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Summer Fun



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Six Tuesday afternoons in June and July Perquimans County Library offered Summer Reading Programs for children of all ages. A magician, a park ranger, two clowns, a teeny tiny tale teller, an SBI agent, the sheriff and the "Balloon Lady" entertained and informed while encouraging young people to keep reading. (Left) Dr. Dizzy and Hanso were popular, along with the Balloon Lady, Donna Pruett from Ronda (above).



Local man charged with child sex abuse

SUSAN HARRIS

A Chapanoke man was indicted last Monday on felony sex abuse charges.

William Henry "Buddy" Elliott III, 53, of 675 Chapanoke Road was charged with five counts of taking indecent liberties with a child. He voluntarily turned himself in to the sheriff's department on Friday, and was

processed and taken to the magistrate's office where a \$10,000 bond was set.

Sheriff Eric Tilley said the victim, whom he described only as a minor, made a complaint in person to the sheriff's office on April 23. An investigation was launched and resulted in the charges against Elliott.

No trial date has yet been set.

Winfall has less filers than open seats

No races in Hertford

SUSAN HARRIS

History is repeating itself in Winfall, as, for the second time in as many election cycles, there will be more seats up for election than candidates running to fill those seats.

The mayor's seat and two council seats, presently held by Fred Yates and Kenneth Rominger and Bertha Dixon, respectively, are all up for re-election.

Yates was among the first to file when the filing period opened July 6, but neither Rominger or

Dixon opted to file. Rominger had said before the filing period opened that he would not seek a third term. Dixon had said she was undecided, but leaning toward not seeking another term.

Political newcomer Eddie F. Fields Jr., however, did file for one of the two town commissioner seats that will be open in November.

Unless a successful write-in candidacy takes place, the seat left vacant after the election will be filled by the members of town council through an application process.

In Hertford, there are no races as only incumbents Mayor Sid Eley and council persons Carlton Davenport and Anne F. White filed.

Paulhamus comes to Newbold-White

New site manager likes to live history

CATHY WILSON
Staff Writer

Katharine Paulhamus, 26, wanted to be a cowgirl when she grew up, but thanks to parents who gave her opportunities to experience history first hand, she became the new site manager of the historic Newbold White House instead.

Paulhamus began her duties here back in May, and her duties range from scheduling tour guides to searching for funding to promoting the site known as a colonial Quaker homestead featuring the oldest brick home in North Carolina.



PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

Newbold-White site manager Katharine Paulhamus likes to immerse herself in history.

Originally from Williamsport, Penn., she arrived in Hertford by way of Scottsdale, Ariz. where she was coordinator of historical sites and head archivist at the Mayo Clinic. She found record keeping a little stifling, so when the opportunity arose to get involved in a historical property first hand, she took it.

With a degree in history from Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania, she is especially interested in preserving architecturally historic properties and is working on her master's in historic preservation.

"It's so interesting to find out what the original was like and bring it back to life," she said.

She admits studying history out of a book can be a little boring for the average person, but notes an appreciation or interest in history can be sparked by visiting historic sites and seeing first hand how ancestors once

lived. "Seeing history brought to life, actually walking in their homes, handling items used by our ancestors relates history to you on a personal level rather than just sitting and reading a book," she said.

In fact, that's how history came alive for her in her younger days. She attended public schools, private school, and was home schooled by her parents. Her mother, who minored in history in college, and her father, an outdoorsman, took her on many field trips to historic places such as battlefields, historic homes, and museums. On camping trips, her parents would share with her legends and lore that originated in places they camped. Those legends involved Native Americans, trappers, hunters...even love stories.

"I felt like I was completely surrounded by them," she said. At the Newbold White

House, she sees the possibility of bringing this site to life by creating a potential living history site here. New this year is a colonial kitchen garden in front of the house that includes vegetables and herbs that would have grown in a garden back in 1730. Volunteer master gardeners in the county maintain the garden, the only public garden in the county.

The site also sports a new dock allowing paddlers to arrive by water. A recreation trail leading to the dock and beach area winds past a buffer of sunflowers and rows of cotton plants grown on acreage rented out by the Perquimans County Restoration Association.

This fall, plans call for the planting of a vineyard on approximately 143 acres, Paulhamus added.

"We don't see this as a vineyard producing wine, but rather as an educational venture with the agricultural agents and colleges teaching how to grow and maintain a vineyard," she explained. "We'll start with scuppernons and muscadines. We'll be experimenting to see which variety will grow in this climate and soil."

Fall also brings their Hearth and Harvest Festival in September, as well as the Perquimans County Farm Tour in October. Their annual golf tournament fundraiser is slated for November.

Volunteers are always needed at the Newbold White House. On-site training is provided. If interested, call Paulhamus, 426-7567.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 92, Low: 69
SUNNY

FRIDAY
HIGH: 91, Low: 71
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 93, Low: 72
ISOLATED T'STORMS

CELEBRATING HISTORY



PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

Perquimans County and local town officials gathered to proclaim July 26 as Jim "Catfish" Hunter Day in Perquimans County. Surrounding the monument erected on the courthouse lawn in honor of the baseball legend from Hertford, county commission chairman Mack Nixon read a proclamation remembering the 20th anniversary of Hunter's induction in the Baseball Hall of Fame.