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Perquimans board named 'Commissioners of Year'

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GREENSBORO — In a lot of counties, school boards and county commissioners argue a lot over resources and turf.

Not so in Perquimans County.

The Board of Commissioners' close, collaborative working relationship with the Perquimans Board of Education has earned it the designation "County Commissioners of the Year" for 2023 by the North Carolina Schools Boards Association.

The Perquimans Board of

Commissioners was presented the award during the NCSBA's annual conference in Greensboro last month, according to a county schools press release.

According to the release, the award is presented to a commission board that "has demonstrated extraordinary leadership that has advanced student achievement and focused on the community's schools through collaboration with the school board, local agencies and community groups."

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The Perquimans Board of Commissioners was named the "County Commissioners of the Year" by the N.C. School Boards Association in November. On hand for the award presentation were, left to right, Darrell Pennell, immediate past president of the N.C. School Boards Association Board of Directors; Arlene Yates, Perquimans Board of Education member; Dr. Anne White, Perquimans school board member; Perquimans County Manager Frank Heath; Leanne Winner, executive director of the N.C. School Boards Association; Kristy Corprew, Perquimans school board member; and Tim Corprew, a Perquimans County commissioner.

No stealing this Christmas



KESHA WILLIAMS PHOTO

A float representing a number of public agencies, including the Hertford Fire Department, the Perquimans 911 Communications Center and the N.C. Department of Adult Correction rolls through downtown during the annual Hertford Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 2. About 1,000 people watched the parade.

About 1,000 view Hertford Christmas Parade

KESHA WILLIAMS
 Correspondent

Mr. Grinch got more than he bargained for Saturday during the annual Hertford Christmas Parade.

Sheriff's deputies transported the grumpy, frowning, green character in a jail

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Courthouse lights up during annual Grand Illumination. Page A2.

cell in the back of a pickup truck the entire parade route from Perquimans

County High School to downtown Hertford and back.

So for roughly an hour, the Grinch had to watch rows of parade-goers giddy with holiday cheer. Roughly 1,000 people witnessed the parade, according to one estimate.

The pickup carrying the Grinch was the first in a line of vehicles, floats, motorcycles, classic cars, antique cars and horses taking part in Saturday's parade sponsored by the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce.

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First Collin Winslow mini-grants issued

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The first mini-grants from the Collin "Snap" Winslow Mini-Grant Fund were issued to five Perquimans educators last week.

Ken and Holly Winslow established the mini-grant fund earlier this year in memory of their son, Collin, who

died in a hunting accident last spring. Each grant issued to teachers is for a maximum of \$2,500 and is designed to support student achievement.

Brenda Lassiter, executive director of the Perquimans County Schools Foundation, said the mini-grant program was started because the Winslows wanted contributions to a fund in memory of Collin "to touch as many students as possible."

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PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

Holly and Ken Winslow and their son, Harris, look over books purchased by Perquimans County High School for a mini-grant project funded by the Collin "Snap" Winslow Mini-Grant Fund, which is named in memory of their late son, Collin Winslow. The mini-grants are awarded to teachers in the Perquimans County Schools.

Hertford to use \$10K grant for arts rebrand

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The town of Hertford has received a \$10,000 grant from ElectriCities to use building its "rebrand" as an arts-focused community.

The grant will be used to commission both a sculpture and a mural in the town's downtown area, town officials said. Both art pieces are part of the town's Community and Riverfront Plan to attract more tourists and improve economic development.

"Like many towns in 2020, Hertford experienced



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a downturn in business and tourism during COVID," the town said in a

release.

To explore ways to make the town more economically resilient, Hertford participated in the N.C. Department of Commerce Community Economic and Resiliency Initiative Rural Planning Program.

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TALENT ON PARADE



PHOTO COURTESY EVAN COPELAND

Perquimans Schools band directors Evan Copeland and his wife Katie pose for a photo while participating in the historic Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in Manhattan, New York last month. Evan is the band director at Perquimans County High and Katie is the director at Perquimans County Middle.

Copelands march, perform in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade

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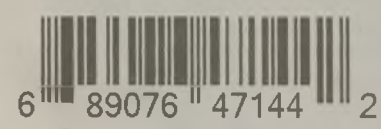
Perquimans High band director Evan Copeland said marching in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City last month took him back to when he was a student in the marching band.

Copeland and his wife Katie Copeland were among 400 national school band directors who

marched in last Thursday's historic parade. Katie Copeland is the band director at Perquimans Middle School.

The two are usually positioned out in front directing their bands, but on Thursday, Nov. 23, they found themselves in an old familiar spot and loving every minute of it.

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