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Foundation hopes to have facility ready by start of Perquimans' baseball season

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Talks were already underway during Perquimans County High School's successful run to the state baseball championship this year about the Pirates' need for more fan seating.

Perquimans County Schools Foundation officials say overflow and standing-room crowds for Pirate home games at Jim "Catfish" Hunter Field in 2021 showed the need.

Fan support for the Pirates in fact was so enthusiastic, even one of the coaches of the team the Pirates ended up defeating in the state championship took note.

"I've never seen this amount of support

from baseball fans for a 1A school district. It is amazing the following the Perquimans Pirates had throughout the 2021 season," the coach said.

Now a campaign is underway to turn Pirates fans' need into reality.

The schools foundation last week announced the kickoff of a \$100,000 fundraising campaign to build a new 470-seat grandstand at PCHS' Hunter Field. Officials hope to raise the \$100,000 before Nov. 1.

If the campaign is successful, the new grandstand, which will be handicap-accessible, will be completed prior to the Pirates' first home game on Feb. 19, foundation officials said.

The campaign already has been given a solid jumpstart.

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SUBMITTED GRAPHIC

This image shows an artist's design for the new 470-seat baseball grandstand the Perquimans County Schools Foundation hopes to raise \$200,000 to build at Perquimans County High School's Jim "Catfish" Hunter Field. Two county residents have pledged to give \$100,000 to the campaign if the foundation can raise \$100,000 through a public campaign.

STILL UNBEATEN



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Perquimans County High School extended its early-season unbeaten streak to six matches with a straight-set win over South Creek Thursday, Sept. 2. The Lady Pirates rolled to victory with a three-set sweep: 25-3, 25-9 and 25-1. The volleyball team will return to action today in a home match against Washington County. First serve is set for 5 p.m.

Perquimans board reverses course, now requiring masks

Policy will expire each month, require COVID review

BY JULIAN EURE
The Daily Advance

Citing rising COVID-19 cases, the Perquimans County Board of Education voted unanimously last week to make masks mandatory for students, staff and visitors, reversing the district's former policy that made mask wearing optional.

But under a compromise struck with three members of the board who previously voted against mandating masks, the board also agreed to have the new policy expire at the end of each month when school officials provide an update



TURNER

on local COVID trends.

The mask mandate could then continue, but only if four members of

the six-member board vote in the affirmative. If that doesn't happen, the district would default to the previous policy that made mask wearing optional.

The board's 6-0 decision Tuesday, Aug. 31, to require masks came at the recommendation of Superintendent Tanya Turner, who indicated a mask requirement

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jewel Winslow speaks at a conference in this submitted photo. Winslow, director of the Perquimans Center of NC Cooperative Extension since 2014, retired last week after a 33-year career in Extension.

Winslow retires from Cooperative Extension Service

Director since 2014, Winslow enjoyed advising seniors

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Jewel Winslow's long career of helping families — and especially older adults — make informed and prudent decisions ended last week.

But Winslow, who retired from her post as director of Perquimans County Cooperative Extension Aug. 31, will still find ways to be of service in the community.

Prior to her retirement, Winslow had been county Extension director since June 2014 and had served in Cooperative Extension since April 1988.

She said she has enjoyed interacting with people in the community.

"That's what I am going to miss," she said.

Now that she is retired she plans to spend time writing. She also looks forward to traveling and spending time with family. She is caring for her parents, who are

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Native sets national record in archery

Gardner fell short in bid to qualify for Paralympics Games in Tokyo

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Perquimans County native Wendy Gardner has set a new national record in compound bow women's archery.

Gardner won the National Championship in the Women's Compound Open category at the USA Archery Target Nationals in Richmond, Virginia, on Aug. 19-21.

In the two-day event Gardner tied the single day scoring record at 654 and set a new two-day scoring record of 1,291.

Gardner had also hoped to compete in the Paralympic Games in Tokyo this summer but fell short during qualifying events held in the Czech Republic.

In July, Gardner competed in the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Wendy Gardner and her husband Gary are shown after she won a championship in adaptive archery. Gardner fell short in her recent bid to compete in the Paralympic Games in Tokyo. However, she did set a world record when she won the National Championship in the Women's Compound Open category at the USA Archery Target Nationals in Richmond, Virginia, on Aug. 19-21.

Buckeye Classic Ohio, and then it was on to the Target Nationals in Richmond.

Gardner said that indoor season will be starting soon and she may compete in a few local events. She does not plan to travel for competition this fall or winter.

Outdoor competition is slated to resume in spring 2022 and she will start looking at which events she may compete in closer to that time.

Gardner, 47, suffered a major stroke during the birth of a child two decades

ago and since then has not been able to use one arm and has had limited use of her legs.

Gardner spent most of her childhood in Perquimans County. She later moved to Chowan County but graduated from Perquimans County High School.

After trying unsuccessfully for years to find a form of recreation that was well-suited to her physical challenges, Gardner finally found — and

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