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Perquimans baseball players and coaches, as well as four members of the team who graduated, line up on Jim "Catfish" Hunter Field, Friday, before receiving their 1A 2021 NCHSAA state championship rings. The ring ceremony preceded the Pirates' home game against J.H. Rose High School at Perquimans County High School, which Perquimans won, 6-1.

Pirates receive state title rings

Ceremony held before team's 6-1 win over J.H. Rose

BY DAVID GOUGH
The Daily Advance

Before the Perquimans baseball team won its home game against defending 3A NCHSAA state champion J.H. Rose 6-1 on Friday night, the Pirates got to celebrate their own 2021 1A title one more time.

All coaches and 17 players from the team, including four who graduated — Dylan Cox, Avery

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Pirates beat Rampants in showdown of state champs. Page A6.

Biggs, Landon Gregory and Bryson Sawyer — that defeated East Surry in two games last June in the state championship series, received their state championship rings at Jim "Catfish" Hunter Field in a pregame ceremony held in front of friends and family.

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Perquimans Pirate Colby Brown holds up his state championship ring at Jim "Catfish" Hunter Field at Perquimans County High School, Friday.

Races set for commissioner, school board

Dem Nowell, unaffiliated Corprew join commissioner race

BY JULIAN EURE
Staff Writer



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The races for Perquimans Board of Commissioners and Board of Education will be the most competitive in a number of election cycles.

Five candidates, including two incumbents, have filed for the three open seats on the Perquimans Board of Commissioners that will be up for election in November. Two unaffiliated candidates, including one who's already gathered enough signatures to qualify for the ballot, will also be in the mix.

Six candidates, including one incumbent, are seeking three open seats on the county Board of Education that will be decided in the May 17 election. They include incumbent Anne White and candidates Matt

Winslow, Dave Silva, Kristy Corprew, Brenda Huddleston and Gracie Felton. Incumbent board members Amy Spough and Matt Peeler did not seek re-election.

In the race for commissioner, Keith M. Nowell, a Democrat, filed his candidacy during the final week before the March 4 filing deadline. He joined incumbents Wallace Nelson, a Republican, and Fondella Leigh, a Democrat, who filed for re-election; Quentin Jackson, a Democrat who formerly served on the Hertford Town Council; and

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One Libertarian applies for board vacancy thus far

Deadline for applying for consideration is Monday

BY JULIAN EURE
Staff Writer

The Perquimans County manager's office has received only one application so far from a county Libertarian voter for the commissioner vacancy created by Alan Lennon's resignation last month.

According to County Manager Frank Heath, he's received "several phone calls" from voters about the vacancy but only one letter of interest from a registered Libertarian.

Thelma Finch-Copeland, who described herself as a "life-long resident" of the

county, told Heath in a letter that she's interested in being considered for the vacancy.

"I am a retired public school teacher with the Perquimans County School System where I built and have maintained many positive and fulfilling relationships with parents and children in the community," she said in the letter.

Finch-Copeland said she currently works as director of a nonprofit agency that serves underprivileged children and their families. She's also a member of the Albemarle Electric Membership Corp. Board of Directors.

"As an educator I have a great passion for ensuring

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PCRA to reconstruct Plank House

Carter discussed Quaker ties to Great Dismal Swamp

BY JOHN FOLEY
Correspondent

There's a barn raising in Hertford's future this summer.

If you enjoyed playing with Lincoln Logs as a child, this summer could bring back a lot of memories, according to Sandy Stevenson, president of the Perquimans County

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JOHN FOLEY PHOTO

Max L. Carter, who retired in 2015 as the William R. Rogers Director of Friends Center and Quaker Studies at Guilford College in Greensboro, was the keynote speaker at the Perquimans County Restoration Association's annual meeting in Hertford Saturday. Carter, an 11th generation Quaker, discussed the 350-year history of the North Carolina Quaker community and its connections to the Great Dismal Swamp.

Pack 150 eyes funds, recruits with pancake breakfast

Breakfast will be at UMC Saturday, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

BY JOHN FOLEY
Correspondent

If your son has eyes on becoming a celebrity chef on the Food Network, he may want to join Hertford's Cub Scout Pack 150.

While Scout membership is down across the country and Scout meetings have become es-



PHOTO COURTESY DONNIE DENNY

Members of Cub Scout Pack 150 hold up cars they used in the Pinewood Derby at United Methodist Church in Hertford on Saturday.

entially nonexistent since the COVID-19 pandemic began, there has been an unprecedented rise in the popularity of merit badges that can be earned at home, often with the help of a Scout's family.

The cooking merit badge ranked as the number ten most-popular badge out of 120 possible achievements in 2020. Family Life led the list at number one.

Locally, Cub Scout Pack 150



IMAGE COURTESY DONNIE DENNY

The cooking merit badge ranked as the number ten most-popular badge out of 120 possible achievements in Scouting in 2020.

is hosting a pancake breakfast Saturday at the United Methodist Church. Pack members will be assisting Pack leaders and volunteers with the cooking.

Cubmaster Donnie Denny is hoping for a good turnout. Besides being a fundraiser for the Pack, he's hoping the breakfast will also serve as a recruiting tool. The Pack's membership is back up after dipping to five at one time.

"The pandemic presented some real challenges for the Pack over the past year and three of our Webelos moved up to Boy Scouts, so we have some openings in the Den," he said.

Scouting begins as early as kindergarten with Lion Cubs and progresses to Webelos in fourth and fifth grades.

Denny is most proud of his team who help recruit members and do the "heavy lifting" for Pack 150. Donald Bowling is assistant cubmaster and his wife, Nicole, is a

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