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Corprew, Huddleston, Silva, White, Winslow attend forum

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Staff Writer

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HUDDLESTON



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WINSLOW

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

Corprew, Huddleston, Silva, White and Winslow all participated in the May 3 forum

held at Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church and sponsored by the Perquimans County Farm Bureau. Felton did not attend the event.

Corprew said she retired last year from Perquimans

County Schools but is teaching part-time this year. She said it is "devastating" when she hears kids tell her they don't like to read.

The schools are working hard to improve literacy and

school officials are committed to working for children, she said.

Corprew also said that more real world, problem-solving lessons are needed in order to engage students, and teachers are doing good work in that area.

Huddleston said she had been alarmed to hear about things that were happening in schools around the country. She said she is fortunate to live in this small county that doesn't have the same problems.

"But I do worry that it could

get here," Huddleston said.

Huddleston cited examples of things she is concerned about: critical race theory, social and emotional learning, and comprehensive sex education.

She said she has met with principals and teachers at the schools. "It was a wonderful experience," she said.

Huddleston said she encourages schools to "look at things outside the box" in working to help students catch up academically.

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A worker's market



JOHN FOLEY PHOTO

Laura Martier (right), You Can Vote regional director, speaks with Perquimans County High School senior Kimari Lashee Parker (left) about job opportunities with the organization. You Can Vote, which hires workers to help register college students to vote, was one of the organizations and businesses attending Friday's Perquimans County High School Job Fair at the Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Center in Hertford.

Employers at job fair eager for workers

Cohen: Finding entry-level work no longer a challenge

BY JOHN FOLEY
 Correspondent

Whether it's searching for a part-time summer job to earn money for college or starting on a career path, Perquimans County High School seniors have a wealth of job opportunities available to them right here at home.

That was a key takeaway from last week's PCHS Job Fair at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.

With a tight labor market, a number of employers were in attendance to talk with students about their job openings.

"One of the most efficient ways of finding staff is through local job fairs," explained Jill Cohen, director of career and technical education for Perquimans County Schools and orga-

nizer of the Friday, May 6, job fair.

"The pandemic has made some mindset changes in our community," Cohen said. "In the past, students had a difficult time finding entry-level work in our area. The job fair is in response to employers asking, 'who do we have ready to work?'"

"The requests have been coming from local and distance employers," she continued. "There is a pipeline gap that we have been pro-

jecting as the future; however, the future is now."

Albemarle Boats manufacturing manager Carroll Bundy said his company is trying to fill a number of positions.

"The (job) market is tight," Bundy said. "That's why we're here. We have openings at all levels. It can be a summer job situation or the first step in a career of boat manufacturing."

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County economic consultant Goss to leave May 31

Goss: Working on marine park highlight of county tenure

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Staff Writer

Perquimans County's economic development consultant has resigned to move to Charlotte.

Dave Goss sent a letter to County Manager Frank Heath stating his intention to resign effective May 31. Goss plans to move to Charlotte in early June, his letter states.

Goss said in an phone interview Monday that work-



GOSS

ing on the Marine Industrial Park has been one of his favorite parts about working in economic development in Perquimans. He also was pleased to play a role in the location of a Fed Ex regional hub in Perquimans, he said.

Goss moved to

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Corprew: Boat basin project 'a mistake'

Unaffiliated commission candidate spoke at forum

BY REGGIE PONDER
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Candidates for county commissioner offered varied perspectives on economic development at a candidates forum held last week by the Perquimans County Farm Bureau.

Perquimans Board of Commissioners Chairman Wallace Nelson, a Republican, and Commissioner Fondella Leigh, a Democrat represented at the



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forum by Tammy Miller-White, both expressed support for the marine industrial park boat basin as an important project for economic development in the county. The May 3 forum was held at Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church.

But Tim Corprew, a

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Voters go to polls for Tuesday primary

West Hertford polling site has moved to DSS building

From staff reports

Voters seeking to cast their ballot at the West Hertford precinct on Tuesday should be advised that their polling place has moved.

The polling place for the

West Hertford precinct has been relocated to the Perquimans County Department of Social Services Building.

The building's address is 103 Charles Street, but voting will take place in a section of the building that will be accessed by a rear entrance. Curbside voting also will be set up in a parking lot behind the building.

All other precinct polling places will remain the same.

Perquimans voters are going to the polls Tuesday to elect three members of the

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PCRA seeks help reassembling Plank House

Nonprofit to hold June 4 Garden Party fundraiser for project

BY PENNY BYRD
 AND LYN WINSLOW
 Special to The Perquimans Weekly

Editor's note: This story is the final story in a four-part series on the history of the Pasquotank Plank House, its travels and final return to Perquimans County.

Last week in part three we left you wondering what was going to happen next with the resurrection of the Pasquotank Plank House and its return to a useful, educational life in Perquimans County.



IMAGE COURTESY N.C. DIVISION OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

This image shows the front of the Pasquotank Plank House as it once looked before it was disassembled and its wooden planks stored for safekeeping. The Perquimans County Restoration Association plans to reassemble the house.

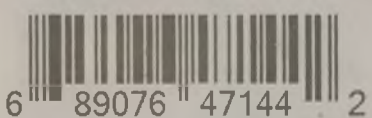
I even had a quote in mind from the "Field of Dreams" movie to build this final part of the story around: "Build it and They Will Come." But nothing

is that simple because reconstructing a 300-year-old house is not at all like building a modern house.

Today you want and need skilled carpenters, but back then carpenters' skills had little to do with hammering nails and more to do with joinery.

We recently received a file from the N.C. Division of Archives and History that included additional black and white photo images, a few of which showed the use of joinery at the corners of the Plank House. Also included were different black and white exterior shots and an architectural schematic showing

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