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## PQ Commission Tackle Timely Items

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Perquimans County Commission accomplished many things Monday during about an hour long meeting that restores faith in local government.

Commissioners got to work by approving a new county Elections Director, meeting new employees, listening to important presenta-

tions and discussing new business.

Commissioners gave their blessing to the county's Elections Director, Kathryn Treiber, hired recently by the county's Board of Elections. She replaces Holly Hunter who resigned to take a new job in Virginia — her last day was March 4.

Perquimans Weekly will make inquiries with the county's Board

of Elections Chairwoman Vera Murrill so as introduce the new elections director to the community.

Sheriff Shelby White introduced commissioners to two new deputies — Max Roberson III and Victor Sullivan — and K-9 unit Ksanto. Hired March 1, Roberson served previously as a Hertford police officer and he was a long-time deputy serving with the Cam-

den Sheriff's Office.

Roberson's sidekick Ksanto is a two-year-old German Shepherd who was put into service in January and has a keen nose; knew that his tennis ball was in Roberson's back left pocket. Sullivan worked for the Hertford Police Department before he was hired in Nov. 1.

County Social Services Director Susan Chaney introduced com-

missioners to Julie Shreckengast, who was hired in June 2020.

Shreckengast works in the Family & Children's Medicaid as an income maintenance caseworker. Income Maintenance Caseworkers determine eligibility for initial applications as well as on-going recertifications for clients in the economic services pro-

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## Goodwin Attends AP Forum

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A group of Albemarle Plantation conservatives held an open forum and dinner Tuesday (April 27) at the Albemarle Plantation Clubhouse restaurant.



GOODWIN

More than 90 residents attended including North Carolina House Representative Ed Goodwin, R-Chowan, and his wife Lori.

The event was organized by GOP activists Shelly Jackson and Nancy Schulze. Although no featured speaker was planned, Schulze, founder of the Republican Congressional Wives Speakers organization, gave a brief presentation. She in turn introduced her husband, retired congressman Dick Schulze, who then spoke about Goodwin's service to his country and to North Carolina before he offered the floor to him.

After a short report of legislative activities in Raleigh, Goodwin answered questions for close to an hour. Comments were heard regarding Governor Roy Cooper's overreaching emergency powers during the COVID-19 pandemic that kept schools and small businesses closed, and the confusing mask mandate.

Another subject of concern was voting integrity. North Carolina citizens passed the voter ID law in 2018 by double digit numbers, but a Federal judge blocked implementation and the matter is still in the court system.

Perquimans County GOP Secretary Geoff Byrd said Democratic Party efforts to nationalize federal elections can only add to the distrust many Americans developed during the emergency powers enacted by governors and non-elected officials.

The Orwellian title, For the People Act — HRI, is designed to automatically enroll all "residents" with no concern for ballot integrity, Byrd said. Ballot harvesting will be the focus of DNC strategy in 2022, he said.

Other points made by citizens were DNC plans to pack the Supreme Court, eviscerate the 1st and 2nd Amendment and the Biden administration-created border crises that primarily victimizes women and young children.

Thanks were given to Albemarle Plantation Chef Jimmy Strickland and his staff for their performance in serving a great meal to such a large group at a beautiful setting on the Albemarle Sound.



PHOTOS BY MILES LAYTON

Perquimans Emergency Services, family and friends attended Monday's bench dedication ceremony to pay tribute to Teddy Sablon's memory at the Perquimans Recreation Center.

## Hertford Man's Legacy Endures

Sablon's Legacy Helps County's Post Overdose Response Team

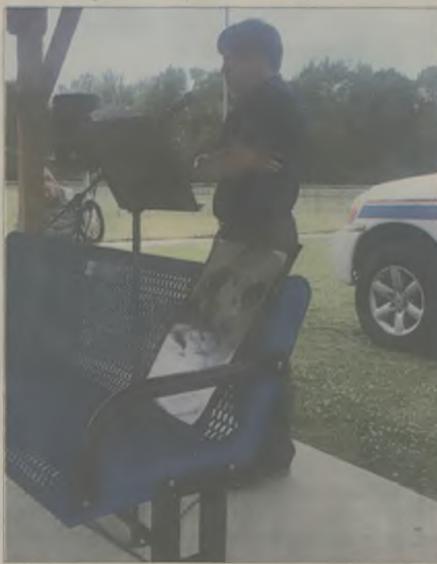
BY MILES LAYTON  
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Tragedy offered a moment to reflect on a life that touched others at a bench dedication ceremony Monday at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.

Though Teddy Sablon, 38, of Hertford died in February of 2020, his legacy endures not only from his music and friendships that he shared, but the donations made in his memory to preserve life.

"There may be rain today, but tomorrow the sun will shine,"

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Perquimans County Manager Frank Heath leads a prayer for the crowd gathered at Monday's dedication ceremony.

ROUND-UP

## S-Bridge, PCWC Flowers

BY MILES LAYTON  
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A round-up of all things Perquimans County...

During the Rotary Club of Hertford's weekly Tuesday morning meeting, Tom Bettcher, project superintendent, said the **S-Bridge** will close starting July 6 so that construction crews can begin the major work needed to finish the project that is forecast to be complete in February 2022. He said during this time, construction crews will start removing old bridge that has spanned the Perquimans River for generations.

Speaking of Rotary, the club's **Teachers of the Year** are Amy Craddox, PHS; Kelsey Anderson, PMS; Collin Woodley, Hertford Grammar; Holly Jordan, Perquimans Central.

May 3-7 is National Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, so give them an apple or high-five when you see these incredible folks.

In other news, former **Perquimans Weekly** editor Peter Williams' memorial service starts at 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 11 at Old Hollywood Cemetery in Elizabeth City. Peter died July 25, 2020 — he was 63 years old. There wasn't a memorial service last year because a pandemic held the nation

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## Scores Attend Viewing for Brown In Hertford

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Scores of mourners paid their final respects to Andrew Brown Jr. in Hertford Sunday morning during the first of two public viewings for the Elizabeth City man shot to death by Pasquotank sheriff's deputies just over a week and a half ago.

Darius Horton, the funeral director handling the funeral arrangements for Brown's family, watched as television news crews and reporters parked their vehicles and set up their cameras outside his Horton's Funeral Home and Cremations prior to the viewing.

Photojournalists clicked photos and asked questions of people as they entered and left Horton's funeral home on Dobbs Street. Many of those attending the walk-through viewing appeared on their way to church.

Horton allowed journalists to take photographs inside the funeral home's sanctuary — a large room filled with roses — for about 30 minutes with the understanding they would not take photographs of Brown's remains.

Brown's family was not present for the viewing, but were scheduled to attend a second viewing at Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

In the funeral home's foyer, a television mounted above a grandfather clock showed a photo of Brown dressed in a black suit and wearing a white tie. A message next to the photo noted Brown's birthday — March 13, 1978 — and the day he was killed just a few weeks after his 43rd birthday: April 21, 2021.

A member of Horton's staff, Minister Hortensia Hayes, helped direct journalists inside the funeral

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## NEW ROOF



PHOTO BY PENNY BYRD

Want to see how it was done in the 1700s? Drop by the Newbold-White House to see roofer Leroy Owens of Perry Roofing install "fish scale" red cedar shingles. Owens has manually cut rectangular shingles into the rounded shape needed. Work started on the front of the house (facing the river) and roughly one-eighth of the roof is done each day. Don't wait too long to drop by and see this craftsman at work! Also note: in June the site will be open for tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays only, starting June 5. Covid-wise, if all continues to progress favorably they hope to return to the normal schedule of Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Look for the OPEN flag to be flying!



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