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## Junior golf league starting

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Albemarle Plantation is hoping to spark the next generation of top golfers.

The Plantation is bringing PGA Junior League Golf to the area. It's designed for boys and girls age seven to 13.

"It's a great way to grow the game," said Kenny Saunders, the golf pro at The Plantation.

Player registration is open now and the kick off meeting is set for April 15.

Last year PGA Junior League Golf featured a record-setting 36,000 participants across 2,900 teams nationwide. Some 2,000 PGA and LPGA professionals served as captains.

The growth represents a 300 percent increase from the 9,000 kids who participated just three years before.

"It started as a pilot program in 2012 and in the bigger cities it took off and has done really well," Saunders said. "The PGA is trying to get leagues now all over the country and we just thought it was a great thing to start."

Saunders hopes to get regional support for the program.

"It's not going to be easy and we are reaching out to Edenton and Elizabeth City. We can't make it work without that."

Cahoon Plantation in Chesapeake has been running the Junior League for a while and pro Michelle Holmes said it's been a big success.

"We've been doing it four years, and we started with just one team and now we have five teams," she said. "We're growing each year."

Two of the teams are in Virginia Beach and the other three in Chesapeake.

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## BASEBALL JAMBOREE

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Andrew Tyson pitches for Perquimans County High School in a Jamboree held Saturday at the high school with other area teams. The Pirates are scheduled to open their regular season Feb. 27 on the road against First Flight and will host their first home game Feb. 28 against Manteo.



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Perquimans County High School's Chase Ward is able to make the catch before a Edenton player makes it to third base on Saturday during a Jamboree, held at PCHS.

## Agent embraces new post

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
 News Editor

His formal education may be over, but Dylan Lilley knows there will always be plenty to learn when it comes to agriculture.

Lilley, 24, has been Perquimans County's new field crops agent for about six months.



LILLEY

The Gates County native graduated from North Carolina State University in May of 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Plant and Soil Science.

After college, Lilley spent a year in Ghana as a volunteer with AgriCorps, an organization that reaches out to undeveloped areas to teach people who to generate more food with less land.

It was during a break back home, he learned the position in Perquimans County would be open, Lilley applied for the job, but he had

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## Program highlights Black league baseball

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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A collection of artifacts from the time when black and white baseball players had to play in separate leagues will be on display to the public Friday at Hertford Grammar School.

Derrick C. Jones, 62, said he started the collection more than 10 years ago. The Wilmington native spent his career in education, but always loved baseball. He now lives in Virginia Beach. There will be an event Friday during the day for students and then at 6 p.m. the display will be open to the general public.

"My program is very interactive," Jones said. "Remember prior to 1947, black men were not allowed to play in the Major Leagues. My collection is not to

find fault with the society and the system, but to educate."

In finding things for his collection, dubbed the "Traveling Museum of Artifacts from the Negro Leagues Era and Players" Jones connected with Sid Eley. Eley is the director of the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce and the curator of the Jim "Catfish" Hunter Museum there.

"He wanted some information and asked if I knew about a picture of Satchel Paige and Jimmy," Eley said of the conversation. "I told him we had a copy of the picture."

The image shows a 19-year-old Hunter sitting on the lap of Paige with the tag line "Now listen here, young man." At the time the photo was taken Paige

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A 19-year-old Jim "Catfish" Hunter sits on the lap of 59-year-old LeRoy "Satchel" Paige in this photo from 1965.

## Grants to bring Aladdin to town

From Staff Reports

The students and staff of Hertford Grammar School may not get everything they wish for on March 16 but they will get to experience three wishes — that's according to the script as The Hurrah Players entertain them in a two-hour performance of Aladdin.

From the producer of The Lion King comes the story of Aladdin, a new produc-

tion filled with beauty, magic, comedy where one lamp and three wishes make the possibilities infinite.

More than 500 students will be transported to the high school for an afternoon performance of Aladdin thanks to Arene Contracting, LLC and a grant from the Albemarle EMC's "Albemarle Community Trust's Round Up program."

Following the courtesy performance for students, there will be an evening performance beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available to the public at a reduced price of \$10 per seat.

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## Former sheriff Tilley gets his deer

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
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Eric Tilley got to take down his biggest deer of his life this month courtesy of the sponsors of an outdoors TV show.

As a surprise retirement gift, the former Perquimans County Sheriff got a trip to Star S Ranch in Texas. It was his first time to the Lone Star State and nothing like hunting in North Carolina.

"You don't hunt from trees," he said. "There are scrub oaks and cactus but no real trees. Basically you're hunting from portable blinds."

Tilley will be featured on the show "The Journey" on The Outdoor Channel.

"I think he enjoyed it," said Executive Producer Dave Watson. "He seemed very thankful for the trip."

Watson's job is to surprise deserving people with ultimate outdoors adventures. Last week Watson was preparing to take a man

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Former Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley was able to take down a 16-point buck with a primitive bow and arrow as part of a trip he got to take to Texas.



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