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Tim Aydlett

Aydlett tapped for HGS principal

Tim Aydlett had planned to enjoy the leisure of retirement next school year.

But a transfer from assistant principal at Perquimans County High School to interim principal at Hertford Grammar School reinvigorated the veteran educator. And, although he had officially retired at the time of his transfer in February, he applied for and was appointed last week to the post of principal at Hertford Grammar. He was awarded a two-year contract during a special board meeting last Tuesday evening.

Aydlett, an educator for more than 30 years, served as assistant principal at the high school for 5 years until February when he was appointed as interim principal at Hertford Grammar.

During his tenure at PCHS, he worked primarily overseeing the discipline, safe schools procedures, athletic scheduling/guidelines and school improvement.

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Changes in store for graduation ceremony

Commencement should be a formal ceremony planned to be dignified and joyous and to convey the respect society feels toward those who have worked so hard to reach a level of academic achievement, according to Perquimans County High School Principal Hans Lassiter.

In order to return more dignity to graduation exercises at the high school, Lassiter has announced some changes for the May 28 ceremony.

Each senior will be issued 20 tickets to distribute to family and friends who wish to share the occasion. Guests must have a ticket in order to be admitted. Graduation notices mailed out by graduates are not official tickets.

Also, children must be accompanied by, and remain with, an adult throughout the ceremony.

UNITING IN PRAYER



About 100 gathered at noon last Thursday to observe National Day of Prayer. A program was sponsored by the Ministers' Council for Education in Perquimans County and Communities in Schools on the courthouse lawn. During the service, community and church leaders offered prayers for federal leaders, state leaders, local leaders, the nation, communities, families and children and churches. Gloria Mason sang "I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb" during the service (right). Barbara Gustafson and Estelle Felton were also on the program.



OLF impact on nature is a concern

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Second in a series

A few weeks ago, Carolyn Hess and some of her friends were meeting for their regular discussion group in Edenton when one of the U.S. Navy's new Super Hornet jets flew over-



head. The noise from the plane grew so loud that they could no longer hear one another. They were forced to stop their discussion until the plane had passed on and was no longer audible.

"Nobody bargained for that," said Hess, vice president of the Albemarle Environment Association. "The Navy is used to the noise. We are not."

Hess and many others across Northeastern North Carolina are worried these days that the Navy's proposed Outlying Airfield, which is to be constructed in Washington County, will bring an unbearable level of noise into their quiet communities.

If the Navy has its way, some 31,000 Super Hornets will perform test flights in the skies across the region every year. The proposed flight pattern will take the planes in an almost straight line from the OLF site in Washington and Beaufort counties to Oceana in Virginia Beach.

During one month as many as 2,500 jets could sound above Chowan.
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Periauger needs summer crew

The Perquimans County Restoration Association is calling sailors — or sailor wanna-bees — to be a part of a re-enactment crew on a replica 18th century workboat this summer.

Four crew will man the boat for each daily leg of the anticipated three-week journey from Beaufort to Hertford. Although the starting date of the journey is not definite, it is expected that it will get underway between late June and mid-August.

The boat, called a periauger, is a two-masted workboat used by colonial settlers to navigate waterways of the Albemarle as early as 1690. Although there are no remaining artifacts of a periauger, historians and maritime experts designed the boat

based on documents from the period. There is mention of a periauger in the will of Abraham Sanders, builder of the historic Newbold-White House.

About a year ago, Perquimans volunteers built the eight sweeps, two masts, four booms, rudder and tiller for the periauger in Hertford with the cooperation of the Perquimans 2020 Vision Coalition and the use of its business incubator.

The watercraft itself is under construction in Beaufort at the North Carolina Maritime Museum. Once pronounced sea-worthy, the vessel will begin its odyssey to Hertford, its permanent home.

The journey will include overnight visits in



The periauger is under construction at the state Maritime Museum in Beaufort.

Oriental, New Bern, Bath, Washington, Belhaven and Manteo. Daytime aboard the periauger has been described as "rustic," but evenings will find crew in comfortable quarters on the shore or aboard mother boats that will accompany the periauger.

The periauger will arrive in Hertford on Sept. 11 as part of the annual Indian Summer Festival activities.

Crew members must be 16 years of age or older, and

boating experience is preferred but not required.

Those interested in crewing this historic journey may contact Kent Carper, 110 Creek Trail, Hertford, NC 27944; e-mail k e n t . a n n e @ n e t - c h a n v e . c o m ; phone 426-7427.

The construction of the periauger is a joint project with the Perquimans County Restoration Association, which operates the Newbold-White
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Thrift shop way for neighbors to help neighbors

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Linda Reynolds has a vision. In her vision, neighbors help neighbors. Those who are down on their luck have a place to go to buy clothing and household items at rock-bottom prices. Those who have gently used items they no longer use have a place to take them to extend their usefulness.

And, acting on her vision, Reynolds has opened the Hertford Community Aid Thrift Store in Ward Shopping Center on Ocean Highway.

The retired police officer and her husband James, a retired firefighter, came to Perquimans from the Hampton Roads area. She volunteered at the Edenton Clothes Closet, which she found very rewarding. It was her dream to bring the idea to Perquimans County.



Shoppers browse at the Hertford Community Aid Thrift Store in Ward Shopping Center.

And she's worked very hard to make that dream a reality. She even asked for funds to get the shop ready as her Christmas present from her husband.

Thanks to Reynolds' vision, her husband's support, and the handful of

volunteers who've shown up so far to help, shoppers can purchase any item of clothing for \$3 or less, along with toys, games and other household goods.

Reynolds has begun contacting ministers in the county, letting them know

about the shop so they can refer those who may need assistance to the thrift store. In fact, Reynolds is letting ministers know that if there is an urgent need, clients can be sent to the shop with a request on church letterhead and items may be made available at no charge.

While summer is just gearing up, Reynolds already has a supply of good coats in a storage area. She knows that coats can be expensive, and believes that the cost of a coat should not stand between a child and warmth.

Reynolds hopes others catch her enthusiasm for the project and volunteer to help. Folding and sorting clothes and assisting customers are a couple of ways volunteers could be helpful. Cash donations are also appreciated.
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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 87
LOW: 65
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
HIGH: 89
LOW: 65
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 88
LOW: 65
MOSTLY SUNNY