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## Staff, hours cut at Newbold White home

By CATHY WILSON  
Staff Writer

The Perquimans County Restoration Association is taking financial steps to not only stay afloat now in tough economic times, but to ensure financial stability in the future.

During their annual meeting Saturday night, PCRA members approved a budget that eliminates the paid site manager at the Newbold White House and depends on volunteers running the historic facility instead.

In addition, hours of operation for the historic Quaker homestead have been cut, its open season has been trimmed, less-popular events have been discontinued, and the small Newby Cottage, once the home's opera-

*"We had just about made it when the economy turned and things began to head into the red again."*

Lyn Winslow  
Former PCRA president

tional center, has been closed in an effort to save money on utilities. The office will be moved into the Visitor's Center instead.

The good news is, PCRS has begun the process of creating an endowment fund for investment contributions to help insure fi-



STAFF PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

Peggy Birkemeier (left) with the North Carolina Community Foundation, is seen with new PCRA officers (l-r) Phil McMullan, president; Dee Ponte, treasurer; Ed Ritzman, vice president, and Phil How, secretary.

the future.

As many other non-profits, businesses, and local and state governments have experienced during this economic down turn, PCRA members say they made difficult but necessary financial decisions for the upcoming year. This year marks the 30th anniversary for the Colonial Quaker Homestead that opened in 1981.

"Throughout the last three

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## Fun'Raisers on a mission



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Members of the band The Fun'Raisers (above, below) perform Saturday at Perquimans County High School to help raise money for the family of Lesley Bell, a Hertford Grammar School teacher who died earlier this year.

## Concert benefits family of Lesley Bell

From staff reports

They didn't just tap their feet and clap their hands. Supporters who turned out Saturday night to help the Lesley Bell family rose to their feet and moved to the music of the Fun'Raisers in concert at Perquimans County High School.

In addition to playing the iconic music of the 70's and 80's, the talented group also performed skits and comedy in their effort to help the fam-

ily pay medical bills associated with Bell's fight against cancer.

Bell, a Hertford Grammar School teacher who died in January, was a former nationally board certified teacher, teacher of the year, and instructional specialist. She taught fifth grade and worked in the school system for over 12 years.

Funds raised will assist the family which includes her husband, James, and two young daughters.



## Fire wrecks local florist

By CATHY WILSON  
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Doziers Florist in Hertford was damaged during a late Friday afternoon fire.

Hertford Fire Chief Todd Tilley said heavy smoke was coming from the back of the building when firefighters arrived on the scene just after 5 p.m. When firefighters first entered the local business, they discovered extensive fire and smoke inside the left side of the building which formerly housed the original florist shop before expansion.

Firefighters from Hertford, Winfall, and Bethel fire departments attacked the blaze and managed to keep it from spreading; however, the rest of the one-story metal building suffered extensive smoke and water damage.

"It pretty much gutted the left side of the building," said Tilley. "The cause of the fire is under investigation by Hertford Police Department, but we suspect it was electrical in nature."

Employees had just left the building for the day, and no one was inside at the time of the fire, added Hertford Police Chief Joe Amos who is looking into the cause of the fire which was brought under control within 20 minutes.

Tilley said flowers

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### WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 59 LOW: 39  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 66 LOW: 46  
MOSTLY SUNNY

SUNDAY  
HIGH: 64 LOW: 40  
SUNNY

## Census: County and towns grew in numbers

By CATHY WILSON  
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The number of people in Perquimans County has grown just over 18 percent in the last 10 years according to figures released last week by the 2010 US Census Bureau.

Figures show that 13,453 people live in the county now, compared with 11,368 in 2000, an increase of 2,085 or 18.3 percent.

Populations in Hertford and Winfall grew as well.

Census figures show that

Hertford grew by 3.53 percent with a new population count of 2,143, while Winfall increased to 594 or 7.22 percent.

County Manager Bobby Darden said the increase in population will help the county in funding per capita.

A breakdown of the new figures shows that the county's population is made up of 72.1 percent whites, 24.9 percent blacks, 2.1 percent Hispanic, and

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## Heritage part of Wagon Train

By CATHY WILSON  
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Teresa Thompson Arcangel would like to take part in next week's Friends to Freedom Wagon Train that reenacts the Quakers' Great Migration out of Perquimans County to the west back in the 1800's.

Her great-great-grandfather, Wyke Elliott, left Perquimans in a covered wagon and headed west decades ago with his family to help free slaves, on a path much like the one to be travelled March 17-20 by the local wagon train.



FILE PHOTO

The Friends to Freedom Wagon Train will ride through Perquimans County March 17-20.

Her great-great-grandparents were Caleb Elliott and Huldah Newby of Perquimans County,

both Quakers, she said. Problem is, she lives in

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