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Forty-four participate in Little Girls Cheer Camp at Perquimans High



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Recipe for tasty fig crumb bars

Schools hoping COVID precautions keep classrooms open

Perquimans continues to have lowest vaccination rate in region

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Even though masks aren't required in the district, Perquimans County Schools officials continue to encourage wearing them in school buildings as a precaution against COVID-19.

"We highly recommend masks in school buildings," Superintendent Tanya Turner said Friday.

Turner said the first week of school, which began Aug. 23, went well under the



TURNER

COVID-19 precautions now in place.

While there have been no COVID-19 cases tied to the start of school, the superintendent noted that some students didn't even begin the school year at school because they were in quarantine.

One student has tested positive for COVID-19 but wasn't in school because they were already in quarantine, Turner said.

COVID cases up more than 500

BY JULIAN EURE
The Daily Advance

New COVID-19 cases in Albemarle Regional Health Services' eight-county region jumped by more than 500 last week, the fourth straight week new cases have increased by at least 100 from the previous week.

ARHS released its weekly report on Friday showing active cases also climbed by more than 100 for the fourth straight week. Active cases totaled 539, up by 127 from Friday, Aug. 20. It was the first time since early February total

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None of the students or staff who are in quarantine have been quarantined because of anything that has happened at school, Turner said.

There have not been enough staff in quarantine so far to have any effect on school operations, she said.

Turner noted that masks are required on school buses because of a federal mandate.

Schools are continuing with regular disinfecting throughout the day.

In addition, students are eating lunch in their classrooms rather than in the cafeteria as part of an effort to avoid mass gatherings inside school buildings as much as possible, Turner said.

The pandemic continues to pose special challenges for schools but the schools

will work together to rise to the challenge, according to Turner.

"We're going to get through it, she said.

In another development related to the pandemic, interest in COVID-19 vaccination seems to be on the rise in the county.

Dabney Scaff, a pharmacist at Family Care Pharmacy in Hertford, said that while she was not able to provide exact numbers of vaccinations administered there has been a noticeable uptick in the number of COVID-19 vaccinations over

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Winslow retires as Extension director

Chowan director Morris to serve as interim director

From staff reports

After 33 years of service with the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, Perquimans Extension Director Jewel Winslow is stepping down.

Winslow's retirement took effect Wednesday.

Mary Morris, Chowan County Extension director, began serving as interim Extension director for Perquimans County on Wednesday. She will serve in the role until a new director is hired and reports for work.

According to an Extension press release, Winslow served seven years as a home economics agent with the Gates County center of N.C. Cooperative Extension before transferring to Perquimans in 1995 when former Agent Paige Underwood retired.

Winslow was promoted to Extension director in 2014.

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Opportunistic Pirates



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Perquimans senior Saquan Hearse barrels through the line for positive yardage.

Perquimans rolls 55-24 over Camden

BY THADD WHITE
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HERTFORD - Good teams make the most of every mistake their opponents make.

Perquimans did just that Friday night, making the most of every Camden miscue and rolling to a 55-24 victory at Charles H. Ward Field.

Both teams struggled to effectively move the football early, and it was the Bruins who broke the scoring drought with just 52 ticks left on the first quarter clock.

J'Ron Pendleton capped a 12-play, 80-yard drive with a 10 yard sprint to paydirt. Pendleton then connected with Andre Barnett for the two-point conversion to make it 8-0.

The Pirates, however, wasted no time in answering.

Colby Brown returned the ensuing kickoff 69 yards to give Perquimans possession at the Camden 20-yard line. From there, it took just one play - a run by Amarion Hunter in which he went right and reversed field to score the touchdown. Hunter then connected with Brown for the conversion pass and tied the score at 8-8.

Camden went ahead again on its next possession, driving 40 yards on 11 plays capped by a two-yard Devin Bell run. The two-point conversion was successful and the Bruins led 16-8.

The next Perquimans drives started

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Jackson no-contact petition dismissed

Councilor sought order after confrontation with citizen

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Hertford Town Councilman Quentin Jackson's petition for a no-contact order against a local businessman was dismissed Aug. 25 in Perquimans District Court.

Chief District Court Judge

Edgar Barnes had previously denied ex parte Jackson's petition for a no-contact order against Patrick Morrissey. An ex parte ruling is made out of court, with none of the parties present.

Jackson appealed the ruling to District Court, and at the scheduled hearing on Aug. 25 the petition was dismissed, according to court records.

Jackson was not present for the hearing, according to Morrissey. The Perquimans Weekly was unable to reach Jackson for comment for this story.

Morrissey has filed a criminal complaint against Jackson in the wake of the two men's heated exchange at a town council meeting in July.

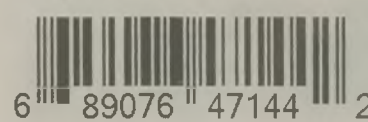
Jackson sought the no-contact order against Morrissey

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Feeding the cooks: Car hobbyists thank trio for service

Krainiak, Griffin, Sawyer usually cook for car enthusiasts

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Classic car enthusiasts John Long and Kos Jackson decided it was time to thank the folks who cook supper week after week for an informal gathering of car hobbyists in Elizabeth City.

So about 50 people from northeastern North Carolina and southeastern Virginia came together at a church social hall in rural Perquimans County Saturday to share a meal with Randy Krainiak, Ed Griffin and Kay Sawyer.

And this time someone else did the cooking.

Well, Griffin did fry hushpuppies

since they asked asked him to. But beyond that, Kos Jackson cooked eastern North Carolina barbecue and Brunswick stew and others pitched in with sides.

During a brief ceremony midway through the meal at the Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church Social Hall, Long presented certificates to Krainiak, Griffin and Sawyer, thanking them for cooking supper every Monday night for those who bring their classic cars to the meet-up at Waterfront Park in Elizabeth City.

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REGGIE PONDER/THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

At a supper Saturday thanking Randy Krainiak, Ed Griffin and Kay Sawyer for cooking at a weekly gathering of classic car hobbyists, (l-r) John Long and Krainiak enjoy a laugh at the humorous wording on a certificate of thanks.