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EMS crew witnesses Florence

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Perquimans County sent a two-person team of paramedics to east of Fayetteville with a strike team from the region this month to help with flooding from Hurricane Florence.

Kate Thomas, an EMS shift supervisor/paramedic and paramedic Jessica Arthur were part of the five-ambulance group from Bertie, Chowan, Dare and

Pasquotank-Camden and Perquimans that went to Sampson County.

Both paramedics said they realize it could have been Perquimans that was hit and help would be on the way.

"This could very easily happen to our county," Thomas said. "I know that other counties will readily send help."

For Arthur you just had to see it.

"I have seen flooding to

a degree," Arthur said. "But I've never experienced what happened there in the areas most affected by Hurricane Florence. It was unbelievable and you really cannot fathom what really happened unless you see it firsthand. I will never forget it. The most horrible was seeing a cemetery completely submerged under water."

Thomas said in Clinton the south part of the city was only accessible by aircraft because of flooding

but the north end was dry. They also worked in Newton Grove. Sampson is a county of 63,400 people east of Fayetteville.

"There was still no electricity in most of the city (in Clinton). There were several rescue missions picking people up from their rooftops of their homes and flying them to hospitals, shelter or wherever they needed to get to. It was something I'll

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Kate Thomas (right), an EMS shift supervisor/paramedic and paramedic Jessica Arthur pose next to a Perquimans ambulance.

Weather delays athletic complex

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The Perquimans County High School football team will not be playing at the new athletic complex this year, Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman said last week.

The original goal was to have the complex ready for the first game of the season on Aug. 17 against Northside-Pinetown. Now five games into the season, he says it will be next season.

Playing this season is "is unlikely now because of weather. We will continue on working with it."

He said the sod on the football field could be installed within two weeks. The irrigation system has to be installed first. The water system had to be installed and tested before that. That involved cutting a trench through Edenton Road Street.

But when the sod is installed, "then we can let the grass grow," he said.

There is also a fence that needs to go up around the field and a scoreboard that needs to be installed. The home bleachers and press box have been installed and work progresses on the concession stand/restroom building and the field house. The school system will use existing portable bleachers from the current field, but they won't be moved until the new field is finished.

"There is still a lot of work that needs to be done, but we have been held up because of weather," Cheeseman said. "I am still very excited but from my office, I am very disappointed we were not able to give our seniors the opportunity to play on it. But I can't do much about the weather. I would rather people be safe than

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TOAST THE PERQUIMANS



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Top, people enjoy beverages at the second annual

"Toast The Perquimans" beer and wine tasting event Saturday. The event is put on by Historic Hertford Hertz Inc. Right, people line up at one of the food trucks at "Toast The Perquimans" Saturday night at the Hertford Town Docks.



Race is on for sheriff

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Two veteran law enforcement officers will face off on Nov. 6 for the job of sheriff of Perquimans County.

Until this election, neither man had run for political office before. Democrat Shelby White was appointed sheriff in 2017 when Sheriff Eric Tilley retired. With 17 years, Tilley was the second longest serving sheriff in Perquimans history. The longest was Sheriff (Julian) "Little Man" Broughton who served for 20 years.

Republican challenger Jim Bray has served his career with the N.C. Highway Patrol.

Bray, 51, touts his law enforcement experience and leadership. "I am not afraid to make the tough decisions that are necessary to address the issues in our



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Winslow named County's Teacher of the Year

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Heather Winslow, 40, knew she liked sports. She played basketball and softball at Northeastern High School.

She thought she might want to be a physical therapist, but a mentoring and shadow program in high school convinced her she might want to think about that.

"I decided it wasn't for me," she said.

So she was assigned a shadowing program with a physical education teacher at Central School in Elizabeth City.

That's where she found her calling and last month she was named Perquimans County's Teacher of the Year for 2018-19.

The 19-year veteran is a health and physical education teacher at Perquimans County Middle School. This is her 19th year in education and her third year with Perquimans County Schools. Winslow holds a Bachelor of science degree in Physical Education from Elizabeth City State University and is a National Board Certified Teacher.

At PCMS she is a mentor to beginning teachers and she serves on the School Improvement Team, the PCMS Positive Behavior Intervention team

and the support team. She's also on the district's Safety Health Advisory Committee.

Additionally, Winslow coaches the PCMS softball team, and she leads the PCMS Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) chapter.

The Perquimans Fellowship of Christian Athletes will hold a second annual Fields of Faith event Oct. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Perquimans County High School. Speakers will include Brad Hurdle and Scott Williams, the FCA director for northeastern North Carolina.



HEATHER WINSLOW

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Judge: Jackson guilty of trespassing

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Hertford Town Councilman Quentin Jackson was found guilty this month on one of two counts stemming from a property dispute he has with a cousin.

District Court Judge Meader W. Harriss III found

Jackson not guilty of breaking or entering last week, but did find him guilty of first-degree trespass.

On Sept. 12 Harriss sentenced Jackson to a 60-day suspended sentence and 12 months of supervised probation. Jackson is going to appeal the case to Superior Court, so the punishments



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are on hold for now.

Jackson is already on probation on another charge. In February Superior Court Judge Jerry Tillett sentenced Jackson to 18 months of supervised probation for violating an earlier probation.

Both the breaking and entering and trespassing charges stem from a dispute between Jackson and a cousin, Catherine Flowers, over property Flowers owns on Brace Avenue.

The case was first heard by a magistrate in June. Jackson said he and Flow-

ers had an agreement in which he planned to buy the house. He claimed that he didn't live in the house, but was making improvements to the property.

At the time the magistrate said he could not rule on the case because magistrates can only hear cases where there is a clear landlord-tenant relationship.

In August, Jackson was arrested for failing to appear in court on the charges. He was released under \$5,000

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ALS WALK



FILE PHOTO

Helen Hunter (right) joins more than 200 others as they start off walking from Perquimans County High School at a past Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Walk. The event will be held again Saturday with sign-ups at 8 a.m. and the walk at 9 a.m.



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