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Ukrainians taste both bitter, sweet in war to oust Russians

Nelson re-elected; Corprew, Ward claim open seats

Leigh falls short in bid for re-election to third term

BY JULIAN EURE AND JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writers

Incumbent Commissioner Wallace Nelson won re-election and first-time candidates Tim Corprew and James Ward won election to seats on the Board of Commissioners in Perquimans' only contested local race on Nov. 8.



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Commissioner Fondella Leigh, who was seeking a third four-year term, lost her re-election bid by a little more than 300 votes.

According to unofficial results, Nelson, a Republican, was the top vote-getter, finishing with 1,508 votes or 27.66 percent of all votes

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Womble defeats Reid for Superior Court judgeship. Page A2.

cast. Corprew, who ran as an unaffiliated candidate, was next with 1,305 votes or 23.94 percent. Ward, also a Republican, was third with 1,161 votes or 21.29 percent.

Leigh, a Democrat, was fourth with 853 votes or 15.65 percent. She was followed by fellow Democrats

Keith Nowell, who had 382 votes or 7.01 percent, and Quentin Jackson, a former Hertford town councilor who finished in sixth place with 243 votes or 4.46 percent.

Nelson was the top vote-getter in three of the county's seven precincts; Corprew finished first in two precincts; Ward finished first in one precinct; and Leigh was the top vote-getter in one precinct. Nelson, Corprew and Leigh were the top finishers in

one-stop and absentee mail-in voting, with Leigh finishing one vote ahead of Ward.

Elsewhere in Perquimans, both Sheriff Shelby White, a Democrat, and Clerk of Court Todd Tilley, a Republican, were re-elected after running unopposed.

Thomas L. Roach and Richard Saunders won the two water and soil district supervisor seats while Daniel L. Flores and Linwood Hines were elected to two

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Honoring service, sacrifice



PHOTOS BY VERNON FUESTON

An American Legion Post 126 honor guard prepares to present the Colors at Friday's Veterans Day ceremony at the Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Center in Hertford.

80 attend Veterans Day ceremony

Brown given certificate as widow of soldier killed in Vietnam War

BY VERNON FUESTON
Correspondent

HERTFORD — About 80 people braved tornado and thunderstorm warnings Friday to honor the service and sacrifices of America's servicemen and women at Perquimans County's annual Veterans Day ceremony.

Because of the inclement weather,

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Hertford Mayor Earnell Brown (left) receives a certificate recognizing her as the widow of a serviceman killed during the Vietnam War during Friday's Veterans Day ceremony at the Perquimans Parks and Recreation Center in Hertford.

Hertford officials: Slow down coming off new S-Bridge

Residents: Speeding on Church St. up since span's opening

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Responding to concerns from town residents, Hertford town councilors are urging speed enforcement and other measures to slow traffic on Church Street coming on and off the newly opened S-Bridge.

Local people have expressed enormous enthusiasm for the wide lanes and smooth surfaces on the brand new bridge across the Perquimans River that connects Winfall to downtown Hertford.

But according to some observers, the very things that make the bridge so drivable also contribute to safety concerns as vehicles exit the bridge at excessive speeds.

Sarah Winslow, a local resident, told Hertford Town Council Monday night that she has been hearing concerns from many fellow citizens about speeding on Church Street now that the new bridge is open.

Winslow said that speed limit enforcement is needed as people come off the bridge. She suggested either the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office or the N.C. Highway Patrol station a patrol car near the foot of the bridge and issue tickets to speeders.

"It wouldn't take many tickets to get people to slow down," Winslow said.

Another citizen, Ella Albrecht, addressed the council about speeding concerns on Church Street.

"That is a residential

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PHOTO COURTESY PCSF

Carly Elliott (center), flanked by Marjorie and Walker Rayburn, was the 2021 recipient of the Walker & Marjorie Rayburn Scholarship.

PCSF announces 29 scholarships offering \$46,250

Most scholarships either \$500, \$1K, some valued higher

From staff reports

Students who are members of the Perquimans County High School Class of 2023 can begin applying for 29 different scholarships offering more than \$46,000 in scholarship money.

The Perquimans County Schools Foundation, which manages the scholarships, announced the scholarships this week. While the

majority are valued at either \$500 or \$1,000, several are larger. The Walker & Marjorie Rayburn Education Scholarship, for example, is valued at \$20,000, and the Thomas & Mary Chapley Scholarship is valued at \$6,000.

Foundation officials encouraged seniors to visit either the scholarship coordinator or guidance counselor at the high school for applications.

"The Foundation continues to grow, providing

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Holiday season to kick into high gear

Grand Illumination is Dec. 2, Christmas Parade is Dec. 3

BY JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

Ready or not, the holiday season in Perquimans County is about to kick into high gear.

The season that celebrates both giving and receiving gets underway

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Mrs. Claus to pose with doggies for shelter fundraiser. Page A2.

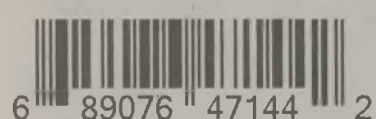
Friday with the Open Door of Perquimans County's annual Turkey Drop Thanksgiving Food Collection at Hertford United Methodist Church at 200 Dobbs St., Hertford. The event, which allows donors to drop off frozen turkeys and Thanksgiving fixings for Perquimans families in need, continues Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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PHOTO BY PAM HADDEN

A float followed by a marching band are seen in the December 2019 Christmas Parade in downtown Hertford. This year's parade, sponsored by the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce, will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. The parade begins at Perquimans County High School and will proceed downtown.



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