

Commissioner candidates weigh in on marine p

Six candidates vying for 3 open seats on county board

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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



sioners. Six candidates are Wallace Nelson; Democrats Tim Corprew. on the ballot: Democratic Keith Nowell and Quentin



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guimans Board of Commis- and Republican incumbent Ward; and unaffiliated voter Weekly recently reached Industrial Park, calling it a While three seats are asked a series of questions.

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one candidate unsystem.

on new role

To help provide voters a little more information about the candidates' posi-The

out to all six candidates and "mistake" and a "foolish exthree open seats on the Per- incumbent Fondella Leigh Jackson; Republican James open, Perquimans voters One question concerns the

can only vote for county's Marine Industrial Park, for which the county der the county's has received roughly \$7.5 "single-shot" voting million in state grants, state budget appropriations and Golden LEAF funding.

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At a candidates forum earlier this year, Corprew, a business owner, questioned tions on key issues, the county's continued in-Perquimans vestment in the Marine

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Turner: Schools met or exceeded growth targets

Turner: Put more emphasis on growth, not proficiency

BY JOHN FOLEY Staff Writer

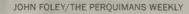
All schools in the Perquimans County Schools eligible for letter grades under the state's school accountability system received Cs Middle School. Perquimon their report cards even ans County High School though all either met or exceeded their academic growth targets.

Hertford Grammar School met its expected growth target, as did Perquimans

County exceeded its growth target,

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Robin Harris (left) pours a glass of chardonnay for Mary Soper during Historic Hertford Inc.'s Toast the Perguimans 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 beer and wine tasting event.

The Hertford Marina

proved to be the perfect erence, event-goers had an The Cuz n'Kirk Experience venue for the event that cel- impressive selection of red ebrates the Perquimans River and white varietals, including and all it offers to those who chardonnays, pinot grigios, 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 Perquimans during the annual truck providing a variety of craft brews.

If suds were not your pref-house BBQ flatbread pizza.

muscatos, cabernets and merlots.

In addition to the craft beers and wines, Yall Eat Yet's food truck was hand, catering to the hungry crowd with seafood chowder, pulled pork sandwiches and smoke-

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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HGS's Lassiter Principal of Year

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

BY REGGIE PONDER Staff Writer

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'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

quimans County Restoration Association's annual self-guided tour of historic



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

in Hertford, Jollification! ies ticketholders will tour two the Perquimans County Museum and the State Theater. The museum houses his-

Perquimans as well as memorabilia about the life and career of Hertford native and Major[•] League Base-"Catfish" Hunter. The theater, when reno-

be a full-time dinner theater that screens both classic Besides 10 historic homes and recently released mov-

"The museum introduc-Jollification!, the Per- new attractions this year: es tour participants to the rich history of our area and sets the stage for a look at homes that span a period of toric artifacts about 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 ball Hall of Famer Jim 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.

