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Gregorys donate \$50K to softball field upgrades

Project at PCHS to include new backstop, home dugout

From staff reports

Thanks to a new capital campaign, the Lady Pirates of Perquimans County High School hope to have a new home dugout and play in front of a new backstop when the 2023 softball season opens next spring.

The Perquimans County Schools Foundation announced a \$50,000 donation by Jim and Stephanie

Gregory to the campaign on Tuesday. The foundation is hoping to raise at least another \$50,000 to match the Gregorys' donation.

"We are thankful for the generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. Gregory and hopeful about the challenge now presented to our community," Perquimans County Schools Foundation Executive Director Brenda Lassiter said.

She said the foundation is hopeful others will now step forward and contribute to the campaign.

"The reality is we need the community, former graduates, and alumni softball players to invest in our students and schools," she said.

The Gregorys' donation to the softball field project is being made in memory of Jim Gregory's parents, Johnie W. and Ann M. Gregory, and also honors three members of the 2020 Lady Pirates team — Abby Todd, Alli Copeland and Kayle Knapp — who lost their senior season to the COVID-19 pandemic, the foundation

said in a press release.

"The three seniors led their team to a 3-1 record when schools across the nation were shut down and their season was abruptly halted," the release states.

A permanent sign documenting the Gregorys' contribution to Perquimans County school athletics will be erected once improvements to the softball field are completed, the release said.

Those improvements will

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DAVID GOUGH/THE DAILY ADVANCE

Perquimans first baseman Lily Winslow prepares to catch a softball as the Lady Pirates turn a double play during a home game against Cape Hatteras in May. The Perquimans Schools Foundation has received a \$50,000 donation to begin making improvements to the Pirates' softball field.

District 7 Champs



PERQUIMANS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PHOTO

The Perquimans County Recreation Department's 2022 10U Softball All-Star team won the Tarheel League District 7 All Star Tournament championship by defeating a Roanoke Valley all-star team 8-1 at the Godwin-Coppage Recreation facility in Williamston on Saturday. The team will now play in the state tournament in Smithfield starting Thursday, July 21.

White, new school board members take oath

Corprew, Winslow, White also receive ethics training

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Newly elected members of the Perquimans County Board of Education took the oath of office and received board member training and orientation during a

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PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS PHOTO

Perquimans County Clerk of Superior Court Todd Tilley (right) administers the oath of office to newly elected Board of Education members (l-r) Matt Winslow and Kristy Corprew and re-elected member Anne White, Thursday, July 7.

Winfall's water, sewer finances draw NC concern

Letter: LGC adds town to Unit Assistance List

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

WINFALL — The state of Winfall's water and sewer finances has spurred a state agency to place the town on a list of local governments in need of state vigilance and assistance.

In a June 29 letter to Winfall officials, Sharon G. Edmundson, deputy state treasurer and director of the State and Local Government Finance Division, informed town officials that Winfall is included on the 2022 Unit Assistance List.

The list was prepared by Local Government Commission staff based on audited financial data for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021.

Winfall is included on the list, Edmundson told town officials in the letter, "because we have concerns regarding the financial condition of the (town's) Water and/or Sewer Fund."

Winfall Mayor Fred Yates read the letter at Monday's meeting of Winfall Town Council.

"What she's telling us is we've been put on the list," Yates said.

Edmundson's letter, a

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Sheriff: Virginia man drowned

Whener drowned July 4 while swimming near Snug Harbor

From staff reports

SNUG HARBOR — The Perquimans County sheriff has ruled a man's death on the Yeopim River near Snug Harbor on July 4 an accidental drowning.

Perquimans Sheriff Shelby White identified the man as Joshua Whener of Norfolk, Virginia.

Perquimans County Emergency Services released a few more details about Whener's drowning last week.

According to an emer-

gency services press release, the Perquimans 911 Center received multiple calls at 12:44 p.m. about a possible drowning near Snug Harbor Community Park located on Navajo Trail.

White said Whener, who was in his 40s, was less than 100 yards from the shore when he began to struggle to stay afloat.

"That's when others tried to assist him to get him to shore," White said. "Eventually the struggle overcame him."

First responders began coordinating grid searches

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Supply chain shortages, inflation affecting school meals

Commodity shortages, rising costs concern Cullipher

BY JOHN FOLEY
Correspondent

Perquimans County Schools Nutrition Supervi-

sor Kimberly Cullipher has her hands full keeping kids fed — all 1,600 of them.

When school is in session, Cullipher oversees the daily operations of all school cafeterias in Perquimans and is responsible for adhering to the policies, rules and regulations set by the N.C. Division of Public Health, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the local school board.

You might say her plate is full. That is if she can get plates.



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difficulty to project which commodities will be delivered by contracted vendors, Cullipher said.

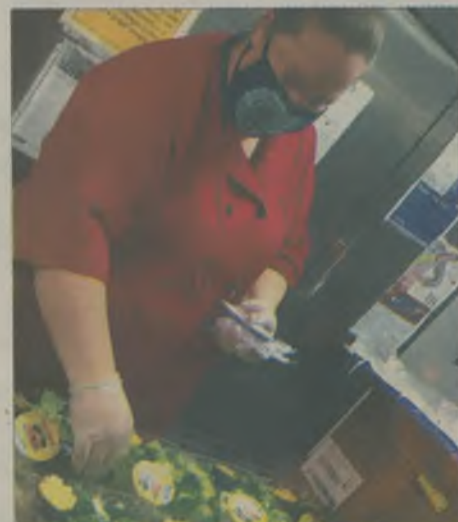
"We cannot get the most basic of necessary items," she said. "Some of what

would typically be the simplest of items to get was impossible. Pizza, bowls, forks, spoons, trays, chicken, beef, the list is absolutely unbelievable."

Cullipher says if it wasn't for Jackson Wholesale, there would have been days during the recently ended school year that the district couldn't have served meals to students.

"If you are unable to get utensils, bowls, or something to put the food in, you

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Amanda Wetherington, a Perquimans County Schools cafeteria staff member, prepares taco salads for a school lunch during the 2021-22 school year.

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