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## 4 GOP hopefuls in new congressional district stump in EC

Murphy, Roberson, Aiken, Smith address Pasquotank PAC

BY PAUL NIELSEN  
The Daily Advance

ELIZABETH CITY — Four of the eight Republican candidates seeking their party's nomination in the state's new 1st Congressional District that includes Perquimans County attended a candidates forum in Elizabeth City last week.

Brad Murphy, Brent Roberson, Will Aiken and Sandy Smith all took part in the forum hosted by the conservative Pasquotank Political Action Committee at Towne

South Church of Christ. Around 75 people attended the event.

Four other candidates — Sandy Roberson, Ernest Reeves, Henry Williams II and Billy Strickland — are also running in the May 17 GOP primary. They did not attend Tuesday's forum.

Democrats Julian Bishop, Jason Albert Spriggs, state Sen. Don Davis and former state Sen. Erica Smith are seeking their party's nomination in the May 17 primary.

Incumbent U.S. House Rep. G.K. Butterfield is not seeking re-election after serving nine terms representing the 1st District. Butterfield announced his plan to retire after GOP lawmakers,

who hold the majority in the Legislature, drew the 1st District to include more Republican-leaning voters. The district has since been redrawn to be more Democrat-leaning after critics successfully challenged all of the state's congressional districts as an extreme partisan gerrymander.

The new 1st Congressional District comprises 18 full counties and one partial county in northeastern North Carolina. The counties include Bertie, Chowan, Edgecombe, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Halifax, Hertford, Martin, Nash, Northampton, Pasquotank,



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Republican 1st District U.S. House candidate Sandy Smith answers a question during a candidates forum hosted by the Pasquotank Political Action Committee Tuesday, March 8, in Elizabeth City. GOP 1st District candidates (l-r) Brad Murphy, Brent Roberson and Will Aiken also took part in the event.

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## CUB SCOUTS PACK 'EM IN



JOHN FOLEY PHOTO

Zachary Garden, Kit Cornish and Paige Scheidler prepare take-out meals at the Cub Scout Pack 150 pancake and sausage breakfast Saturday at United Methodist Church in Hertford. The Scouts served nearly 200 breakfasts during the fundraiser and recruiting event. See additional photos from Saturday's breakfast on A6.

## Workshop to discuss biz safety, security

Two-hour event will be at PCHS media center Tuesday

BY JOHN FOLEY  
Correspondent

While most consumers are familiar with home security and safety measures, that's not always the case with business owners.

And while business crime in Hertford is not a major concern, security and preparedness are topics local public safety agencies think business owners should be familiar with.

It's why they're hosting



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media center.

Sponsored by the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office and Perquimans County Emergency Services, the two-hour workshop, which starts at 6 p.m., will highlight safety essentials every business owner should re-

member, but often forget.

"Our goal is to have a proactive approach to the crimes in our community versus reacting once a crime has occurred," Sheriff Shelby White said.

While many of the workshop topics may make common sense — does your business have a surveillance or alarm system?

Do you have an evacuation plan? — the day-to-day challenges business owners face frequently move safety and security concerns to the back burner.

The workshop is designed to offer more than

a "turn on the alarm, lock the door" policy prescriptions found in an employee manual. The workshop will highlight evacuation plans, ways to shelter in place, what to do in medical emergencies, how to respond in fire emergencies, and how to identify hazards and respond to specific threats like severe weather.

White also plans to discuss online security measures businesses should take to defend themselves from cyber attacks and criminals.

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## Board to consider 2 Libertarians for commission seat

Richardson, Finch-Copeland submit letters of interest

BY JULIAN EURE  
Staff Writer

Perquimans commissioners will have two choices when they meet next week to discuss filling a vacant commissioner seat with a registered Libertarian voter.

Christopher Richardson, who works as a senior operations research reliability data analyst at U.S. Coast Guard Base Elizabeth City, submitted a letter to County Manager Frank Heath last week, expressing interest in the vacancy created by former commissioner Alan

Lennon's recent resignation.

Thelma Finch-Copeland, a retired public school teacher, submitted a letter to Heath earlier this month, also expressing interest in the seat.

Richardson and Thelma Finch-Copeland were the only two Libertarians registered in the county who responded to the county's request for a letter of interest in the vacancy, Heath said Monday. Because Lennon was a registered Libertarian when he won election, state law requires that he be replaced with a registered Libertarian.

Typically commissioners

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## Harrell named new Extension director

Harrell will continue to serve as area livestock expert

BY JOHN FOLEY  
Correspondent

You might say the newest director of Cooperative Extension in Perquimans County is homegrown.

Jared Harrell, a county native, was recently named director of Cooperative Extension in Perquimans, succeeding Jewell Winslow, who retired last August.

Harrell, who holds a bachelor's degree in animal science and a master's



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three-county area that includes Perquimans, Chowan and Gates since 2010.

"I've been tagging cattle in Gates County all morning, preparing for the upcoming livestock shows,"

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## American Legion to honor Vietnam vets with open house

2022 marks 50th year since US involvement in Vietnam War ended

BY JOHN FOLEY  
Correspondent

American Legion Post 126 will honor local Vietnam veterans in Hertford next weekend during an open house marking the 50th anniversary

of the end to the Vietnam War.

While most of the post's work is typically related to fundraising or community service, the open house on Saturday, March 26, is "specifically to honor those who served," says Gary Kollman, event organizer and a post member.

"I have stressed to our membership that we need to do this," Kollman said. "This is all about those who served during that period whether they were in Southeast Asia or not."

According to Kollman, American Legion Post 126 has just over 140 members and more than half — 80 — are Vietnam War-era veterans. Organizers have scheduled a

brief program to recognize those Vietnam veterans in attendance at the open house, which will be at 111 West Academy St., Hertford, from noon until 3 p.m.

Besides words of appreciation from Kollman and other post members, Vietnam veterans in attendance will be given a special Vietnam lapel pin issued by the U.S. Department of Defense.

Perquimans County, Hertford and Winfall officials have been invited to attend, as have representatives from the N.C. Division of Veterans Affairs.

"We will be setting up a booth display and will have

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

American Legion Post 126 in Hertford will host an open house commemorating the end to the Vietnam War and honoring those who served in the war on Saturday, March 26.



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