

From the President's Desk: Perquimans Art League News

2020 Annual Members Show will Start Aug. 24

BY ED SANFORD

The Annual Members' Show is coming soon! We hope that all of our members have been working on their entries, and we're excited to see all of the new work! The exhibit will run



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to PAL members only, but

from August 24 to October 2.

This year the prospectus is available to our entire PAL mailing list. The show is open

anyone who would like to join prior to the show will be welcome to participate.

Get prospectus. Please bring the completed form when you come to drop off your work, including attaching labels to the back of your work. This will save time and will expedite the drop-off process.

Members may submit up to 3 works for a fee of \$25.

Details regarding requirements are included on the prospectus.

Work was to be dropped off on Monday, August 17, Tuesday, August 18 or Wednesday, August 19 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. No work will be accepted after this date. We will be making special arrangements to allow for social distancing during

drop-off. For questions, contact Sheryl Corr at sherylcorr@embarqmail.com.

We are looking for several volunteers to help take in work at the gallery. Please contact Sheryl if you would be available on August 17, 18 or 19 for a couple of hours.

Our juror this year will be Christine Henninger,

a very talented artist and instructor from Elizabeth City. Learn more about Christine here.

If you have work in the current Watercolor Club show, please arrange to pick up your work as soon as possible.

Ed Sanford is president of the Perquimans Arts League.

ROUND-UP

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Pasquotank Schools for six years at Central Elementary and as director of Federal Programs and Special Projects.

Drew follows in the footsteps of Pirates' principal **Wayne Price**, who is now principal of Washington County Early College High School.

Have PQ Schools administrator **James Bunch** in your prayers. He's in the hospital in Greenville.

Speaking of prayers, offer those to the family of former PQ Schools Superintendent **Dwayne Stallings**, who passed Aug. 9 – his mother, **Anna Faye Stallings**, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 12. See obituaries page A2.

In other news, a rally has been scheduled for Monday, Aug. 24, to protest how there is no Black principal in Perquimans County's four schools and also the low performance rates by Black students taught within those schools.

Organized by the local chapter of the NAACP, the protest is to start at 6 p.m. at the county's Board of Education office on Edenton Road.

Local businessman **Tony Riddick** penned a letter to the editor listing reasons why Hertford Mayor Pro

Tem Ashley Ashley Hodges should resign. Because Hodges is a public figure same as Governor Cooper or any other office holder, Riddick is entitled to share his opinion on the matter same as folks do when talking about President Trump. Agree or disagree with Riddick's opinion, that page's space belongs to the community, so if inspired, send a letter to the editor at mlayton@ncweeklies.com

Saw Perquimans County Emergency Services Director **Jonathan Nixon** and **Julie M. Solesbee**, Public Information Officer/ Grants Manager/ AEMT for PQ EMS watching and assisting students as they entered the high school. Top notch folks.

Prep football season starts in February!? Yep. See related story on page B1. Going to be different without football and other sports this fall.

Assistant District Governor Russ Haddad spoke to Hertford Rotary at the group's meeting Tuesday. He introduced the **District Governor Spencer Stanley** who presented some awards to this group of distinguished Rotarians. More on that in a future edition.

Saw **Sandra Sperry** the other day. Sperry is regent of the Edenton Tea Party Chapter of

the National Society for the Daughters of the American Revolution – a group that has members in Perquimans and Chowan counties among other places near and far.

If memory serves me correct, Sperry has held many offices during the past 48 years of service with the NSDAR including State Chairman of The Flag of the United States of America Committee and also the Assistant Editor of the Tarheel Patriot State Newsletter.

Phillip McMullan Jr. has added his skill with a pen to assist producing another book, "The Oldest Brick House in North Carolina; English Settlers, Quakers and the 1730 Newbold White House."

Book's front cover features a photo of the Newbold White House and says it is edited by McMullan and H. John Ernst III. Congrats!

Book to be published by Pamlico and Albemarle Publishing and sold to benefit the Perquimans County Restoration Association. Unless the murder horns come early, more details about the book's release will follow in a future edition of the Perquimans Weekly.

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STUDENTS

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buildings had to wear masks and if they did not have one, masks were provided. Staff and teachers led by example by wearing masks.

After a student's temperature was taken by staff, they were asked a series of health questions before being allowed to proceed to classes. Social distancing was practiced.

Students exited the school buses one by one – usually at least 6 feet apart. Desks divided the hallways so as to keep people apart as they traveled through the schools. Floors were scrubbed so that they shined sparkling clean. Everything was sanitized.

Through it all, Pirates'



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mouths may have been hidden by masks, but their eyes seemed to smile as they entered the high school for the first time since March when schools closed and education became virtual, online in nature.

According to Perquimans Schools, 30 percent of the system's 1660 students enrolled Pre-K – 12th

grade opted for remote education over the face-to-face approach favored by 70 percent of students.

■ Perquimans Central: 29% Remote – 109 students

■ Hertford Grammar: 28% Remote – 94 students

■ Perquimans Middle: 34% Remote – 147 students

■ Perquimans High: 27% Remote – 127 students

ELECTION

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494 voters who cast absentee ballots in 2016.

Chowan had 278 voters cast absentee ballots in 2016. As of Friday, however, the county had already received more than 300 requests for this November's election, an elections official said.

Perquimans Board of Elections Director Holly Hunter said during the 2016 presidential election, there was a total of 216 absentee ballots cast. As of Tuesday,

the Board of Elections has received is 206 absentee ballot requests.

Voters can request an absentee ballot until Oct. 27, which is a week before the Nov. 3 general election. County elections officials will begin mailing out absentee ballots Sept. 4.

Absentee ballot request forms can be downloaded from the state Board of Elections website or picked up at county election offices. By Sept. 1, an online absentee ballot request portal will be available on the State Board of Elections' website, NCS-

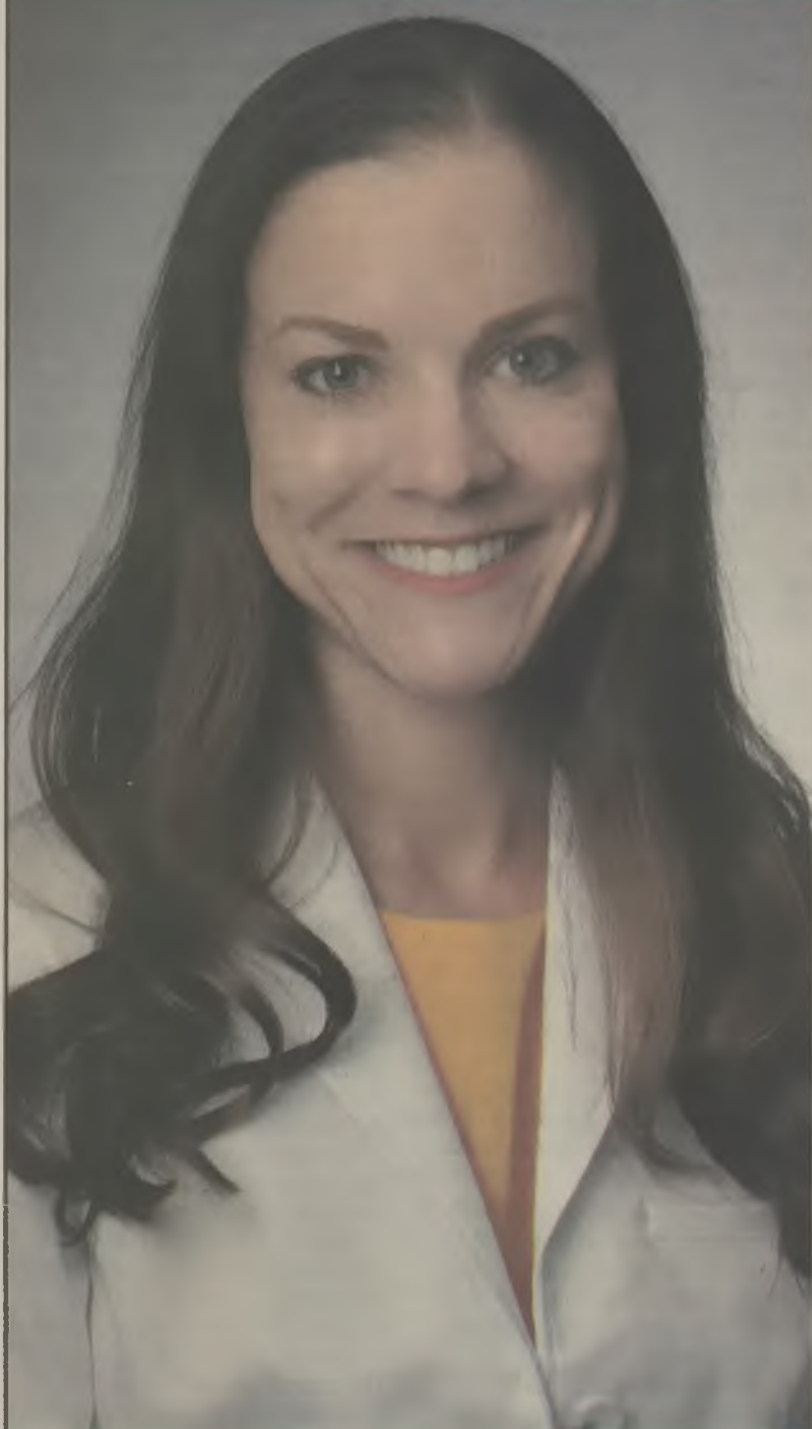
BE.gov.

The request form for an absentee by mail ballot can be returned to county election offices by email, fax, mail for in person.

Absentee ballots must be returned to a county elections office by 5 p.m. on election day. Ballots not received on election day but that are post-marked on Nov. 3 or earlier, must be received by Nov. 6.

Paul Nielsen, a staff writer for the Daily Advance, contributed to this story.

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