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Power couple



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After both winning elections in Perquimans County last year, Kristy Corprew (left) is serving on the Perquimans County Board of Education and her husband Tim (right) is serving on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners.

Corprews serving in gov't at same time

Kristy on school board, Tim won commission seat in Nov.

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Asked what it's like to be part of a married couple serving in local government at the same time, Perquimans

school board member Kristy Corprew quips that in some ways it's not very different from the life she's already used to.

"All these years I've had to ask him for money — and I'm still in the position that I'm going to have to ask him for money," she says.

The "him" to whom Corprew

referred is her husband, Tim Corprew, who was elected to the Perquimans Board of Commissioners in November, six months after she was elected to the county Board of Education.

Asked what he thinks about he and Kristy serving in elective office at the same time, Tim said he has

been amused by the number of people who've noticed the novelty and asked him about it.

"We just have to laugh it off and take it as it comes," he said. "It's still kind of comical."

The Corprews are

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County OKs zoning, subdivision changes

Masonry skirting not required for some manufactured homes

BY REGGIE PONDER
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HERTFORD — Perquimans County commissioners have beefed up buffer requirements around solar farms and eased mandates for some manufactured housing setups.

Those changes are included in a comprehensive set of amendments to the county's zoning ordinance and subdivision

regulations that was approved by the Perquimans Board of Commissioners Jan. 3 following a public hearing. The amendments were reviewed by commissioners and the county Planning Board at a work session in October.

Many of the changes are in response to mandates from the state lawmakers, such as decriminalizing zoning violations. None of the violations will be misdemeanors under the amended rules. Violations will result in civil penalties only.

Other changes are driven by county officials' own goals, such as an amendment that requires vegetative buffers around solar farms to be denser and wider than what was mandated previously.

The ordinance also has been amended to formally authorize county staff to make minor changes that don't require approval by commissioners.

The county has added "mini warehouse" as a special use in the rural commercial zone.

For manufactured homes on leased land, there is no longer a requirement for masonry skirting. While skirting is still required, it does not have to be masonry.

Masonry skirting is still required for doublewide manufactured homes established on land that is owned by the resident, rather than leased.

The terms "mobile home" and "trailer" have been eliminated from the ordinances

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Sheriff wants to add cameras to high-crime areas

Crime down 15 percent countywide since July 2021

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Office is interested in adding some cameras in high-crime areas of Hertford, even as crime is down 15 percent countywide.

The topic came up during Sheriff Shelby White's report to Hertford Town Council at the council's regular meeting Monday night.

The sheriff's office currently has one vacant position and is in the process of filling it, the sheriff told council members.

"We interviewed five people not too long ago," White said.

White said one consideration for the future is buying and installing anti-crime cameras in town. He noted there have been three shootings in the town during the past year and a half.

"All three of those shootings, they (victims) knew



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who it was," White said. "Each person knew exactly who shot them, and they didn't want to talk about

it. They didn't want to tell. Most of them (alleged shooters) were family-related or very close friend-related."

Even in one instance officers were able to identify a shooter from camera footage, the victim did not wish to cooperate, the sheriff said.

The cameras in that case were located on Housing Authority property. The town does not currently have surveillance cameras in neighborhoods.

In the other two shootings, officers know who did them but don't have enough evidence to move forward with charges at this time, White said.

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Hoffler concerned about racial equity in youth sports

He worries about disparity of resources for some sports

BY REGGIE PONDER
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Commissioner Joseph Hoffler has been appointed to the Perquimans County Recreation Advisory Board after expressing concerns about racial equity in youth athletics programming.

Hoffler brought up his concerns as commissioners were discussing appointments to various community boards and committees with county commissioner representation at their Jan. 3 meeting. Hoffler said he had asked to be appointed to the recreation board but had noticed his name was not listed for the panel.



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Hoffler explained that he has an interest in serving on the recreation board because he is "getting

a lot of friction" from the Black community over the relative amount of space and time the Perquimans Recreation Department devotes to football and basketball compared to the space and time provided for soccer.

He said people have complained to him that less attention is being paid to football and basketball because both sports are

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MLK motorcade, service are Monday

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The Perquimans County NAACP will observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday with both a motorcade and a service of remembrance.

Vehicles will begin lining up for the motorcade at

Perquimans County High School starting at 10:30 a.m.

The motorcade will then leave the parking lot at 11 a.m. and proceed through Hertford, traveling down Dobbs Street to Church Street. After crossing the new S-Bridge, participants will travel on to Winfall Boulevard, turn left on King Avenue, and travel on to Main Street before ending up at Winfall Landing Park.

A ceremony under

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Chamber taps new members, plans new events

Dog and Pet Festival set for April 1, Burger Day May 28

BY JOHN FOLEY
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The Perquimans Chamber of Commerce has appointed four new members to its board of directors.

Those appointed at the business group's November meeting include Kimberly Westbrook of First National Bank; Tammy Byrum of the Nicholson House; Tiwadd Parker of TNT Grill and Catering; and Georgeanne Midgette of Small Town Trendz.

Jill Cohen remains the Chamber's interim presi-



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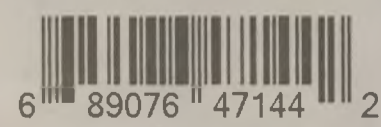
"We are very excited about the year ahead," said Chamber Director Diame Cangemi. "The Chamber will be redoing our website, as well as adding a digital media screen in the Chamber's lobby that will run on a continuous loop, advertising our member sponsors."

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Larry Cohen tries out his swing during the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce's 2nd annual Golf Scramble at Albemarle Plantation Thursday, June 2, 2022. This year's tournament is set for May 18.



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