

## GIFTS

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received was an anchor necklace from my boys. This was four years ago when our family was going through a separation and their thoughtfulness meant a lot to me."

Sharon Mapp, Sixth Grade ELA

"The best Christmas present I've ever received was a used Fender Standard Telecaster guitar. I was 17-years-old and had been playing guitar for about two years. It had been a hard year financially for my family and I did not anticipate getting any gifts. I was more concerned with helping my mother get gifts for my three younger siblings who were still at that young innocent age. I was perfectly fine with the beginner guitar that I had received two years prior. I did not even think that I would have the money to purchase a new guitar, let alone a Fender. My guitar teacher from church had another plan. He went to my mother, knowing that money was tight for our family, and he gave her the guitar and told her to give it to me as if she was the one that purchased it. He did not want me to know that it came from him. Still to this day I have that guitar hanging on my wall in my music room and it means a great deal to me."

Crystal Seymour, Fourth grade Reading and Science

"The best gift I received from a student was a card from their entire family. Enclosed was a Starbucks gift card, which is always a plus, but the message written inside the card was so sweet. It spoke to me as they thanked me for being a part of, not only their child's education, but special to their family."

Sarah Brewer, HGS Fourth Grade Reading and Science

"A wooden pencil to hang outside of my classroom from a student when I was student teaching for my own classroom after graduation."

Annie Burge - PCHS Media Coordinator

"Over the years, I've received presents that probably cost a pretty penny, artwork that I know they spent a long time on (some of which was gorgeous to boot), but I have to say the best gift I've received so far from a PCHS student was one that didn't cost her too much time or money. What made this gift so special was it came from an unexpected source. This student was extremely quiet and wouldn't sing out her part even though she had a gorgeous voice. Home life was hard for her, and I believe that was why she was so shy with her voice. I spent all semester encouraging her with seemingly little result. However, at the end of the semester she gave me a letter about how much she appreciated me and a

list of positive attributes she believes I carry that referenced specific things I did that encouraged and blessed her throughout the semester. I was astounded. I had no idea what was going on inside that heart of hers. It gave me hope that there might be more students like her that even though I don't see fruit at the moment, I have planted seeds in receptive soil."

Rachel Sanders, Chorus and Theater

"My favorite thing that I have received from my students is handmade Christmas ornaments. It's fun to remember the students each year as I hang the ornaments from years past on the tree."

Jenny Sorey, Fourth Grade ELA

"The gift was a wooden labyrinth that the student made in wood working shop. We had been studying ways to deal with stress and I had showed my students how to draw a labyrinth on paper because the student would spend hours in their room as part of the punishment for committing a crime. This student and his brother were in lock up together. I was deeply touched that the student would create such a gift for me. The wooden disc has been in my classroom or office ever since that Christmas and tracing the labyrinth really does calm the inner energy of your mind so you can focus on the task at hand."

Jill Cohen Director of

CTE

"I do not have a single gift from a student that has been the best or stands out more than the days when you feel your classroom has become a peaceful community. I believe the best gifts occur on the days you hear the hum of engaged conversation, of learning - in those moments you know your students are feeling a part of and being motivated by their community of learners/learning - you know then what you do really matters - You feel validated and inspired. To me, that's the best gift of all."

Laura Duncan, First Grade, Perquimans Central

"I had an elementary student present me with a bottle of perfume that he had saved up all of his own money, including doing many chores, to purchase for me. He was so proud of this gift."

Carole Sykes - EC Specialist

"A gym teacher Christmas ornament."

Kristie Thach, Health and PE Teacher

"A lighthouse with sound effects."

Nena Felton, Sixth Grade Social Studies

"A bottle of lotion from the child's home, (gently used) accompanied by a card with thoughtful words and a one dollar bill."

Lisa Lane, Director of Communications

## JACKSON

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legislative seat in the newly drawn 1st Senate District. The current occupant of the seat, state Sen. Bill Cook, R-Beaufort, has said he's not seeking re-election.

The House district Goodwin, Hunter and now Jackson seek to represent has been redrawn to include Chowan, Perquimans, Tyrrell, Bertie, Washington and Camden counties.

Jackson, 32, said he had not thought about running for the Legislature when he made his bid for Hertford Town Council. He said it wasn't until he woke up one day last week and realized that a Democrat needed to run in the 1st House District that he decided to announce he'll make a bid.

"This race is a very important race and I think we need the right people to represent these counties," Jackson said in a press release.

Jackson acknowledged it was an "extremely difficult" decision to shift gears so soon after taking office in Hertford and refocus on a state campaign. But he said he's not turning his back on Hertford constituents who voted for him by seeking the House seat.

"I think that also I am diehard for Perquimans and I will be able to serve not only Hertford but the whole county" if he's elected to the House.

Jackson owns a recovery and towing service and a couple of other small businesses. He also is a director's assistant with Beach Funeral Services and Cremation.

He said he grew up in poverty and can relate to people who live in poverty, many of whom live in the six rural counties in the new

House 1 district.

"I can relate to the people that live in those areas," he said.

Jackson said there is no one issue that his campaign will focus on but that he will emphasize representing all the citizens of the new district.

"I want to come in and make sure that nobody is overlooked because of race, religion, color or ethnic background," he said.

Jackson said he realizes but isn't deterred by the fact that Republican-leaning voters make up the majority of the electorate in the district.

"I'm going to try to be as competitive as I know how," he said.

He said he's also not worried about being outspent by other candidates.

"I would rather people keep their money and give me their vote," he said.

Jackson may have to answer some voters' questions about his past.

According to state court records, Jackson has spent time on probation for criminal matters including assault and communicating threats. He also has been charged in a couple of longstanding child-support cases.

"It has been resolved, praise the Lord," Jackson said, when asked about those child-support matters.

Jackson said he believes people who knew him in his early 20s and know him now can look at him and see he is living differently now. He said when he was 20 he did childish things but he's grown up since then.

"I am happy with the man that I am today," Jackson said.

The only current matter he has in court is a traffic offense in Pasquotank County, Jackson said.

## Vidant adopts testing platform

From Staff Reports

GREENVILLE — New technology at Vidant Medical Center (VMC) is helping save time and money — for patients and the physicians who treat them.

The hospital recently installed an updated version of the Chemistry/Immunoassay Automated Testing Platform, which provides a consistent, more reliable way to test blood samples.

Following a year-long installation process, the

updated platform went into full use Sept. 26. Currently only available at VMC, the same equipment will eventually be in use at all Vidant hospitals. Vidant operates a hospital in Edenton.

"A reduced turnaround time for analyzing the samples and improved quality and consistency of the results benefits everyone involved in the process," said Rick Ross, MT, ASCP, laboratory system service line administrator for Vidant Health.

"Efficiency for our physicians means patients spend less time waiting for samples to be collected, for the necessary tests to be run and for those results to inform the care and treatment provided."

## LIBRARY

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For library patrons used to the space on Academy Street, the new location will be far larger.

The new library is 13,677 square feet. The old location is 5,320 square feet.

There is also a 1,178-square foot community/programming meeting room in the new location that is also new. It can be isolated from the rest of the library and used during periods when

the library itself isn't open. There is also a full kitchen in the new facility.

"That way we can host nutritional programs," she said.

Lawrence has worked in libraries since 2008, and was at the main one in Suffolk before talking the Hertford job. While Suffolk's total building space may be larger, some of that is taken up by office space.

"In terms of library space, our new library can definitely give some bigger communities a run for their money space wise."

One new addition to the library is a wooden sailboat. It was constructed by the company that is providing furniture. It's designed with an open in the stern so kids can climb in, sit down and read a book or a computer tablet.

But the Perquimans Library was also designed so it wouldn't require more manpower to operate.

While the library is bigger, Lawrence still has the same staff of four full-time people (which includes herself) and when fully staffed, two part-timers.

The Perquimans library is part of the Pettigrew Regional Library System. There are other libraries Chowan, Washington and Tyrrell counties.

Judi Bugnizet serves as regional director. She started as the Perquimans librarian in 2010.

One isn't clear is the final cost. The contract was for about \$2.5 million but the deal required work to be complete in 12 months. While there were provisions to allow for bad weather days, by some counts the 12-month period ended sometime in September.

The contract called for a liquidated damages penalty of \$500 per day. That means the late penalty could top \$50,000.




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## NOTICE

### Perquimans County Tax Department

All unpaid 2017 County and Municipal Property Taxes will become delinquent after January 6, 2018. Enforced collectons will begin after that date. The Perquimans County Tax Department will be complying with the N.C. General Statutes for the collection of all delinquent taxes. The following procedures will be implemented to collect the delinquent taxes:

1. Garnishment of wages
2. Attachment of bank accounts
3. Levy on personal property
4. File foreclosures on real property
5. Attachment of income tax refunds

Bill Jennings  
Perquimans County  
Tax Administrator



## NOTICE

### Perquimans County TAX LISTING DATES

All persons who own property subject to taxation must list during the month of January. Any persons who fail to do so will be subject to penalties prescribed by law.

Due to legislation, real property and licensed vehicles do not require listing by the taxpayer. However, if you have made any improvements to your real property, you must list that with the Tax Department. All other personal property such as boats, jet skis, unlicensed vehicles, IRP's, farm equipment, businesses, etc. can be listed with the lister in the county Assessor's Office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday starting January 2 through January 31, 2018. You may also list on the abstract that was mailed to you. If you have personal property or made improvements to your real property and did not receive an abstract, please contact our office. These abstracts must be returned to our office by January 31, 2018.

If you are a business and you need an extension, our office needs a letter requesting an extension by January 31, 2018.

If you are 65 years old or older, or totally and permanently disabled, and your income is less than \$29,600, you may qualify for a tax reduction.

Persons owning real property under cultivation, in forest management or horticulture land may qualify for a tax-reduced valuation (land use). If you are not already in the land use program and you feel you qualify, please contact The Tax Office for qualification.

The Tax Office is located at 107 N. Front Street (in the back of the courthouse) Hertford, NC. Our telephone number is 252-426-7010 or 252-426-5564.

Bill Jennings  
Perquimans County  
Tax Administrator

## Minzies Creek Sanitary District

Monthly meeting will be held on

**SATURDAY, December 30, 2017**

**AT 10:00am**

**The Meeting Will Be Held at**  
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