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Jollification returns Saturday, Oct. 2

Annual tour of historic homes fundraiser for PCRA

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HERTFORD — Jollification, the Perquimans County Restoration Association's annual fundraiser and tour of historic homes, is back after being canceled last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Downtown Hertford will be featured during this year's Jollification, scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 2. The tour will feature eight homes from the 19th and early 20th centuries that have either been restored or renovated or are in the process of being restored or renovated. Organizers say one of the homes is on the market and in need of some "tender loving care" to return it to its former grandeur.

The tour begins at



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jollification, the Perquimans County Restoration Association's annual fundraiser and tour of historic homes, will be held in downtown Hertford on Oct. 2. The tour will feature eight homes from the 19th and early 20th centuries that that have either been restored or renovated or are in the process of being restored or renovated.

12:30 p.m. and ends at 5 p.m. Tour-goers will visit the first floor of seven houses, plus take an outside, walk-by tour

of an eighth. All of the tour sites are within easy walking distance of one another.

This year's tour starts at

the United Methodist Church at 200 Dobbs Street, which will also serve as the tour's headquarters. Tour-goers can visit the sanctuaries of both United Methodist and Hertford Baptist Church.

The tour also features two Sears, Roebuck and Co. kit houses from 1925 and 1935. From 1908 until 1940, Sears, Roebuck and Co. sold more than 70,000 kit houses through its Modern Homes and Honor-Bilt catalogs. Designs for 370 different plans ranged from the elaborate to the simple. Homeowners bought the kits and then assembled the houses themselves.

Cost of this year's Jollification tour is \$25. For an additional \$10, tour-goers can also enjoy an evening of dinner and entertainment at the Newbold-White House starting at 5:30 p.m. The

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County agrees to panel's proposals on monument

County will add signage, seek relocation of other monument

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

HERTFORD — Perquimans County officials took their first steps Sept. 7 toward erecting an informational sign giving context to the Confederate monument on the courthouse lawn.

Commissioners also agreed to ask the owners of the Black Union Soldiers Monument on King Street to consider relocating their monument to the courthouse lawn.

Both were recommendations by a working group appointed by commissioners to determine what to do with the Confederate monument.

Both actions are first steps that would require additional action by the board in order to be finalized.

In the case of signage the county manager and commission board chairman and vice-chairman will meet to develop the recommended wording and determine a cost estimate.

Because the Black Union

Soldiers Monument is located on private property, any decision to move it would require its owner's permission.

"It would simply be a discussion," County Manager Frank Heath said of the upcoming conversation with the Black Union Soldiers Monument's owner.

Commissioner Joseph Hoffer spoke strongly at the meeting about his displeasure with the location of the Confederate monument on county property. He said it would be more appropriate for the monument to be located on private property and preferably in a cemetery to clarify its memorial purpose.

Terry Swope, a citizen who has spoken to the county commissioners repeatedly in opposition to moving the monument and also to placing signs to provide historical context, said during the public comment period at Monday's meeting that the commissioners appeared to be ignoring the two dozen people who spoke at a public hearing last month in opposition to the placing of signs.

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More Meals on Wheels volunteers sought

Meal delivery program about 500 volunteers short

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

The Area Program on Aging is seeking more volunteers to deliver meals to the homes of older adults, saying its current number is about half its typical complement.

Laura Rollinson, director of volunteer services, explained that before the COVID-19 pandemic there were about 1,000 volunteers for the home-delivered meals program across the APA's 10-county area.

During the pandemic that number plummeted to around 220.

Since then it has picked up somewhat to nearly 500, but program staff remain concerned about the number of volunteers.

"We have about half the volunteers that we had when the program was running smoothly," Rollinson said.

The program has had to cut back to three days of delivery. Participants still get five meals



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Volunteer Janaya Clark loads meals at the Perquimans Senior Center. Officials with the Area Agency on Aging say the region's Meals on Wheels program is experiencing a critical shortage of volunteers because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

a week, with one hot meal and one cold meal being delivered on Mondays and Wednesdays. A hot meal also is delivered on Fridays.

Gates and Chowan counties are among the most hard-pressed right now. Some volunteers are delivering meals two or three times a month to

make up for the shortage of helpers.

The goal is to return to five

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Jackson charged with trespassing in Greenville

Arrest stemmed from custody dispute at child care center

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

GREENVILLE — Hertford Town Councilor Quentin Jackson was charged by Greenville police recently with trespassing following an incident police say was related to a child custody matter.

Kristen Hunter, public information officer for the Greenville Police Department, said police responded to The Family Center at 755 Johns Hopkins Drive around 5:50 p.m. on Friday.



JACKSON

"Employees contacted the police after Mr. Jackson became irate when they asked him to leave the property," Hunter said. "Mr. Jackson refused to leave the property despite both employees and officers asking him to do so numerous times. He was subsequently arrested and charged with second degree trespassing."

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Toast the Perquimans with music, beers, wines Saturday

Cuz'n Kirk Experience will perform for event at marina

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Fans of music and craft beverages again have the opportunity to Toast the Perquimans after the COVID-19 pandemic forced cancellation of last year's event.

Toast the Perquimans is Saturday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the marina behind the Hertford Municipal Build-

ing. The address is 114 West Grubb Street.

Susan Cox, vice chairwoman of Historic Hertford Inc. and chair of Toast the Perquimans, said it's exciting to host the event after having to cancel it in 2020. Toast the Perquimans was first held in 2017 and this will mark the fourth time the event has been held.

"We have a good time," Cox said. "People seem to enjoy this."

The band Cuz'n Kirk Experience, also known as CKE, will provide the music.

"CKE brings it on home with their mix of Classic Rock, 90's, R&B, Dance Music and more.....!" the band states on its Facebook page. "From Skynyrd to Prince.....everyone has a good time at a CKBB show, bring your dancing shoes!!!"

Cox said about 12 craft beers and a dozen wines will be featured at the

event. Everyone will get a souvenir glass at the door.

Two food trucks will be on site. The previous three Toast the Perquimans events brought out 250-300 people. Organizers hope that many will turn out this year, and expect attendance to be at least top 200.

As of Friday afternoon, about 125 advance tickets had been sold.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased online at historichertfordinc.org.

Tickets also may be purchased at Carolina Trophy between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Toast the Perquimans supports Historic Hertford Inc., the Main Street Program for the town of Hertford.

Historic Hertford encourages

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PHOTO COURTESY CUZ'N KIRK EXPERIENCE

Cuz'N Kirk Experience will perform a variety of dance music for Toast the Perquimans at the marina behind the Hertford Municipal Building, Saturday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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