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Perdue has initial grad of program

KELFORD — For Lisa Bullock, graduating at age 48 from high school is a dream come true.

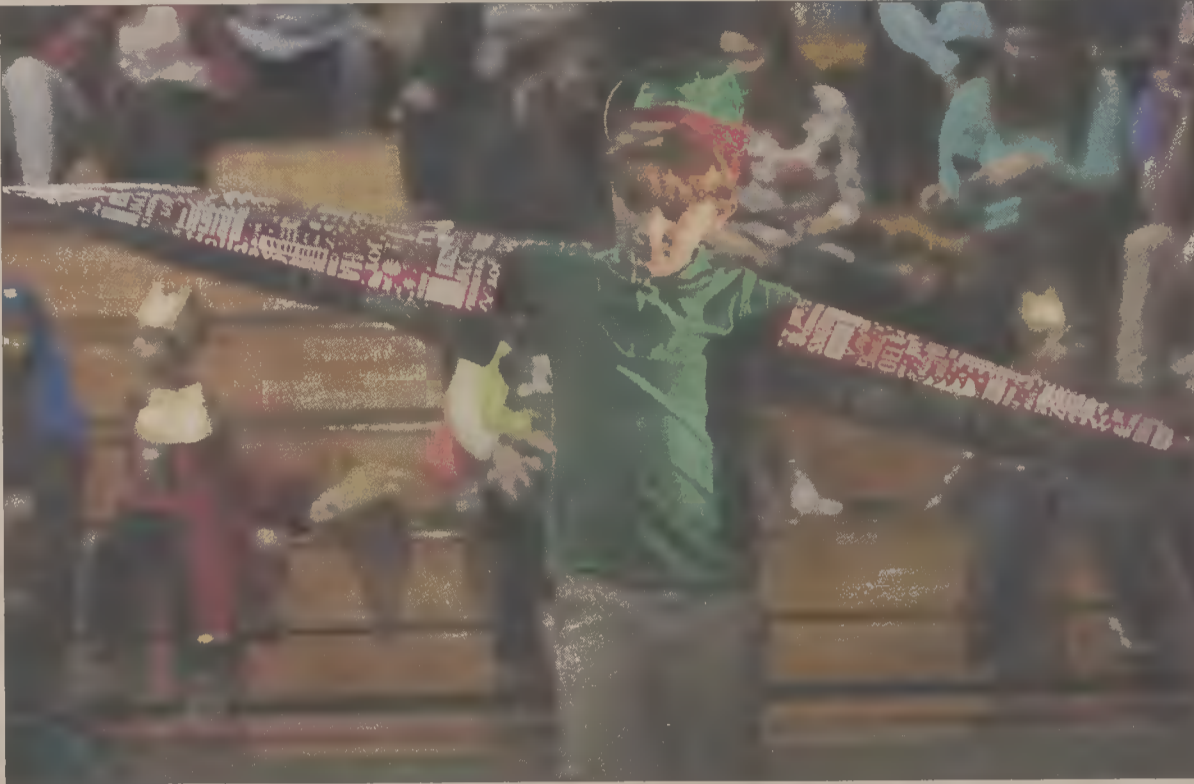
It was a long-awaited reality made possible through her job at Perdue Farms in Bertie County.

"I've always wanted it. I had so many people telling me I couldn't do it and would never accomplish anything," said Bullock, who always regretted not finishing high school, but was always determined to find a way. "I had this yearning inside of me to grow and I wanted to do whatever it took to begin growing."

Bullock is the first Perdue associate to earn a diploma through the company's partnership with the Penn Foster Online High School Diploma Program. Perdue launched the program as a pilot earlier this year in Lewiston and at its operations in Accomac, Va., and Milford, Del.

Participants receive an accredited high school diploma through

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Lawrence Academy fifth grade student Trent Compton acts out being an airplane while the chorus sang "All Over The World."

Lawrence Academy celebrates Christmas

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WINDSOR - It is a "Prime Time Christmas."

Lawrence Academy's Pre-K through 6th grade students performed their annual Christmas concert titled "Prime Time Christmas" last Thursday night for staff, family and friends.

Lawrence Academy Head of School Jason Wynne welcomed everyone to the event and opened with a word of prayer.

Lawrence Academy's Music Teacher Scott Bradshaw welcomed everyone and explained this year's performance.

The kindergarten class opened the show by performing "Jingle Bells" and "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" with hand bells.

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Lawrence Academy kindergarteners Jackson Hoggard and Leah Hux, along with the rest of their class, opened the show by playing "Jingle Bells" on hand bells.

Aaron Bazemore honored for contributions



Aaron Bazemore

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Founder of Church of God in Christ

BEN SPELLER

Friends of the Museum of the Albemarle

In 2003, the Historic Hope Foundation, the Board of Directors received a North Carolina Humanities grant to research, offer community discussion, compile and publish a guide to African American Churches in Bertie County.

The results of this publication project suggested that it was likely that the Bazemore Temple Church of God in Christ was the first church of that denomination

established in North Carolina.

The Church of God in Christ was founded in 1907 in Arkansas by Charles Harrison Manson. Manson had been dismissed by his black Baptist church in Arkansas because of his beliefs concerning sanctification and over issues of culture, personality, and class differentiation.

The Church of God in Christ is the largest black Pentecostal denomination in the United States. It

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Grant bids open

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PINE KNOLL SHORES - Across the nation, it is getting more and more difficult for teachers to take their students on field trips.

Beside the cost of the trip, funding for substitute teachers, gas for buses and lunches for children, there are many other barriers to field trips and outreach programs.

Teachers from Title I schools from across the state, including Bertie County, received \$172,000 in Aquarium Scholars grants this year to remove those barriers and bring the love of the ocean to students who otherwise might not get that experience.

Since the program began earlier this year, funds have been distributed to teachers in 56 counties, as far west as Henderson and Buncombe counties.

These grants allow students from schools with higher proportions of children from low-income households more opportunities for experience and encounters with aquatic animals to learning the importance of conversation.

The nonprofit North Carolina Aquarium Society, in partnership with the three state aquariums- Fort Fisher, Pine Knoll Shores and Roanoke Island, and Jeanette's Pier in Nags Head, North Carolina Public Schools, The Friday Institute at North Carolina State University and private donors, established funds to support school programming.

Programs include a mixture of science, technology, engineering and math studies, hands-on programs and field experiences at the aquariums and Jeanette's Pier, along with 51 outreach

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