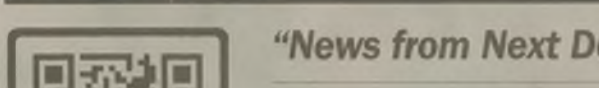


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## Pirate's Passion for Change Endures With Scholarship

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

A Perquimans High School alumnus was awarded a scholarship dedicated to those who seek to change the world.

Class of 2018, Charley Hines is the first recipient of the Michael Steven Higgins "Changing the World" Scholarship. This \$2,000 scholarship is sponsored by the Michael Steven Higgins/Calogero family and Captain Bob's Restaurant.

Higgins was a 2016 graduate of Perquimans County High School and East Carolina University where he received a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and a minor in Security Studies.

Higgins was serving as an intern in the N.C. State Highway Patrol's college internship program and was tragically killed in the line of duty Aug. 22, 2020, while riding as a passenger in a law enforcement vehicle.

"Michael found his place in life by helping others," Perquimans Schools Foundation Director Brenda Lassiter said. "He touched so many people in his short 22 years of life and it is the hope that this scholarship will continue and encourage others to make this world a better place, as he did."

Higgins' mother Lisa reflected on her son's life and how he sought to change the world.

"This has been a very difficult thing for myself and my family," she said. "When Michael went out into law enforcement, I asked him why he wanted to do that. He said,

"We need good people like me to put a change into the world by making the community a better and safer place."

To qualify for this scholarship, student must not have any discipline referrals, maintain at least a 3.0 GPA and be pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice studies (lawyer, law enforcement, forensic sciences, homeland security, correctional officer, crime scene analyst, DEA, etc.).

"When Michael passed away, we wanted to do something - he

loved Perquimans and was a Pirate at heart," Higgins said.

The scholarship was made available to PCHS seniors for the first time in 2021. Hines graduated from Perquimans High School in 2018 and is poised to graduate from ECU in May.

Though there was no applicant from Pirates' Class of 2021, Lassiter said Hines was a natural fit for the scholarship.

"Michael's mother asked me to

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## Woman Killed in 2-vehicle Collision

Motorist pulled into path of pickup on US 17 Sunday

BY JULIAN EURE  
For the Perquimans Weekly

An Edenton woman was killed and her husband critically injured after their car collided with another vehicle on U.S. Highway 17 in Perquimans County Sunday evening, the N.C. Highway Patrol said.

Rose Harrell, 80, of Burnt Mill Road, died after her 2007 Chevrolet Impala collided with a Ford Ranger pickup at the intersection of U.S. 17 and Hopewell Road, Trooper Buddy Davis said.

According to Davis, Harrell was driving north on Hopewell Road about 7:42 p.m. when her Impala pulled into the intersection at U.S. 17 and struck a east-bound pickup driven by James Ward, 30, of Riverview Drive, Hertford.

Harrell died at the scene, Davis said.

Her husband, Joseph Harrell, 88, a passenger in the vehicle, initially was transported to Vidant Chowan Hospital in Edenton. He then was airlifted to Vidant Health hospital in Greenville where he was in critical condition Monday, Davis said.

Ward was also transported to Vidant Chowan Hospital where he was treated for severe lacerations to his face before being released on Monday, Davis said.

Davis said his investigation indicates Rose Harrell pulled out in front of Ward's pickup. Speed was not a factor in the collision, he said.

The Harrells and Ward were all wearing seatbelts, he added.

The collision happened 5.6 miles south of Hertford, just north of where N.C. Highway 37 intersects with U.S. 17.

Both the Bethel and Hertford fire departments responded to the collision, as did the Perquimans Sheriff's Office, Perquimans Emergency Medical Services and Chowan Emergency Medical Services.

Julian Eure is managing editor of the Daily Advance.



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Perquimans Middle School Junior team came in 1st place overall team for District 1, so it will advance to the state tournament. Back Row: Addison Chappell, Collin Winslow, Sean Saunders, Jay Roberts, Landon Melton, Noah Miller; and front Row: Charlotte Peters, Tate Russell, Connor Tripp, Landon Russell, Marshall Davenport, Tanner Wheatley, Caden Winslow, Drake Cauley. Not Pictured: Garrett Christian, Cole Clayton, Carson Davis, Ayden Trotman

## PQ Hunter Safety Teams Scores A Bullseye at District Tourney

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Perquimans' schools hunter safety teams took top honors at the Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament for District 1.

North Carolina's Youth Hunter Education Skills Tournament (YHEST) is a statewide competition for middle and high-school-age youth. Participants compete in multiple events including shotgun, archery, rifle, orienteering and a written hunting skills exam.

There were 217 teams that participated this year in the district tournaments (145 senior, 72 junior). The first place champions from each district and individual event champions will advance to state competition.

In district competition April 3, teams participated in the tournament on their

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

This ribbon was worn by all members of the hunter safety team and coaches during the District 1 tournament in memory of Kane Mountjoy, a teammate and friend who died in September. His favorite colors were camouflage and blue.

## ROUND-UP Estes' Trophy and Farrar's Gift

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

A round-up of all things Perquimans County...

**Captain Anthony Spellman** has been promoted to Chief of the Winfall Police Department. The last chief, David Shaffer, has retired. Spellman has served the Town of Winfall for five years.

"Chief Spellman does an outstanding job in protecting and securing the town of Winfall," Mayor Fred Yates said. "Winfall is proud to have him on board."

In other news, Hertford Town Hall has hired a new Town Clerk - **Olga Simpson**. Monday's council meeting was more than four hours long and filled with all of

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

13-year-old Lileeann Estes took home a trophy turkey during the youth season last week.

## ARHS Cancels J&J Vaccine Clinics This Week

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Albemarle Regional Health Services canceled this week's vaccination clinics offering the Johnson and Johnson vaccine, citing state and federal guidance to pause the vaccine's use.

News reports indicate U.S. health officials are studying whether use of the vaccine is connected to possible rare clotting in some recipients.

ARHS said clinics offering the Johnson & Johnson vaccine scheduled in Pasquotank on Wednesday, in Hertford and Perquimans counties on Thursday, and in Currituck on Friday will not be held. However, Moderna vaccine clinics planned this week will go forward as scheduled.

Unlike the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, both of which require two doses several weeks apart, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine only requires a single dose.

ARHS, which planned to host its first mass clinics offering the Johnson & Johnson vaccine this week, said out of "an abundance of caution" it won't hold any clinics until learning more information from state and federal health officials.

"It is our top priority to ensure the health and safety of our community citizens," ARHS said. "We encourage individuals to move ahead with your vaccine plans by utilizing one of the other two vaccines that are available."

ARHS hosted four sec-

ond-dose Moderna clinics Tuesday. One, at Maple Park in Maple, will be held from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The three others will be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Gates County Health Department at 29 Medical Center Drive, Gates; at the Ahoskie Creek Amphitheater at 125 Edgewood Drive, Ahoskie; and the Elizabeth City Aviation Commerce Park at 1049 Consolidated Road, Elizabeth City. The clinics are for residents who got their first dose of the Moderna vaccine on or before Thursday, March 18, ARHS said.

ARHS followed up with three more Moderna second-dose clinics on Wednesday. They're scheduled from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. and will be held at Bertie High School, at 715 U.S.

Highway 13 North, Windsor; Camden Intermediate School, 123 Noblitt Road, Camden; and the American Legion, 1317 W. Queen St., Edenton.

A final Moderna second-dose clinic will be held the Perquimans Recreation Center at 310 S. Granby St., Hertford on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. All residents seeking their second dose of the Moderna vaccine are reminded to bring their vaccine card with them.

ARHS is still accepting appointments for Moderna first dose vaccines at each of its local health departments.

The Johnson & Johnson vaccine was the subject of federal scrutiny late last week after reports surfaced of some per-

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