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Board candidates weigh in on school COVID protocols

6 to vie for 3 open seats on board of education May 17

From staff reports

When Perquimans voters go to the polls on May 17, they will decide who fills three open seats on the county's Board of Education for the next four years.

A total of six candidates are seeking the seats in the non-partisan race. They include incumbent Anne



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White and candidates Kristy Corprew, Brenda Huddleston, Matt Winslow, Dave Silva and Gracie Felton.

The Perquimans Weekly

recently asked each candidate to respond to a question related to education. All but Felton responded by the newspaper's deadline.

The candidates' responses to the question, edited for space, appear below. Responses to the other questions will appear in

subsequent editions in the run-up to the start of early voting on April 28.

TPW: What do you think of the way the Perquimans Board of Education handled COVID-19 issues such as masks, offering in-person instruction etc. What, if anything, would you have done differently?

White: "COVID-19 dis-

rupted everything in our society. Schools and families were on the front lines. The Perquimans County School system was forced to pivot and utilize all of our resources to safely, creatively and effectively deliver instruction differently and in ways that would engage and maximize learning for all students.

"While our teaching and delivery strategies changed,

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Grand opening

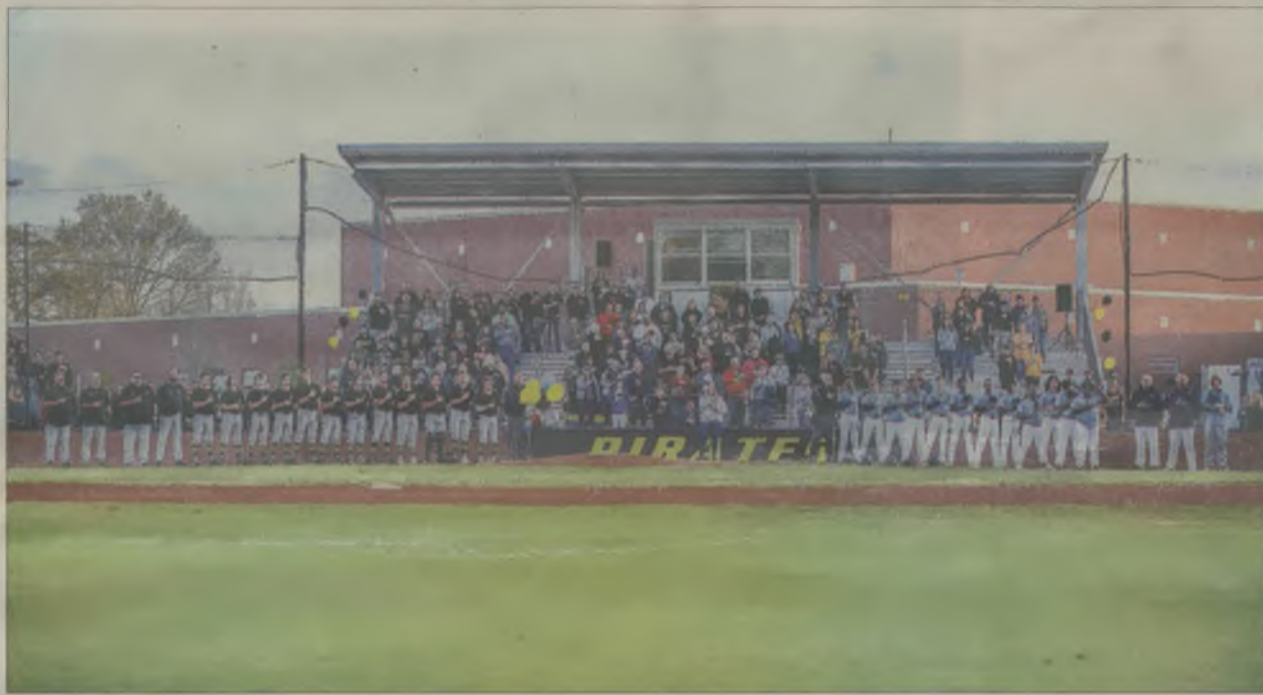


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Fans, along with the baseball teams from Perquimans High School (left) and Bertie High School (right), stand for the national anthem prior to the Pirates' home game against Bertie, Friday at Perquimans County High School's Jim "Catfish" Hunter Field. It was the first game with the field's new grandstand behind home plate.

Pirates blank Falcons on grandstand night

New seats, press box used for first time at Hunter Field

BY DAVID GOUGH
Sports Editor

Friday night would have been the late Jim "Catfish" Hunter's 76th birthday.

So it was fitting that on the same day, the high school baseball field named in his honor at Perquimans County High School held

its first baseball game with a major upgrade for Pirate baseball fans.

A new 300-person grandstand behind home plate, complete with a small press box and overhanging roof, was put to use for the first time as the Pirates defeated Bertie 15-0 in five innings in front of a solid crowd.

"You look at the past few years and the things that have been done," Perquimans head baseball coach

and athletic director Justin Roberson said. "The brand new football facility, next year we're getting a brand new track. Ten or 15 years ago, we got a brand new gym. I mean who else in this area is pouring into their kids, athletes, the way this community is? It's a special place to be and I'm blessed to be from this county."

Friday's game began a little later than the scheduled 7 p.m. start time thanks to

rain showers that passed through the region. Prior to the game, the school held a ribbon cutting for both the grandstand and new press box.

The press box was dedicated to former Perquimans High School head baseball coaches Bobby Carter, who led the Pirates from 1961 to 1968, and W.G. "Pete" Hunter, who coached them from

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Perquimans board OKs language for signs at monument

Panels to note opposition to secession, Black troops' role

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

The signs that will be posted near Perquimans' Confederate monument at the courthouse won't just note that it was erected to honor the county's Civil War dead. They'll also point out that "many" county residents opposed secession and went on to serve in the Union Army, some of them African Americans whose contributions to the war are celebrated on a separate memorial in Hertford.

The Perquimans Board of Commissioners voted 4-1 Monday to approve both installation of explanatory signs near the Confederate monument as well as language to be used on the signs placing it in historical context.

Commissioner Charles Woodard cast the lone



WOODARD

dissenting vote against the signs, expressing concerns about some of the language that will be used.

Woodard said before the vote that he objected to the signs including references to local opposition to secession. He acknowledged that many Quakers in the area were conscientious objectors to slavery. He also noted there was also some opposition in the area to the American Revolution.

Hoffler argued that the reason the monuments to the Confederacy were erected on public property — usually at courthouses — was to intimidate Black people and prevent them from exercising their right

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Spring Expo a stress reliever for brides

Dress biz, event planners, caterers showcase wares Saturday

BY JOHN FOLEY
Correspondent

The Perquimans Chamber of Commerce's Spring Expo held on Saturday at the Perquimans County Recreation Center could have been billed as a bridal stress reliever.

While COVID shut down bridal boutiques, buffet tables, photographers, musicians, event venues, caterers, and all the services required for large events, the Spring Expo helped bridge the gap between brides and businesses featuring many of the ser-

vices long under wraps.

"We tried to bring all the businesses that work with event services together under one roof to make it easier to find vendors for an event. Planning a wedding has gotten very stressful and difficult," said Chamber Executive Director LeAnna Lee.

Allison Alderman of Suffolk-based Virginia's Daughter Bridal Boutique offered a sampling of wedding gowns in a variety of styles at Saturday's event.

"We have a lot of brides from North Carolina, so we enjoy coming to these shows. The people are always so nice, it's wonderful," said Alderman.

Hertford resident and future bride Meredith Winslow was among the expo attendees admiring Alderman's bridal gowns. She also



JOHN FOLEY PHOTO

Meredith Winslow, Michelle Winslow and Jennifer Stallings admire a Virginia's Daughter Bridal Boutique wedding gown at the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce's Spring Expo at the Perquimans County Recreation Center in Hertford, Saturday.

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Historic Hertford Inc. Chairwoman Lynne Raymond (left) presents HHI's first-ever Volunteer of the Year Awards Wednesday, April 6, to (l-r) Lyle Brown, Leary Winslow and Patrick Votava for their leadership getting both the Perquimans High School Athletic Football Complex and the new grandstand project at Jim "Catfish" Hunter Field completed.

Historic Hertford names its first Volunteers of Year

Brown, Votava, Winslow earn award for athletics work

BY JOHN FOLEY
Correspondent

Three local businessmen instrumental in revamping the Perquimans Athletics Booster Club and who played key roles in the projects to build the new athletic complex and baseball grandstand at Perquimans

County High School, are the inaugural winners of Historic Hertford Inc.'s Volunteer of the Year Award.

Lyle Brown, Patrick Votava and Leary Winslow were presented the award by Historic Hertford Chairwoman Lynne Raymond during a brunch attended by local officials, HHI directors and the honorees' families Wednesday, April 6.

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