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## 3 of 4 incumbents plan to run for re-election in 2024

Frierson, Hoffler, Woodard to seek new 4-year terms

**JULIAN EURE**  
Managing Editor

Two county commissioners and the Perquimans Register of Deeds say they plan to file for new terms after the filing period for the March 5 primary election opens at noon on Monday.



Hoffler



Woodard

Commissioners Joseph Hoffler and Charles Woodard and Register of Deeds Jacqueline S.



Jones

my work is not finished and I have value to offer," said Frierson, a registered Democrat who

Frierson all say they plan to file for re-election. Republican Kyle Jones has already announced that he will not be seeking re-election.

"I want to run because I believe

will be seeking her third elected four-year term as the custodian and manager of the county's real estate and other important records. She was first appointed to the job in 2013 following the retirement of the previous register of deeds and won election in 2016 and re-election 2020.

"I also enjoy what I do and I want to do it for another four years," said Frierson, who has

worked for the Register of Deeds office since 1994.

Hoffler, a Democrat, said he plans to run for a new term because he has "unfinished work in the county" and because he believes he can provide the leadership to make sure "everybody in the county has a voice in how their monies are spent."

More **CANDIDATES** | A6

## She's a Spartan



CHRIS DAY/THE DAILY ADVANCE

Perquimans High softball standout Bristyl Riddick poses after signing with Norfolk State University during a signing ceremony held in the lobby of the Perquimans County High School gymnasium, Tuesday, Nov. 14.

## Perquimans' Riddick signs with Norfolk St.

**CHRIS DAY**  
The Daily Advance

Perquimans High senior softball player Bristyl Riddick says she chose Norfolk State University as the school to spend her collegiate career after the Spartans satisfied a trio of criteria.

Riddick, 17, said the

Spartans' coaching staff was the main reason she signed with Norfolk State, which is located in Norfolk, Virginia. The other two reasons included opportunities to fulfill a lifelong dream of playing Division I softball and to play close to home so her parents can see her play.

"It just felt like that was the place for me," said Riddick, who plans to study biology.

Norfolk State is about an hour's drive from Hertford.

Riddick was joined by family, teammates and friends at a signing ceremony held in the lobby of the Perquimans County

High School gymnasium on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Riddick plays catcher for the Lady Pirates, and in softball, each throw by the pitcher could result in several outcomes. That's why Riddick enjoys being behind the plate.

More **RIDDICK** | A6

## Hertford man arrested, charged in Winfall slaying

**JULIAN EURE**  
Managing Editor

WINFALL — A Hertford man has been arrested and charged with murder in the death of a second man who the Perquimans sheriff says died last month from "blunt force trauma" injuries.

Guadalupe Andres Martin, 26, of the 200 block of Meads Circle, was arrested Nov. 15 for the slaying death of Marcos Domingo Velazquez, 43, according to court records. He was charged



Martin

with murder and is being detained at Albemarle District Jail without bond.

A press release from Perquimans County Emergency Services said deputies responded to the Albemarle Street area in Winfall Sunday, Nov. 12, about 6:15 a.m. after receiving a report of a deceased male.

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## DeWald is county's new 4-H agent

UNC grad grew up as 4-H'er in Davidson County

**FROM STAFF REPORTS**

Perquimans County Cooperative Extension's new 4-H agent is someone who benefited from the program while in school herself.

"I was a member of 4-H throughout my childhood, so I can



DeWald

personally attest to the benefits of getting involved," said Tori DeWald,

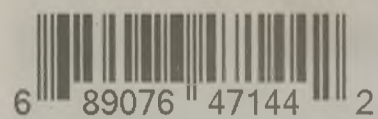
who recently was introduced as the county's new 4-H agent. "My 4-H club leader was, and still is, a phenomenal role model for me.

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## Edenton to screen doc marking Isabel's 20th anniversary

**VERNON FUESTON**  
Chowan Herald

EDENTON — Hurricane Isabel was one of the most destructive storms in the area's history. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric



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Administration, the Category 2 storm felled thousands of trees, resulted in massive power outages and caused "unusually high storm surge" after making landfall on the North Carolina coast on Sept. 18, 2003.

Area residents will get a chance to remember Isabel's devastating impact when the town of Edenton hosts a free screening of a locally produced documentary film marking the storm's 20th anniversary next month at the Taylor Theater.

The 71-minute film, titled "Isabel

20," was produced by the town of Edenton's public information office over six months using 10 hours of archival film and 300 photographs. It traces the hurricane's path and aftermath. Isabel was the strongest storm to strike the region since Hurricane Mitch in 1998.

The hurricane cut a swath from Hatteras and Ocracoke Island through the Inner Banks of North Carolina and up through the Tidewater regions of Virginia and Maryland.

More **ISABEL** | A6



MARK WOLFE/FEMA NEWS PHOTO  
This home in historic Edenton was damaged by one of the many trees felled by Hurricane Isabel after it made landfall on the coast of North Carolina on Sept. 18, 2003. The town of Edenton has produced a locally made documentary, "Isabel 20," marking the storm's 20th anniversary that will be shown at the Taylor Theater on Dec. 14.

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