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PQ Schools Announce Reopening Plan

Plan includes a combination of in-person and remote learning

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

The upcoming school year will look different at Perquimans County Schools.

Monday, Perquimans Board of Education voted to adopt Plan B which includes a combination of in-person learning and remote learning. Parents also have an op-

tion to choose an all remote learning instructional experience.

The plan follows the NC Department of Health and Human Services guidelines for reopening schools. The decision was in response to the July 14 announcement by Governor Roy Cooper that schools needed to choose a reopening plan for students to return to school on Aug. 17.

The district hopes to provide families an opportunity to do what is best for their students and their households.



TURNER

"We know that no plan is perfect, but our goal is always to provide our students the best possible instructional experience in person and in remote learning settings. We are working

hard to ensure that our schools are as safe as possible under the NC-DHHS guidelines. We are looking forward to the return of our teach-

ers, staff and students," Superintendent Tanya Turner said.

Perquimans County Schools' Plan B opens school four days per week for face-to-face instruction with one day of remote teaching and learning for students in grades PreK-6. Grades 7-8 would receive two half-days of face-to-face instruction with three days of remote teaching and learning. Grades 9-12 will participate in one day of face-to-face learning with four days of remote teaching and learning.

In terms of remote learning,

Turner said the district will also offer a high-quality all remote learning option for families who may not be ready for their child to return in an in-person setting.

Schools will open for in-person instruction under an updated Plan B that requires face coverings for all K-12 students, fewer children in the classroom, measures to ensure social distancing for everyone in the building, and other safety protocols.

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Hertford Reinstates Police Captain

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Captain Gilbert Rodriguez has been reinstated to the Hertford Police Department last week after being placed on leave with pay since June pending the outcome of an investigation that concluded recently.

Hertford Town Council unanimously approved reinstating Rodriguez after a closed session meeting Thursday.

Town Hall has not provided any reasons for the investigation nor specified when it concluded.

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9-Year-Old Shot, Killed in Chowan

BY STAFF REPORTS

EDENTON — A 9-year-old Edenton girl was shot to death and her mother injured Friday night in an incident the Chowan County sheriff described as a "senseless" act of violence.

Sheriff Dwayne Goodwin said Makia Slade and her mother, Shatory Hunter Slade, were shot by someone in a passing vehicle as they were traveling in



MAKIA SLADE

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Due to late breaking news - very busy news cycle - a follow-up to the Perquimans Commission story about ongoing discussions about the future of the Confederate statue at the courthouse will have to wait until the next edition.



Maybe the most symbolic photo of the big day to come was from the baccalaureate service in June when the Pirates got to wear their commencement robes for the first time.

Pirates Poised for Big Day

BY STAFF REPORTS

Congratulations to the soon-to-be Perquimans County High School Class of 2020.

Provided by the PCHS, photos of each senior are published pages B1-B2. Thanks to local business support, there is a full-page ad listing the names of the graduates provided by the school system appears on page A6.

A story discussing the time, day and place of graduation along with COVID-19 guidelines appears on B1. Did you know that the Class of 2020 has been offered \$480,000 in scholarships?

Valedictorian Claribel Ordaz-Rios and salutatorian Allison Copeland will give speeches at commencement.

Photo collage comes from a series of pictures taken throughout the year.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Above photo: Sandra Rennie's enthusiasm says it all! Left photo: Superintendent Tanya Turner, who is a successful graduate of Perquimans County High School, shows her support for the Class of 2020.

Editor Leaves Legacy of Compassion

Peter Williams died Saturday

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Space that is ordinarily reserved for the weekly round-up column seems to be better used to pay tribute to Peter Williams, former longtime editor of the Perquimans Weekly.

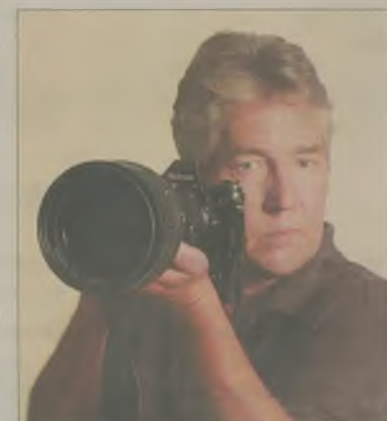
He was also an editor of Chowan Herald.

Rather than talk in journal-speak, I'll write in a more personal manner about Peter, a man who was loved and respected by the community.

As most folks know though it is still a shock to many, Peter died Saturday while undergoing care at Vidant Hospital in Greenville. Peter celebrated a birthday recently and he was in early to mid 60s.

During Williams' long

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PETER WILLIAMS

Steinburg Dismisses Marxists: Praises Trump's Energy

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Editor's Note: This concludes our story about NC Senator Bob Steinburg's visit to nation's capital and his meeting with President Donald Trump.

NC Senator Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, was a member of Tarheel delegation of leading members of the General Assembly who got an impromptu meeting with President Trump on July 16 in the Oval Office of the White House.

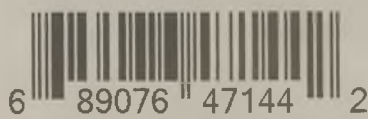
"Afterward, I kept thinking that this was a surreal experience - even though I did this and I went through it - as



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NC Senator Bob Steinburg, third from the right, was part of a special Tarheel delegation from the General Assembly who met recently with President Trump.

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