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Commissioner candidates weigh in on marine park

Six candidates vying for 3 open seats on county board

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Staff Writer

Perquimans County voters will begin casting ballots for the Nov. 8 election when early voting begins Oct. 20.

The only contested local race on the Nov. 8 general election ballot is that for three open seats on the Per-



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quimans Board of Commissioners. Six candidates are on the ballot: Democratic incumbent Fondella Leigh

and Republican incumbent Wallace Nelson; Democrats Keith Nowell and Quentin Jackson; Republican James

Ward; and unaffiliated voter Tim Corprew.

While three seats are open, Perquimans voters

can only vote for one candidate under the county's "single-shot" voting system.

To help provide voters a little more information about the candidates' positions on key issues, The Perquimans

Weekly recently reached out to all six candidates and asked a series of questions. One question concerns the

county's Marine Industrial Park, for which the county has received roughly \$7.5 million in state grants, state budget appropriations and Golden LEAF funding.

At a candidates forum earlier this year, Corprew, a business owner, questioned the county's continued investment in the Marine Industrial Park, calling it a "mistake" and a "foolish ex-

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Celebrating the river



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Robin Harris (left) pours a glass of chardonnay for Mary Soper during Historic Hertford Inc.'s Toast the Perquimans event at the Hertford Marina, Saturday. About 100 people attended the beer and wine tasting event.

Hundreds Toast the Perquimans

Historic Hertford hosted beer, wine tasting event

BY JOHN FOLEY
 Staff Writer

A few hundred people gathered at the Hertford waterfront Saturday to Toast the Perquimans during the annual beer and wine tasting event. The Hertford Marina

proved to be the perfect venue for the event that celebrates the Perquimans River and all it offers to those who live along or visit its banks.

Historic Hertford Inc. sponsored the event with the help of Steve Gunther of the Hertford Bay Tap House, who arranged for the beer truck providing a variety of craft brews.

If suds were not your pref-

erence, event-goers had an impressive selection of red and white varietals, including chardonnays, pinot grigios, muscatos, cabernets and merlots.

In addition to the craft beers and wines, Y'all Eat Yet's food truck was hand, catering to the hungry crowd with seafood chowder, pulled pork sandwiches and smoke-house BBQ flatbread pizza.

The Cuz n'Kirk Experience band performed live music.

"It's just a beautiful evening and a wonderful night for this event. I am so excited to see a crowd enjoying this park," said Hertford Mayor Earnell Brown.

The crowd began to build early on and by the time the music began Missing Mill

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Turner: Schools met or exceeded growth targets

Turner: Put more emphasis on growth, not proficiency

BY JOHN FOLEY
 Staff Writer

All schools in the Perquimans County Schools eligible for letter grades under the state's school accountability system received Cs on their report cards even though all either met or exceeded their academic growth targets.



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Hertford Grammar School met its expected growth target, as did Perquimans County Middle School. Perquimans County High School exceeded its growth target,

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HGS's Lassiter Principal of Year

Lassiter also named district's top principal in 2020-21

BY REGGIE PONDER
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For the second time in three years, Hertford Grammar School Principal John Lassiter has been named Principal of the Year for Perquimans County Schools.

In announcing the award, Perquimans County Schools Superintendent



LASSITER

Tanya Turner noted that Hertford Grammar School has made great strides under Lassiter's leadership in student achievement as measured and reported in the state accountability model

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Jollification! tour to feature museum, State Theater

PCRA's self-guided tour of historic homes is Saturday

From staff reports

Jollification!, the Perquimans County Restoration Association's annual self-guided tour of historic

homes in Hertford, will be held Saturday starting at 12:30 p.m.

Besides 10 historic homes in Hertford, Jollification! ticketholders will tour two new attractions this year: the Perquimans County Museum and the State Theater.

The museum houses historic artifacts about Perquimans as well as memorabilia about the life and career of Hertford native and Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Jim "Catfish" Hunter. The theater, when reno-

novations are completed, will be a full-time dinner theater that screens both classic and recently released movies.

"The museum introduces tour participants to the rich history of our area and sets the stage for a look at homes that span a period of time starting over 200 years ago to the current century," PCRA member William Stevenson said in an email. "Participants will get to step inside the oldest home in downtown Hertford, visit

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Renovations are underway at the State Theater, which will be one of the featured stops on this year's Jollification! historic home tour in Hertford on Saturday. Once the renovations are complete, the State Theater will be a full-time dinner theater that screens both classic and recently released movies.

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