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Perquimans County 4-H'ers attend NC Virtual Congress

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A delegation of Perquimans County 4-H members attended NC 4-H Congress, which was held virtually this year.

Maggie Williams, Kaylin Russell, and MacKenzie Davenport represented Perquimans County at NC 4-H Congress. This year's 4-H Congress, held July 20-23, attracted more than 300 youth and adults representing 4-H programs across the state.

Conference delegates participated in general sessions, learned together in workshops, recog-

nized award winners and elected State 4-H Officers for the upcoming year. Russell and Davenport were inducted as Northeast District officers for the coming year during the candlelight ceremony on Wednesday, July 22nd.

4-H is North Carolina's largest youth development organization, equipping more than 262,200 young people each year with the skills to succeed and improve the world around them.

4-H programs and camps encourage young people to "learn by doing," helping them to develop into active, contributing citizens. NC State Extension and the Coop-

erative Extension Program at N.C. A&T State University coordinate 4-H programs statewide.

NC State University is committed to positive action to secure equal opportunity and prohibit discrimination and harassment regardless of age, color, disability, family and marital status, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, political beliefs, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation and veteran status.

For more information on the 4-H program in Perquimans County or how you can become a volunteer, please contact the local Extension Office at 252-426-7697.



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Left to right are Maggie Williams, Kaylin Russell and MacKenzie Davenport, who attended the NC 4-H Congress.

Amended Sports Calendar Released

BY STAFF REPORTS

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association released the amended calendar for the 2020-21 year on Wednesday, Aug. 12.

The proposed dates of competition are based on conditions related to the novel coronavirus pandemic improving in the state.

John A. Holmes High School in Edenton, along with Bertie County, Camden County, Cape Hatteras, Columbia, Currituck County, First Flight, Gates County, Hertford County, Manteo, Mattamuskeet, Northeastern, Ocracoke, Pasquotank County, Perquimans County and Washington County high schools are some of the 400-plus members of the NCHSAA.

The sports calendar will begin at the earliest Nov. 4 with cross country and volleyball practices.

The first contests for those sports will be Nov. 16 and the final day of regular-season competition is Jan. 8, 2021.

Cross country may have 10 contests, while volleyball will have up to 14 contests.

Swimming and diving will begin on Nov. 23 with contests beginning on Dec. 7. The season is set to conclude on Jan. 30, 2021.

Swimming will have up to 10 contests.

Basketball may begin to practice on Dec. 7 with the first game allowed to take place Jan. 4, 2021 and the regular season ending on Feb. 19.

Basketball will be allowed to play 14 games.

Men's soccer and lacrosse are set to begin practice Jan. 11, 2021 with the first match set for Jan. 25. The season will end March 12.

Men's soccer and lacrosse will be allowed to play 14 regular-season games.

Football will be allowed to begin practice Feb. 8, 2021 with the first game set for Feb. 26.

The final regular-season game will be allowed to take place April 9.

A total of seven football games may be played during the regular season.

Men's and women's golf, women's soccer, softball, and men's tennis are all scheduled to begin practice March 1, 2021.

Those sports will be allowed to begin their regular season on March 15 and the final day of regular-season games is set for April 30.

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Lend A Hand Helps Bertie Recover

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Lend A Hand Ministry stepped up with word, prayer and deed to help those folks from Bertie County in the wake of a tornado Aug. 4.

Spawned by Hurricane Isaias, a tornado ripped through a 10-mile stretch of southern Bertie, killing two and injuring at least 25. The twister completely destroyed 26 homes, left eight unsafe for occupancy and damaged more than 200, particularly on Morning and Woodard roads.

The Lend A Hand Ministry wants to everyone for their prayers and support during the Bertie County tornado drive which includes a special thanks to Reverend Bobby Riddick, Councilman Jerry Mimitsch, Dr. Robert Earl and Chris Lane, Harry and Fran Taylor, Mayor Earnell Brown and Larree Cherry from the West Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association.

Lend A Hand Ministry consist Vanora Brothers, Connie Brothers, Shirley Manley, Dorothy Honeyblue, Rosa Riddick, Rachel Johnson and Sharon Savage.



ASHLEA'S ANSWER 'Hope is the Thing with Feathers'

This year, poetry has pulled me in more than ever before. It's a complicated form of literature with rules and also no rules.

A tightly impacted, profound observation, in fewer words

than novels. My attention span, so fragmented with restless thoughts, isn't the best for reading novels right now, but I must read, so poetry it is.

Emily Dickinson caught my interest quickly, as a sudden hermit myself. I've been home far more than usual this year, and I'm home a lot anyway.

We've all likely spent more time in our own areas with social distancing and Covid concerns. Many things were closed, or still are, so home is the most occupied environment.

Dickinson isolated herself intentionally for many years, almost never leaving her father's home place or land. She wrote about the things she saw directly and the thoughts those small things inspired.

I've considered that as my field of experience and view has dwindled — what do I write about except what I know and experience? It has been a frustrating and hard year.

I don't know anyone who doesn't feel that strain of collective grief, anger, and fear of the unknown. It's a global helplessness and Americans especially don't react well to that feeling.

Yet, that's when we can see what God can do best.

It's pouring rain outside right now. I was super irritated because I had outside plans. But I am reminded that God comes to us like the rain. He is often in the clouds or the wind. The imagery and poetic descriptions in the Bible remind me that God is near us always in things we can see if we look.

Recently, there was the annual Perseid meteor shower. Every Aug. 10-13, Earth moves through the remnants of an eons old comet. I watched it once as a kid, but I

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Golfing 'Fore' Education; Tourney Benefits Schools

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The 16th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit the Perquimans County Schools Foundation was recently held at the Sound Golf Links at Albemarle Plantation, where 64 players took to the green to support public education. Placing first, second and third respectively were Macon Turf Farm, Inc., Clear Water Pools and Kim Hunter Daughtery/Hertford Grammar School teams.

Each year the challenge for the golfers is more than a hole-in-one, an eagle or a birdie.

"The challenge is to improve educational opportunities for local students," said Foundation President Antoine Moore. "This

tournament is a way we are able to devote time and resources to improve education for students in our local schools."

This year's tournament was played in memory of former superintendent and public school advocate Dr. Dwayne K. Stallings who had recently passed away following a short illness.

"It is only fitting to play in Dr. Stallings' memory," said tournament organizer Brenda Lassiter. "He served as a board member of the School Foundation during his tenure as Superintendent and supported students in so many ways no one will ever know because he did it quietly, willingly

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Ag Carolina Team teeing off on Hole 1 at the Annual Charity Golf Tournament to support public education in Perquimans County.