

# Graduate turns credentials into a career

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Josh Wilson applies a graphic wrap to a vehicle recently.



## From Staff Reports

Josh Wilson earned his workplace credentials in the Adobe Academy at Perquimans County High School and has found his new career.

Wilson is now an assistant graphic designer for Hertford Printing and Signs.

When he graduated in 2017 Wilson took his designs to the company and owner, Sarah Weeks hired him.

She saw Wilson had a strong interest in automotive and thought the application of graphics to vehicles would help to expand his career path as well as offer new opportunities for her business.

Wilson attended the

Roland Academy, Born to Wrap — Basics and Beyond' in Welcome. The two-day program provided him with hands-on learning in printing and application techniques used for wrapping vehicles with designs.

Jill Cohen, the director of Career Technical Education (CTE) for the school system, recommended Wilson to be a part of a promotional marketing program sponsored by NC Works. The event highlights the advanced manufacturing pathway in northeastern North Carolina.

Perquimans is one of three schools that has earned recognition for being a locally certified career pathway in advanced manufacturing.

Cohen said she works with NC Works, College of

the Albemarle and the business leaders of the community.

"The pathway starts in the middle school in the STEM lab where students begin to explore career skills in basic design," Cohen said. "At the high school, students continue the pathway through the Adobe Academy and the Visual course which builds foundational skills using software to create images. It creates an understanding of the dimensions for 3D printing and helps students learn to work collaboratively in production teams."

Students enter the Career College Promise program as juniors or seniors to complete the welding or other advanced manufacturing courses at the College of the Albemarle.



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Michele Lawrence from the Perquimans County Library reads stories to the children during a recent Read to Achieve Camp.

## Students get chance to improve reading skills

### From Staff Reports

About 50 students from Hertford Grammar and Perquimans Central got help with reading this summer thanks to a state mandated law enacted in 2012.

The legislative initiative is part of the Excellent Public Schools Act. It requires third grade students who are reading below grade level to attend a three-week literacy program in the summer. However, this year first and second grade students from Perquimans Central School have been invited to attend in order to prevent the summer reading slump.

Read to Achieve Camp Coordinator Dani White said the camp is short and intense. First and second grade students have three 90 minute blocks of guided reading, writing and word study while third grade students spend their 90 minute blocks working on portfolios and other personalized technology programs that enhance literacy skills.

White said that the camp is designed to keep the children interested in learning by creating a fun environment centered on animals. During the day students get a 90-minute enrichment class, which includes art, reader's theater activities and guest speakers. Students had the opportunity to make crafts like paper plate snakes, gecko key chains, and tissue paper birds. They also got to act out stories about animals. White said that she also invited two guest speakers to share facts and stories about animals. Michele Lawrence from the Edenton Fish Hatchery came to read to the children.

White said that preliminary data shows that the students are benefiting from the camp, "This has been an amazing opportunity for the students. They are able to cultivate their reading strategies while refining their skills so that they can be prepared for the next school year."



THE DAILY ADVANCE

Perquimans head football coach Randy Awrey answers a question while players Toiyon Bass, DōAnte Harvey and Ceo Riddick listen during the NENC High School Football Media Day last week at Elizabeth City State University.

## Pirate football entering new era

### From Staff Reports

The Perquimans County High School football team is ushering in a new era for their football program with a new stadium, that should be ready at some point during the season, and the hire of new coach Randy Awrey.

Awrey, like Pasquotank's Spencer, is a late hire this season. It was just a little more than two weeks ago that he moved to the area from Chicago,

where he was head coach at Concordia University.

Perquimans went 2-9 last season and Awrey hopes to bring a change to the program's performance. At a media day last week, he said he's not sure what his game plan will be just yet.

"Everybody asks that, but I don't even know," Awrey said last week at a Media Day event at Elizabeth City State University. "I don't know because I haven't had a chance to work

with these guys. Monday (July 30), we'll get together and figure out what we can do. Who's going to play what position. Still pulling together everything, the coaching staff and the team. A lot of work cut out for us."

"Everything's going well for us now. Just got to bring the energy more," senior Cece Riddick said. "Last year wasn't that great for the team, but we try to put that behind us and start a new beginning."

## Grants available for women, families

### From Staff Reports

The North Carolina Community Foundation is accepting grant applications for projects funded from the Women's Fund of North Carolina.

Grants are available for non-profit organizations that sponsor programming that supports women and/or families, with emphasis on women's health and leadership. Programs must serve areas within the NCCF affiliate network. Grant amounts typically range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Applications are available beginning July 6.

For more information, visit [nccommunityfoundation.org](http://nccommunityfoundation.org). The deadline for submitting applications is noon on Aug. 7. Grant recipients will be informed of the grants committee's decisions in early fall.

The grants committee of the Women's Fund of North Carolina is comprised of representatives of NCCF's local women's giving networks and other female community leaders from across North Carolina. NCCF supports nine regionally based giving programs across the state.

"The Women's Fund of North Carolina is dedicated to improving the quality of life for women, girls and families across the state," said Jennifer Tolle Whiteside, NCCF president and CEO. "This fund creates a unique opportunity to encourage philanthropic giving among women, for women."

For more information, contact NCCF Director of Grants and Scholarships Leslie Ann Jackson at [lajackson@nccommunityfoundation.org](mailto:lajackson@nccommunityfoundation.org) or visit the NCCF website at [nccommunityfoundation.org](http://nccommunityfoundation.org).

## RESPONDERS

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He said every member of his department attended the event last year, and every member will be there this year.

Jonathan Nixon, Perquimans County's Emergency Management Director, Jonathan Nixon, likewise thinks the event is impor-

tant.

"To have a community group take the time and resources to recognize the first responders in Perquimans County is quite humbling and indeed an honor," Nixon said.

The event is open to first responders, not the general public. In addition to law enforcement and EMS, fire departments have also been invited.

About 85 people attended last year.

Brothers said she personally stands up for law enforcement, especially on social media.

"Constantly on Facebook you see negative things about what people do and they share a lot of videos on how police officers have mistreated somebody. But when I see an officer bow down and pray before

getting in their police car, I know that not all police officers are bad."

She also doesn't subscribe to the idea of "black lives matter."

"All lives matter. First responders put their lives on the line. When I see first responders, I always say Kudos to you all. I know some people call EMS, when instead they could get in their car and go straight to

the hospital themselves. You don't have to call EMS because you stubbed your toe."

The Town of Hertford has designated the third Saturday in August as First Responder Day.

Anyone who has questions about the group, can call Brothers at 333-0752. Anyone wanting to mail a donation to help with this year's event, can send it to her at 1782 Harvey Point Road, Hertford, NC, 27944.

## TEACHERS

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On the question of if professional development evaluations were being shared, teachers answered 76.2 percent in the affirmative.

That's up from 71 percent two years before.

The survey looks at use of time; community support and involvement, facilities and resources, managing student conduct, teacher leadership, school leadership, profes-

sional development and instructional practices and support.

According to the NC Department of Public Instruction, the survey is conducted through a partnership between NCDPI and the New Teacher Center, a national

nonprofit organization that supports the development of a high-quality teaching force.

To view a complete copy of the report and the report on any school in North Carolina, visit [ncteachingconditions.org](http://ncteachingconditions.org).

## BOND

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he allegedly sold stolen property to a pawn shop Pitt County, possession

of stolen property, felony conspiracy, possession of a firearm by a felon. He was also charged with two counts of misdemeanor child abuse and two misdemeanor counts of contrib-

uting to the delinquency of a minor.

Bunch's girlfriend, Amber Miller, 32, of Windsor has been charged with felony conspiracy, breaking and entering into a motor

vehicle as well as two misdemeanor counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Miller's total bond was set \$55,000 and she is no longer being held in Chowan County Jail.

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