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Commission Approves Annual Budget

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Perquimans County Commission approved its budget for 2021-22 that includes increases in property tax and water rates as well as solid waste fees for fiscal year 2021-22.

during Monday's meeting, commissioners adopted a budget seeks a 2-cent increase in property tax rates from 59 cents to 61 cents per \$100 dollars of value – the lowest tax rate in the region.

Water rates will increase from \$15 to \$17.50 (minimum bill) and from \$7 to \$9 per thousand after the first thousand gallons.

The proposed solid waste fee for FY 21-22 is \$150, a \$10 increase from last fiscal year.

The FY 2021-22 budget contains a 4% adjustment to the salary schedule based on information from the salary study performed by the Management and Personnel Services (MAPS) group last year.

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Committee Offers Recommendations

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Perquimans County's Civil War monument will tentatively remain where it stands for the foreseeable future.

In the spring, the county commission appointed a committee to study the future of the Civil War soldiers' monu-

ment on the courthouse green in Hertford after the commission received requests from Town of Hertford, Perquimans' chapter of the NAACP and two county commissioners to remove the monument.

During its meeting June 16, the committee recommended two things:

1- Recommendation to the

Commissioners to add signage which contextualizes the monument to provide the whole story of the era.

2- Recommendation to the Commissioners to approach the private owners of the Colored Union Soldiers Monument for relocation to the

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PAL Elects Bennett as its President

Officers Elected for 21/22

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

The Perquimans Arts League (PAL) elected Vaneeda Bennett President at its annual members meeting on Tuesday June 15.



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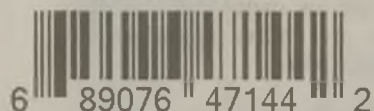
Ed Sanford, PAL's current president, is stepping down at the end of his term following a brief transition period with Bennett.

"Now that PAL is opening its new gallery, this is an excellent time to reform and refresh our leadership," Sanford said. "Vaneeda brings the experience, talent and drive that will help PAL reach its full potential."

Bennett and her husband Bob moved to the area from Northern Virginia three years ago this month after researching suitable locations for their retirement. She has an extensive background leading non-profit organizations for over 30 years. She held the position as Chief Revenue Officer for the American Diabetes Association in Northern Virginia where she had revenue responsibility for \$200 Million.

Prior to that, Bennett was president and CEO for the Arthritis Foundation for the state of Maryland, Associate Executive Director in Washington, DC and Director of Development in Pittsburgh, PA. Bennett served on numerous national boards including MedStar Health Research Institute, which is part of the MedStar Health system DC and Maryland, Adelphi USA Foundation, supporting at risk children in several states and Children with Diabetes, a national advocacy organization supporting families living with type 1 diabetes. Highlighting

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Native Son Expresses Hometown Pride

Pirates' Class of 1999 Alumnus Gives Back to Community

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Perquimans alumnus Andrea' Moore of Charleston, SC, will buy Woodard Pharmacy's famous ham and cheese sandwiches, chips and a medium soda for the first 150 people who want a good meal between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. July 2 (Charles Woodard's birthday) at the popular pharmacy downtown on Church Street.

Moore shared his thoughts about why it is important to be generous.

"Charity serves a purpose whereas we must not get tired of doing good," he said. "Charity is not an optional extra, but an essential component of faith as well as God desires us to care and love each other."

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SUBMITTED PHOTOS

One of many acts of charity spread out over a lifetime of giving, Perquimans High School alumnus Andrea' Moore presented a \$250 check to the winner of a dunk contest held in June of 2019 at Perquimans High School.



Photo comes from the Daily Advance's Christmas Basketball Tournament in 1999 that Perquimans won. Moore is No. 44 in this classic post game photo.

2 People Escape Boat Fire on Yeopim River

Perquimans crews also respond to brush fire, 2 wrecks

FROM STAFF REPORTS

HERTFORD — Perquimans County police, fire and emergency personnel responded to a boat fire and several other emergencies within an hour's time on Wednesday.

The series of incidents began when the county's 911 communications center was notified at 1:46 p.m. of a boat fire. Emergency crews were dispatched to a site at the end of Bethel Fishing Center Road, where they spotted an off-shore, anchored-vessel burning in the Yeopim River. The vessel's two

occupants had jumped overboard and were swimming to shore.

The Perquimans County Water Rescue Team got underway and extinguished the flames using buckets and fire extinguishers. What remained of the boat sank once the fire had burned to the hull's waterline.

One of the boat's occupants was transported by Perquimans County Emergency Medical Services to the helicopter pad at Vidant Chowan Hospital in Edenton, and from there the patient was airlifted to a nearby trauma center. The second occupant was evaluated at scene and released at their request.

The N.C. Wildlife Resources

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PHOTO COURTESY PERQUIMANS EMERGENCY SERVICES

The Perquimans County Water Rescue Team responds to a boat fire on the Yeopim River, Wednesday. The team extinguished the flames by using buckets and fire extinguishers. Two people aboard the boat jumped overboard and swam to shore.

ROUND-UP

File for Town Council

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

A round-up of all things Perquimans County... Point of order! Point of order! Point of order!

Want to serve on Hertford Town Council?

As most folks know, two at-large seats will be up for election – spots on council held by councilmen Frank Norman and Quentin Jackson.

Candidate filing period starts at noon July 2 and ends at noon on July 16 at the Perquimans Board of Elections. A lot of familiar names have expressed an interest in running for council, so it should be a most interesting November municipal election, the type that promises a high turnout.

In other news, meet Perquimans County's first responders between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, July 2 at the county courthouse. Hotdogs, chips and drinks will be served.

Perquimans Arts League is presenting gospel music in the park starting at 5 p.m. June 26 at Missing Mill Park. Concert features Katron "Tron" Greene and Company, Reverend Todd French and others.

Monday's Rotary Club of

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