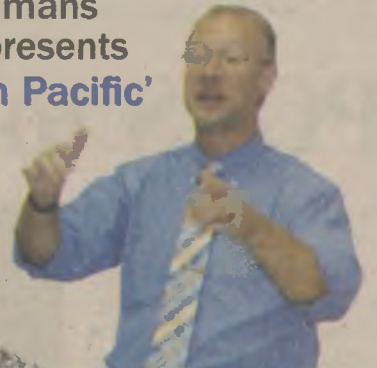


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## County OK's \$25K transfer to 2020 group

Group seeks deed of trust for building

By CATHY WILSON  
Staff Writer

County commissioners agreed Monday night to work with Perquimans 2020 in negotiating a buy-out on the deed of trust for the building located on Harvey Point Road.

County Manager Bobby

*"This is a win-win situation for the county. The county is getting back a very valuable piece of property that can be used for senior citizen development."*

Leo Higgins, Perquimans 2020 director

Darden said commissioners agreed to transfer \$25,000 to the 2020 non-profit program in an effort to get the deed of trust on the building released by

the North Carolina Technological Development Authority (NCTDA). NCTDA has been in bankruptcy proceedings for six years and no longer exists, ex-

plained Leo Higgins, director of Perquimans 2020.

If accepted by the bankruptcy court, Perquimans 2020 would be in a better position to work with the

county on future space needs, said Darden.

Higgins spoke optimistically about obtaining the building for use as a new senior citizens center for the county. Using it as a senior citizens center would continue the objectives of both the 2020 group and the NCTDA which helped fund the building with \$265,000 in a state-funded grant back in 1998. FHA also provided \$65,000 for

the cause. The county donated 2.5 acres of land for the project back then and an \$85,000 loan was also obtained.

"The \$25,000 from the county will pay off that loan," said Higgins. "Once we get the deed of trust freed up, we can turn it over to the county for whatever they want to do with it."

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## CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL A SMART START



STAFF PHOTOS BY CATHY WILSON

The Smart Start Children's Festival drew a large crowd Saturday to the Perquimans Recreation Center despite a cold, strong wind on the riverfront. Games, information, food, displays and interactive fun kept area children busy. The event kicked off Week of the Young Child locally. See more photos at "Smart Start Children's Festival" slideshow at DailyAdvance.com.

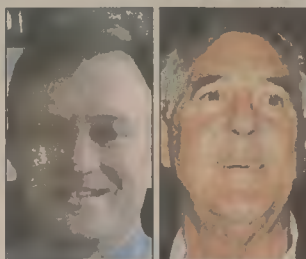
## County wants less water from RO plant

By REGGIE PONDER  
The Daily Advance

Perquimans commissioners say they want to buy less water from Pasquotank's new \$19 million reverse-osmosis water plant because of a slowdown in development.

With the plant scheduled to begin production only three months from now, county commissioners from Pasquotank and Perquimans met last week to forge a deal on how much water Perquimans will commit to buying. The meeting ended with no agreement.

"It's tough," said Perquimans Commissioner Mack Nixon, a home builder



Darden Nixon

who noted the outlook in the construction industry remains "gloomy" for the next three years. As a result, the county won't need as much water as it projected a few years ago, he said.

Perquimans County Manager Bobby Darden said the county's two concerns were the term of the agreement and the volume of water the county would commit to buy.

Specifically, Perquimans prefers a 10-year term rather than 20 years, and

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## Plants, advice at Spring Garden Show

By CATHY WILSON  
Staff Writer

Expect to see a lot of green floating around the Albemarle Master Gardeners' Spring Garden Show this Saturday at the Perquimans County Recreational Center.

Beginning at 9 a.m., more than 30 vendors and a host of Master Gardeners will be on hand to offer advice, promote educational material, show products, sell food, give out door prizes, conduct a silent auction, present a flower show, offer a plant sale, sell raffles, have fun with children in a children's venue, and even take part in a flower arrangement competition. Admission is free, with the fun lasting till 4 p.m.

While Mom and Dad browse to see the latest in garden furniture, garden art, and landscaping tools, youngsters can visit the Children's Magical Garden where they will make



STAFF PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

Plants and flowers will be in abundance Saturday at the Albemarle Master Gardener Spring Garden Show at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.

garden-related crafts, see a puppet show, read books, adopt a seed and watch it grow, and other exciting activities!

The children's venue includes: 9 a.m.-Make-and-Take Hairy Plant People;

10 a.m.-Puppet Show-Uh-oh, Insects!; 11 a.m.-Hunt-A-Bug!; noon-Make-and-Take Hairy Plant People; 1 p.m.-Read Aloud; 2 p.m.-Hunt-A-Bug!; 3 p.m.-Puppet Show-Uh-oh, Insects! The theme for the show

## Perquimans man arrested for attempted murder in EC

From staff reports

A Hertford man faces an attempted murder charge in connection with a shooting in Elizabeth City that left one man critically wounded.

According to the Elizabeth City Police Department, Prentis Row/Shawn Davis, age 19, was arrested in Edenton last week and charged with shooting 22-year-old Rahmel Devon Mallory, of Elizabeth City, March 29 while traveling in a vehicle.



Davis

Davis is charged with attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, and inflicting serious injury by discharging a weapon into occupied property. He is being held under \$750,000 secured bond in Albemarle District Jail.

Police say Mallory is being treated for a gunshot wound in the head at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.

According to police, Davis and Marcos Luis Nunez were arguing on Selden Street near the Shirley Street intersection when Davis reportedly pulled out a handgun and fired at Nunez's vehicle, a 1995 Mercury Grand Marquis. The bullet struck Mallory, a passenger in Nunez's car.

Immediately after the shooting, Nunez drove north on Selden and ran a stop sign at the Church Street intersection. His vehicle collided with a 2010 Toyota Corolla being driven by Sara Michelle Johns, who was headed east on Church Street.

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### If you go

- What: Master Gardener Spring Garden Show
- When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday
- Where: Perquimans Recreation Center
- Cost: Free

is "Get in the 8A zone!" referring to the USDA Plant Hardiness Zone that encompasses this area. Organizers say this is the only event of its kind in the tri-county area. The show will include an array of exhibit gardens with a strong appeal to gardeners of today, educational speakers/workshops, demonstrations, and hands-on projects.

In addition, a flower arrangement competition, sponsored by the Sound Gardeners, will begin at

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