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A drawing shows the layout of the new locker room at the Perquimans County Athletic Complex.

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vising some, and then subcontractors," Davison said. "We've got a lot of pieces to the puzzle."

Ultimately Davison said if the field, the bleachers and lights are ready by August, then the team can play.

"You can play football on the field without a field house. We have one across the street. We'd like to have it done by then, but we can

still play."

Cheeseman agrees "It will be nice if we have it all done, but the reality and factors of finances and the weather and other people's schedules are in play."

The estimated price of the first phase has been quoted at \$1.2 million. In addition to the donation of the field house and the donation from Charles Ward, the school system plans to use \$274,000 in lottery money that is earmarked specifically for capital projects,

not for personnel.

"I feel comfortable where we are right now," Davison said. "But it's a mud hole there right now."

He said workers will need to coordinate what they are doing and when and where to make it all work.

"When we get started we don't want to drive bulldozers over where a foundation is supposed to be."

Cheeseman said the weather is a big factor now.

"We need it all to dry up," he said.

MCGOWAN

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gardens, a Junior Master Gardener program and the Albemarle Master Gardener Spring Garden Show in Hertford.

The call-in helpline is open two days a week for two hours each day during the growing season.

"Part of that involves looking up answers so Master Gardeners are learning themselves in the process of helping others," Shook said.

Shook said McGowan spent hours working on the helpline as well as the annual Master Gardener's Show. She also worked on

a demonstration program at the Newbold White House and with the program that provides plants or seeds to clients of local food pantries.

The food pantry program has evolved over the years. It started with giving out seeds and a hotline, but Shook said this year it would involve more seedlings that clients can plant directly into the soil. It serves people who have limited resources get fresh produce and learn about growing them in the process.

Master Gardener volunteers have to complete a 40-hour training program under the direction of ex-

tension agents, pass an examination, and complete at least a 40-hour internship.

To remain active in the program volunteers must log a minimum of 20 hours of volunteer time and a minimum of 12 hours of continuing education each year.

McGowan went through the Master Gardener program in 2015.

The next class for the Chowan-Gates-Perquimans program will be held in 2019.

Joining McGowan at the awards ceremony was Nancy Dougherty, also of Hertford. Dougherty is president of the local Master Gardener's group.

MOVING

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classrooms, emphasizing to parents and community stakeholders who attended that the classrooms have improved students' attention and focus.

"I'm excited that every day is a good day, with students staying focused on academics," one teacher said. "I will be excited to see the academic progress at the end of the year."

The classrooms are housed in third grade and serve 32 students. The classrooms are comprised of pedal desks, strider desks, collaborative standing desks workstation, swing desks and kneeling desks.

"The funds allowed us to transform traditional classrooms through the renewal of key ideas and the implementation of new ideas into Kinesthetic Learning Labs," said PCSF Executive Director Brenda Lassiter.

"Our children learn differently than we did in the past, and our traditional classrooms may fall short," said Foundation President Antoine Moore. "Current research shows incorporating physical activity in the classroom helps children perform better in school. The Foundation seeks to offer exciting and innovative programs for all students. This is one of those proj-



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The moving classrooms at Hertford Grammar School provide pedal desks, strider desks, collaborative standing desks workstation, swing desks and kneeling desks.

ects."

The creation of Kinesthetic Learning Labs is only phase one of the project. The second phase will allow students to enjoy a breakfast at no cost and lunch to be served in a family-style manner to promote social skills and citizenship among the students. That will start in April.

The goals of that component of the project are to introduce healthy eating habits, enable students to interact on a personal level, discuss good choices, make their own decisions and to take responsibility for their own lives, actions and communities. According to Lassiter, educators have often argued that a status crite-

riation alone is an unfair way to measure student growth, especially for high-poverty urban and/or rural schools that receive a large proportion of students who enter school already behind their peers. This component of the project will also help level the playing field.

The Kinesthetic Learning Labs have sparked interest across the state, Lassiter said.

The real proof will be at the end of the academic year when testing data is available, she said.

The NACF is an affiliate of North Carolina Community Foundation and the grant was provided through the HCWGMW Donor Advised Fund.

Restoration group holds meeting

From Staff Reports

The Perquimans County Restoration Association held their annual meeting recently at the visitor's center.

More than 60 members attended the event.

The meeting highlighted the accomplishments of PCRA over the past year that included completion of the visitor's center expansion project, the con-

tinuation of the furnishings project and successful Garden Party and Jollification events. Next year the group will be starting an exhibit master plan to improve the way the history is told.

The furnishing project involves finding period appropriate items that were identified on probate documents when Abraham Sanders died in 1751.

Rodney Kemp of Morehead City was the guest

speaker.

He told mostly true stories from eastern Carolina and is known as a "Fish House Liar." The PCRA also honored Ray Winslow who was one of the founders of PCRA and was its secretary for many years. Winslow authored the definitive book identifying historic buildings in Perquimans County in 1982. The book is still used today.

Nixon, Bateman playing for Wesleyan

From Staff Reports

Two former Perquimans County High School softball players are making a strong contribution as freshmen at N.C. Wesleyan this year.

Through the first 16 games of the season, Chelsea Nixon has had four hits in 23 at bats and including a double.

Autumn Bateman has had two hits in four trips to the plate. In a game against



BATEMAN



NIXON

Mary Washington in February, Bateman ripped a two-run triple to cap the rally in a 8-2 win for the Bishops.

Craft workshop accepting registrations

From Staff Reports

Registration for the 2018 Northeastern NC Craft Workshop will be accepted on a "first come-first-served" basis until the April 2 deadline. Registration forms and class information can be requested from the Perquimans County Cooperative Extension Center by calling 426-7697.

The registration fee is \$10 per day. All registration fees are non-refundable, but transferable, and must be received by April 2. Class kit fees vary depending on class selection. The workshop is designed for every-

one and anyone interested in learning a craft, whether hobbyist, adult or youth groups, craft teachers or those in small businesses.

The workshops will be held on May 8-9 at the Vernon G. James Research and Extension Center, located at the Tidewater Research Station on NC Highway 32 in Plymouth. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Classes include: Basketry (Media Basket and Looped Shell Necklace), Bead Weaving, Cooper Enamel Jewelry, Cooper Enamel Ornament, Beginner Crochet, Decoy Carving and Painting, Beginner Embroidery, Fishing Fly

Tying, Acrylic Painting, Painting in Alcohol Ink, Painting with Watercolors, Polymer Clay/Fairy Garden, Quilting, Silk Scarf Dyeing, Silver Jewelry, Sterling Silver Wrapped Jewelry, Seagrass Stools, and Yo-Yo Quilt.

There are both one and two-day classes. For more detailed information, contact your local Cooperative Extension Center or Paytie Johnston at 335-4680.

This annual workshop is conducted by Northeastern North Carolina Craft Workshop Committee and is co-sponsored by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension.

Alligator River bridge to close for a week

From Staff Reports

RALEIGH — Beginning March 14, the North Carolina Department of Transportation will close the Alligator River Bridge between Tyrrell and Dare counties for one week. The closure will allow crews to complete major renovation work on the bridge's swing-span drawbridge.

The bridge will be closed to all vehicle traffic at 12:01 a.m. on March 14 and is expected to reopen by 11:59 p.m. on March 20. The drawbridge will also be closed to boat navigation. During the closure, crews will complete

the electrical and mechanical swing span repairs that were started during the previous bridge closure Jan. 10-17.

The work is part of an extensive renovation project designed to extend the life of the 58-year-old bridge. The \$16.7 million contract was awarded to Flatiron Constructors of Morrisville back in March 2017.

During the closure, NCDOT will have detour signage and variable message signs in place to guide motorists through the following detour routes:

■ Motorists traveling east from Columbia should use N.C. 94 South

to U.S. 264 East to U.S. 64.

■ Motorists traveling west from Dare County to Columbia should use U.S. 264 West to N.C. 94 North to U.S. 64.

■ Motorists traveling to the Outer Banks from areas west of Williamston should use U.S. 17 North to U.S. 158 East.

■ Motorists traveling from the Outer Banks to points west of Williamston should use U.S. 158 West to U.S. 17 South to U.S. 64 West.

No additional bridge closures are expected during the renovation project.

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Inter-County Ruritans will be selling their chicken salad sandwiches.

This year's Business Expo is sponsored by Pepsi Bottling Ventures, Vidant Chowan Hospital, Sentara Albemarle and the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, home of the Jimmy "Catfish" Hunter Museum.

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CEMETERY FLOWERS

After March 23, 2018 the Town will remove any Christmas season and unsightly flowers from the Town's cemeteries. The cemeteries are Cedarwood, Cedarwood Addition, Cedarwood Phase III, and Roadside Cemetery. Arrangements that are not Christmas season arrangements and are in good condition will not be removed. The Town is not responsible for any arrangements removed from the Town's cemeteries at any time.

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