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Shores at Lands End CERT Gets AARP Grant

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Perquimans County is the proud host of three state recognized Community Emergency Response Teams.

These volunteer teams train and work within their community, throughout Perquimans County, and at times can be called on to help in other areas throughout the state.

CERT training includes both classroom and hands-on skills that include basic disaster response skills such as: fire safety,

basic medical care, light search and rescue, and basic damage assessment.

The newest team is the Shores at Lands End CERT, which has approximately 26 members and is comprised of four different communities located on a peninsula surrounded by water.

Deep in the Durant's Neck community, these neighborhoods have one road that leads in and out, which could pose a challenge if a major disaster were to occur.

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Perquimans' Shores at Lands End Community Emergency Response Team serves on the front line of any disaster response. Group was recently awarded a \$6,000 so that each CERT member has an individual backpack that has personal safety and first aid equipment along with smaller tools.

Judge Cole Retiring on March 31

Judge recommends to Cooper Reid succeed him on bench

BY REGGIE PONDER
For the Perquimans Weekly

Judge J.C. Cole banged the gavel Thursday for the last time — at least for a while.

Cole is retiring March 31, but he said Thursday had been the last day he was scheduled to hold court.

"I'm going to relax for a little while," Cole said Friday.

He's thinking about doing some work in mediation, arbitration and dispute resolution after taking a little time off, he said. And after 90 days from his retirement day he will be eligible to be called back for emergency duty as a judge, he explained.

Cole said he plans to do some emergency work if asked. He said it's likely to be needed because of the current backlog in cases that mounted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cole said he will miss serving as a judge.

"This past July was 26 years for me," he said. "I enjoyed working, handling cases, trying to make a difference in the system," Cole said. "I'm sure I'll miss it."

Cole has served on the Superior Court bench since 2009 and was a District Court judge before that.

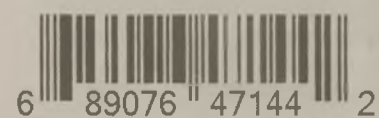
He said he always focused

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REGGIE PONDER/THE DAILY ADVANCE

Superior Court Judge J.C. Cole stands by the bench in the courtroom at the Perquimans County Courthouse in Hertford, Friday.



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Perquimans County volunteer Paula Cartwright takes a moment to deliver a meal and bring a smile to William Williams.

Meals on Wheels Serves Food and Compassion

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Meals on Wheels is an essential program that feeds thousands of people across eastern North Carolina.

The program is intended to help keep seniors in their homes for as long as safely possible through nutritious meals, supportive services and daily human connection.

The Albemarle Commission Senior Nutrition program offers home delivery of meals (Meals on Wheels) to approximately 500 clients in a 10 county service area that includes Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell

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Perquimans Volunteer Debbie Pfenning brings a meal to Mattie Whitehurst.

ROUND-UP

Strawberry and SBI

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

A round-up of all things Perquimans County... Perquimans Youth Rally speaker will be retired Major League baseball player **Darryl Strawberry**. Speech starts at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, at **Piney Woods Friends Meeting** located at 118 Piney Woods Road, Belvidere. Outside event, so bring a lawn chair. Bonus — first 300 people get a hot dog and a drink. Event is sponsored by area businesses and churches.

NC State Bureau of Investigation has not made any arrests as yet in the ongoing probe of Town Hall. SBI is investigating whether Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Hodges' personal emails were retrieved from a town computer without his permission and then used by another town councilor to extort him.

In other news, Town of Hertford has a new Facebook page. See <https://www.facebook.com/officialtown-ofhertfordnc>

No word from Town Hall as to explaining what happened to the old page, but perhaps the person, as yet unnamed, who was running the old page for the town decided to delete that page after a resolution was passed earlier this month that gave access to **Councilman Jerry**

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PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS HONOR ROLLS

Hertford Grammar School Honor Roll

2020-21 A/AB Honor Roll
Quarter Three
Grade 3
A Honor Roll

Kamarien Coulter, Carson Diamond, Colton Dickson, William Howell, Brandon Hughes, Gavin Jones, Noah Miller, Ryan Moreland, Olivia Ross, Emily Russell



AB Honor Roll
Keira Abu-Zahra, Farrah Adams, Au-

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PCMS Honor Roll

2020-21 A/AB Honor Roll
Quarter Three
6th Grade
Principal's List

TaNiyah Brothers, Emily Coppersmith, Za'erha Gordon, Brenden Graham, Mahalia Hodges, Scarlet Hooper, Eleanor Howell, Kelvin Linton, Landon Melton, Mason Roberts, Brianna Ross, Cailyn Stallings, Jason Vanscoy, Chloe Ward, Dallas Williams, Nathaniel



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PCHS Honor Roll

Honor Roll 20/21
3rd 9 Weeks (Q3)
9th Grade
A Honor Roll

Kaylee Anderson, Morgan Baccus, Laura Bohn, Daven Brabble, Dawson Brickhouse, Kyle



Cavanaugh, Cassie Hurdle, Vivien Lane, Shavoris Lewis Jr., Dakota Mayo, Justin Richardson, Bristyl Riddick, Holly Riddick, Collin Roberts, Ashleigh Russell, Hailey Scott, Breanne Shepherd, Kenley Stallings,

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