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"News from Next Door"

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Commission approves plans for new housing development

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Perquimans County Commission unanimously approved a zoning request that would permit the creation of a new housing development by Albemarle Plantation.

During Monday's meeting, commissioners listened to arguments pro and con as to whether they should approve Perquimans Development Company's plans to transform 1,500 acres of farmland into a 30-year phased development that may eventually have 2,400 residential units, 273 of which are townhomes/condominiums. Associated commercial development may include a hotel with up to 80 rooms and two restaurants that would each seat up to 125 people.

Bobby Masters, an executive with Perquimans Development Company, shared his insight as to the scope of the development. "I've been involved in this business for 30 years and I probably can't name one community where all the density that was originally approved was actually built out," said Masters, general manager of Albemarle Plantation. "I think you have to adjust to the marketplace.

The biggest demand for amenity these days is natural areas, walking trails and getting people back in touch with nature. As we move through this and develop our marketing programs, it's very likely that some of these areas perhaps will be turned into more parkland and whatnot, but we had to know what our master plan was and what we had to work with. Then, we will go

in and respond to the marketplace accordingly." Water, sewer, roads, stormwater planning, police and fire protection would be added as the development, which may come to be known as Albemarle Preserve, evolves in the eastern end of the county by Harvey Point Road near Holiday Lane and continues northeast to the Perquimans River, where a marina may be built.

Pending market forces, development of a maximum of 150 lots at a time could start as soon as 2021. County's water service is able to handle the additional load of up to 320 lots, but beyond that would require changes to the system. The county's Planning Board approved zoning and

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Forensic Files relaunches with Lico's help

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

While world-renowned television executive Gary Lico of Hertford was in Europe in recent weeks, he made a quick phone call to his favorite local newspaper, the Perquimans Weekly, to share the big news.

Production is underway for new episodes of Forensic Files, the world's most successful true crime/investigation television series. Forensic Files, a pioneer



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Election results posted to web

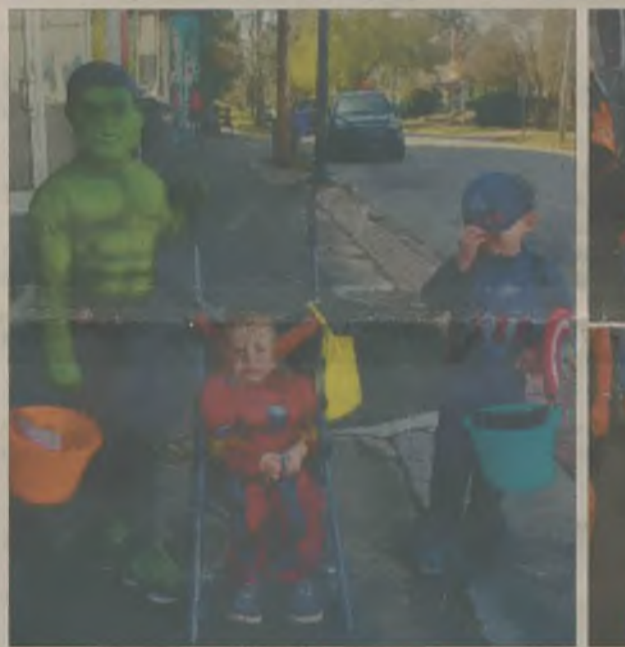
Staff reports

Are you wondering where the town election results are in this week's Perquimans Weekly?

We thought you might be. We always strive to provide election results as soon as possible.

However, we were still at work Tuesday night compiling the vote totals, long after our weekly press time. They are, of course, on the Daily Advance

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PHOTOS BY MILES LAYTON / STAFF WRITER

Hertford Halloween extravaganza

Staff reports

Nearly 200 kids wore their best Halloween costumes during Hertford's trick-or-treat celebration last Thursday through

downtown. There were a lot of spidermen, a Hulk, princess, Wonder woman and maybe a cute cupcake plus countless other costumes. Candy that was given out by merchants

and homeowners ranged from chocolate to Skittles. All in all, many kids ended the evening with smiles on their faces and sacks full of candy. Photos by Perquimans Weekly

all-star Beverly Alexander — thanks for giving candy out!

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Layton to lead paper

Staff reports

Adams Publishing Group announces the hiring of Miles Layton as editor of the Perquimans Weekly.

Layton, who previously worked as an editor/staff writer for the Chowan Herald, has won various press association awards in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

"We are so fortunate to have Miles at the editorial helm," said Robin Quillon, publisher of The Daily Advance, The Perquimans Weekly and Chowan Herald. "His enthusiasm and love for journalism excellence will help us propel the Perquimans Weekly to new and exciting heights."

Prior to joining The Perquimans Weekly, Layton worked for newspapers large and small during his career as a reporter and editor. After graduating from East Carolina University, Layton owned and edited his own weekly newspaper before attending law school at the University of Toledo. He then attended graduate



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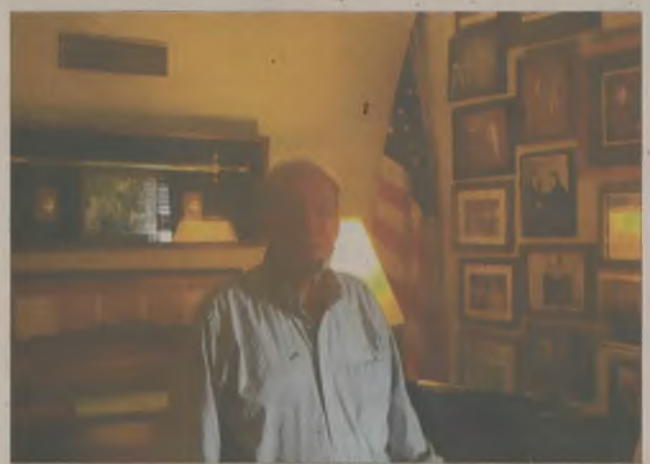
Ex-Congressman finds home in Hertford

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

The walls of Dick Schulze's condo are lined with photos of world leaders, past and present. Each picture has a story to tell about how Schulze, a retired Pennsylvania congressman now living in Perquimans County, came to know world leaders such as President Ronald Reagan, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Schulze, now 90, served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives between 1975 and 1993. A Republican, Schulze's district encompassed portions of Montgomery, Delaware, and Chester counties in the western Philadelphia suburbs.

During his career in the House, Schulze rose to serve



BY MILES LAYTON / STAFF WRITER

Richard Schulze, a retired Pennsylvania congressman, has a wealth of stories to share about his life and times. During Schulze's tour of duty in congress, he worked closely with President Reagan and other leading politicians. Though Schulze has traveled across the globe, he has never lost the common touch and calls Hertford home.

as a top-ranking member on the House Ways and Means Committee and the senior Republican member on the Oversight Subcommittee. He also served on the Armed Services Committee and Banking. He chaired the Republican Study Committee, and was the Republican

Whip for Pennsylvania.

A few years after Schulze retired, he bought a condo in 1999 at Albemarle Plantation where he lives with his wife, Nancy.

"What attracted us here were the people. ... The people are wonderful," he said. The couple could have

lived anywhere — even remain in Washington DC where they have a place that Congressman Greg Murphy is staying at as he transitions to his new job.

But Dick and Nancy Schulze chose to live outside a small town far away from cosmopolitan lifestyle.

"I grew up in an area where neighbors knew neighbors, you didn't have to lock doors, kids would go and come back when it was dark," Dick Schulze said. "That's the way it is here. If you really need something, almost any of your neighbors — if they have it, they'll give it to you. They'll help you. If people know about it, they're going to help you. That's the way the country should be."

Their condo is a short hop to the golf course and the Albemarle Sound — a split second decision to buy the place was made during a trip through northeastern NC. Schulze said he was looking for some place

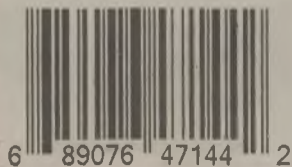
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HOMEcoming KING & QUEEN



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Makayla Williams and Anthony Griswald were crowned the Queen and King of Homecoming at Perquimans County High School. Williams is a senior and vice president of the Student Government Association, secretary of the INTERACT club, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hertford, Nursing Aide I student at COA, where she was recently awarded the State Employee's Credit Union (SECU) Bridge to Career Program Scholarship for the 2019-2020 semester. She is also a Theater Arts member and Varsity Cheerleader and member of the LEAD club. Williams' parents are Rebecca and Chris Murray Griswald. Williams is a senior and is the betting kicker for the football team. His parents are Rachel Taylor and Christopher Griswald.



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