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White, Tilley, Huddleston file in Perquimans



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Perquimans County Sheriff Shelby White signs election filing paperwork Monday afternoon to officially begin his campaign for re-election.

Filing for county offices to continue through Dec. 17

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Four incumbent officeholders and a first-time school board candidate filed for the March 8 primary election in Perquimans County as the filing period opened Monday afternoon.

Sheriff Shelby White and Clerk of Superior Court Todd Tilley were the first two to file, followed closely by Brenda Huddleston, a first-time candidate for the Perquimans Board of Education. They were followed later on by Anne White, chairwoman of the school board, and Fon-



HUDDLESTON

record in office.

Huddleston writes books and has campaigned for a gun range for the Perquimans Sheriff's Office. She's seeking one of three open seats on the school board.

Huddleston said she wants the schools to steer away from divisive topics.

"I definitely am wanting to bring people more together

della Leigh, vice chair of the Perquimans Board of Commissioners.

White and Tilley both said they are proud to run on their re-

rather than to separate us," Huddleston said.

Huddleston said Critical Race Theory is one thing she is concerned about. She said she has been told that it's not being taught in the schools but she believes it may be coming in under the guise of other topics. "I don't think it's good for our children or our community in general," Huddleston said of the theory that is taught in some college courses. "And I love this small-town atmosphere in this community."

Huddleston said she is joining the Durant's Neck Ruritan Club this week.

White said he has worked hard to keep the community safe and has been active in interacting with the communi-

ty. He said he believes he has done a good job of overseeing the transition to handling law enforcement in the town of Hertford under a contract with the town that took effect July 1 of this year.

The community and officers are adjusting well to the transition, White said.

Tilley said his office is currently transitioning from a paper system for recordkeeping to an electronic system. He said he wants to see that transition through to completion.

The filing period for the March 8 primary election continues through Dec. 17. Candidates may file at the Perquimans Board of Elections weekdays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Christmas is here



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The Perquimans County High School band marches in the Hertford Christmas Parade, Saturday.

Trio of events get season underway

Large crowds turn out for illumination, kickoff, parade

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Perquimans County residents kicked off the Christmas season in style last weekend with the Grand Illumination, Christmas Kickoff and Hertford Christmas Parade.

This was the first year for the Kickoff event, which was held at the Perquimans County Recreation Center on Saturday. "We really would like to do this every year,"

said Amy Tinsley, one of the Kickoff's organizers. "We're trying to make this a big weekend — something we can continue every year and make it bigger every time."

The Rhythm Run 5K was held as part of the kickoff event and drew 26 runners. Between registrations and sponsorships the run raised \$5,600 for the Michael Steven Higgins Memorial Scholarship Fund.

"That's a lot of money," said Lisa Higgins, Michael Steven Higgins' mother. "I'm very grateful."

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The FFA group from Perquimans Middle School marches in the Hertford Christmas Parade, Saturday.

Commerce adds Hertford to state Resiliency effort

Initiative to help small towns recover from pandemic

From staff reports

The town of Hertford is one of 16 communities in the state that the N.C. Department of Commerce has added to its Community Economic Recovery and Resiliency Initiative.

The Department of Commerce announced last week that 16 additional communities are being assisted with their economic recovery following the coronavirus pandemic.

The newly selected CERRI communities are distributed throughout



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the state's Prosperity Zones. Named as participants in the Northeast Prosperity Zone were the towns

of Hertford and Hamilton in Martin County.

Hertford Mayor Earnell Brown said the town already had been pursuing grants to assist in economic and community development as it begins to implement the Riverfront and Community Development

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Vaxx booster clinic in county Dec. 16

ARHS reports two new COVID deaths in Perquimans

BY JULIAN EURE
The Daily Advance

With all adults 18 and older now eligible for COVID-19 boosters, Albemarle Regional Health Services plans to host a mass drive-thru clinic offering the shots in Perquimans next week.

The clinic at the Perqui-

mans County Recreation Department in Hertford on Thursday, Dec. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. is part of a second round of mass booster clinics ARHS is hosting across the region.

The regional health agency also reported two new COVID-19 deaths in Perquimans last week. One person was between the ages of 50 and 64, the other was

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Carolina Moon presents comedy 'Angels Broadcasting'

Christmas-themed play will be performed Saturday, Sunday

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Carolina Moon Theater will present the Christmas-themed

Comedy "Angels Broadcasting, Inc." in two shows this weekend.

At presstime tickets were still available for Angels Broadcasting, Inc., which will be presented Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. in the theater at 110 W. Academy Street in Hertford.

"This is a comedy and the general idea with it is that God is instructing the angels because he wants the Nativity documented," explained Lynne Raymond of Carolina Moon Theater.

Tricia Bosco portrays the angel Beatrice; Paul Hotz plays the angel Michael; Dana Nicholas portrays the angel Gabriel; Mary Sue



BOSCO



NICHOLAS



RIEGER



HOTZ

Rieger is the angel Gloria; and Rick Pronto is cast in the role of God.

Colleen Brown directs the one-act play, which takes about 45 minutes to perform. The play was written by Cindy Rock Dlugolecki,

Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased online at carolinamoontheater.org.

This is the third play that Carolina Moon Theater has presented on the stage at its new home. There has also been a music night

on the stage.

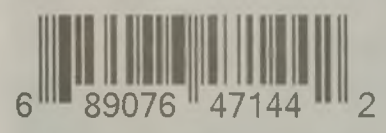
Carolina Moon Theater presents plays and also music nights, which feature bands or soloists. The stage is also home to the Albemarle Community Orchestra.

Historic Hertford Inc. leases the building, which formerly housed the Perquimans County Library, from Perquimans County.

The building has been extensively renovated to serve its current purpose as the home to Historic Hertford Inc. and Carolina Moon Theater.

"This was all done with

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