if one was will need to be purchased on know right away.

"If somebody walks into access while on the road.

law enforcement, manufac- the Dare County magistrate's turing, oil, gas, telecom, and office and gets a warrant on somebody in Perquimans County, they (deputies) will be able to see it in their cars while they are on patrol," White said..

Deputies responding to a call will also be able to pull up the previous history of Having the laptops means other calls at that same location.

The shift to laptops in patrol cars won't totally be without cost. The sheriff said there are air cards that issued, a deputy may not a regular basis to allow the computers to get Internet



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Perquimans County has received a grant to help property owners clean up and recycle old mobile homes.

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recycle center. That keeps the price lower, he said.

Swanner said there is about seven tons of steel in some mobile homes.

If the county is successful during the first year, it can reapply for funds next year.

Swanner said the issue is

home, not just hide it.

"You can't shove it back into the woods and say it's to remove a mobile home, cleaned up.

removal. The tipping fee can be placed on the proppaid at a landfill can run erty. \$500 for a small trailer on up to \$2,000.

When it comes to the overall cost, "nobody gets out for less than (paying) \$1,000," he said.

Not doing anything may to get rid of an old mobile cost a property owner even more.

If the county takes action the property owner will be The county's grant will billed for the work, and if

> Anyone interested in the program should contact Swanner at 426-8283, Ext. 232, or by e-mail at eswanner@perquimanscountync. gov. The e-mail address is protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it.

Worst fire in history: Explosions Rock Hertford

Primary includes six local offices

Board receives CETA funds

Correction

is noted

The front page of the Jan. 12 1978, issue of The Perquimans Weekly talks about the explosions and fire as a result of the Winslow Oil Company fire that week.

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been for that, and the cold, it would have probably burned too."

No homes were destroyed and damage was pretty much limited to the Winslow Oil site. The oil company lost three transport trucks, three delivery trucks, cash in the office and all their records.

Back then firefighters did not have two-way radios like they do now.

"We depended pretty heavily on the (warning) sirens. Now we have one, but back then we had maybe taking things like steel to a only be part of the cost of the bill isn't paid then a lien four. We had just started to get pagers.

The Hertford Fire Department, which might have numbered 21 to 22 men along with their three pumpers, one a 1940 Ford, but they did not fight the fire alone. Every volunteer fire department in Perquimans County and units from Edenton, Elizabeth City and South Mills and Virginia came to help. In all, there were an estimated 125 firefighters on the scene.

The U.S. Coast Guard dispatched two boats to help his 20 years in. Even today, the scariest."



A plume of black smoke rises over Winslow Oil Company during the fire in 1978.

contain the 16,000 to 17,000 Winslow remains his biggest gallons of oil that got into blaze. the Perquimans River.

"I would probably be ly-

Leicester retired from the ing if I said anything else. It fire department after he got was the largest and it was

BRICKS

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veterans, may be picked up from the Perguimans County Veterans Service Office, the County Manager's Clerk's Office, or American Legion Post 126.

Veterans eligible for a brick at the Perquimans may purchase and donate a County Veterans Memorial are: (1) a veteran who is a native of the county, regardless of where he currently resides or the family of the veteran

or if buried elsewhere; or (2) currently a permanent resident of Perquimans County. Merchant Marine veteran eligibility is limited to those who served during the period Dec. 7 1941-Aug. 15, 1945.

A memorial brick costs \$50. Bricks can be purchased in person or by mail. In addition, an individual brick for an eligible veteran. If the person wishes to send a card informing a veteran

of their donation, an acknowledgment card is part of the application form.

Those interested should complete the application form and along with the \$50 take to the County Manager's Office, located in the old courthouse. If returning the application by mail, the address is Perquimans County, PO Box 45, Hertford, NC 27944. Checks should be made payable to Perquimans County Veterans Monument.

Currituck ferry service suspended until August

From Staff Reports

The N.C. Department of Transportation will temporarily suspend service on the Currituck-Knotts Island Ferry later this month to perform major repair and renovation work to

the terminals at both ends Aug. 6. of the ferry route.

The 40-minute ferry route, which crosses the Currituck Sound between Knotts Island and the mainland, is scheduled to suspend service June 9. Service will resume on

Crews plan to rebuild the piling and fender system that the ferry uses to tie up on both sides. Maintenance also will be performed on the ramps that vehicles use to board the

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It's his goal for next year is 10 members of the Class of 2019 will be graduating with an associate's degree by that point. He said that's never happened in Perqui-

mans before. Each graduate gets 15 tickets for graduation Friday. Four of tickets are good for both the outside ceremony as well as a seat inside the gym to watch the actual graduation if it has to be moved there. The 11 white tickets are good for outside, but if rain drives the ceremony into the gym instead of outside, holders of white tickets will have to watch the ceremony view closed circuit TV in either the auditorium or the lunchroom.

We have to make safety a priority," Price said. "The fire marshal only allows us so many people inside the gym."

Once you add the graduates, the teachers, the band, the board of education and some dignitaries, there is enough space for the 488 people holding a gold tick-

"If we had issued five gold tickets, it would be closer to 600."

As much as he'd like to be there Friday, Price will be in Columbia.

He was working in Tyrrell County when he took the PCHS job last year.

"I have four kids and three of them are here in Perquimans, but being that this year was my daughter's senior year, she wanted to

finish there." On Friday Elizabeth Price will graduate from Columbia High School as valedictorian.

"I hate it that I will miss it (PCHS graduation) but I have to be there.'

Elizabeth graduated a month ago from Beaufort Community College with an associate in arts degree. She is moving on to UNC Chapel Hill.

There were 30 PCHS grads this year that had a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. They were Hailey Chappell, Kaitlyn Christian, Alexzander Cinelli, Ahmad Tyrique Cowell, Gabrielle Corprew, Alexis Davenport, Lance Decker, Cabrisha Downing, Destiny Evans, James Fairchild, Da-

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Top academic students in the junior class will serve as marshals Friday. They include: Tony Cook, Braeden

Craddock, Jayla Hall, Cortez Knight, Colton Meads, Samantha Midgett Cala ren Winslow.

Robertson, Erin Thomas, Samuel Whitfield and Lau-

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