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Dina Hurdle demonstrates weaving for students in Rodney Lyons' fourth-grade class at Hertford Grammar School during Living History Day Friday at the Newbold-White House.

Students learn history hands-on at NBWH

4th-graders learn about weaving, candlemaking, quilting, other crafts

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

More than a hundred fourth-graders from Perquimans County learned about Colonial history hands-on at last week's Living History Day at the Newbold-White House.

Rodney Lyons, a fourth-grade math and social studies teacher at Hertford Grammar School, said the kind of interactive lessons that make up the Living History Day are wonderful for children.

"It's giving them an opportunity to have an event where they can learn by doing, with the hands-on activities," said Lyons, who is in his 29th year teaching. "The kids really enjoy it. I just feel kids learn by doing."

Gavin Jones, one of Lyons' students, was fascinated by the weaving display.

"I think it's cool how they can make that stuff by hand without using machines," he said.

Gavin said he thinks he would have liked living in an earlier time when more things were made by hand.

"I would have liked it more because

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500 attend 10th annual Spring Garden Show

Vendors report good sales day at Saturday event

BY JOHN FOLEY
Correspondent

They were lined up at the front door as though it were a "Black Friday" sale. Except instead of Apple Airpods, iRobot Roombas and 65-inch smart TVs, they had their sights set on lavender, lilacs and daylilies. And some came with gar-

den plot maps in hand, hoping to find that oh-so-needed Hertfordshire rose bush.

That was the scene in Hertford Saturday at the Albemarle Master Gardeners Spring Garden Show at the Perquimans County Recreation Center sponsored by NC Cooperative Extension.

Gardeners, some Masters, some not, began exiting, hands full, minutes after the doors opened,

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JOHN FOLEY PHOTO

Marshall Bateman of Sunnyside Nursery assists a customer with plants at the Albemarle Master Gardeners Spring Garden Show at the Perquimans County Recreation Center in Hertford, Saturday.

Over 100 have cast ballots early

Early voting continues at elections board thru May 14

From staff reports

As of late Tuesday morning 133 voters had cast early ballots in the May 17 primary and school board election in Perquimans County.

Perquimans Board of Elections Director Kathryn Treiber said turnout so

far has not been bad.

"It's better than in the (November 2021) municipal election," Treiber said. "It's still early. If it hasn't picked up any by the end of next week I might be a little worried but I'm not worried at all. It's early."

Early voting for the primary election is taking place at the Perquimans Board of Election office at 601 South Edenton St., Hertford, on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. through Friday, May 13.

Early voting will also be held on Saturday, May 14, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Plank House returns home in pieces

It took 2 trips to Bethania to return lumber planks of house to county

BY PENNY BYRD
Special to The Perquimans Weekly

Editor's note: This story is the third in a four-part series on the history of the Pasquotank Plank House, its travels and final return to Perquimans County.

Part two of this story about the Pasquotank Plank House ended with the death of Ned Hipp of Bethania and his wife reaching out to Ben Hobbs and asking if he wanted the house back.

Mrs. Hipp had already sold the barn that the plank house was stored in but was holding off the buyer until she could empty it. Fortunately the barn buyer was an understanding man who gave Mrs. Hipp the time she and her family needed to remove the plank house.

It took a couple of months, but on Dec. 7, 2021 (Pearl Harbor Day), six



PHOTO COURTESY PCRA

This combination photo shows the planks of lumber from the Pasquotank Plank House when they were stored in Ned Hipp's barn in Bethania.

local men began their journey to the Winston-Salem area with an attack plan of a different kind on their minds.

Three of them traveled in a Ford truck pulling an 18-foot enclosed trailer, one was already in the Raleigh area, and the other two (tow-

ing an 18-foot open trailer) arrived by way of a doctor's appointment in Norfolk, Virginia first. (The one with the appointment gets the award for dedication to the mission!)

As life would have it, there's always a mishap ... or two. The first Ford was to deliver two passengers who were to pick up a 26-foot box truck from U-Haul, but because of miscommunication they learned after they arrived in downtown Winston-Salem that the reserved vehicle was elsewhere. Life lesson: if you haven't learned it yet, good communication is the key to just about everything. But I digress.

When everyone converged on the Hipp house they were joined by Mrs. Hipp's son and a neighbor to assist in the "attack" on the huge pile of lumber inside the barn. The structure featured only a standard-size door for egress in the area where the lumber was stored.

Lyn Winslow told me that what impressed him the most was how dry

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Chamber denies allegations by former directors

Remaining board members say Chamber building not for sale

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

The Perquimans Chamber of Commerce has released a letter denying some statements made by board members who have resigned and insisting the Chamber is moving forward with new board members.

A majority of the directors on the Perquimans Chamber board resigned last week after a group of them raised questions about the business group's accounting practices and planned sale of its building in downtown Hertford.

The letter sent by interim President Jill Cohen on Tuesday states the Chamber building is not for sale.

Steven Young, who was

treasurer of the board and is among those who resigned, reportedly asked questions about the organization's accounting during the board's April 18 meeting.

But Young and the other board members who wanted answers about what was going on were completely shut down at the meeting, according to their account of the meeting which was shared with The Daily Advance and The Perquimans Weekly on Monday.

The following day, April 19, Young and fellow board members Melanie Metzler, Erin Brabble, Brittany Taylor and Lisa Varrasto resigned from the nine-member Chamber board.

Board member Reggie White reportedly mentioned resigning but did not formally quit the board, according

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Jackson free after 61-day jail term

Candidate: Jailing 'humbling, shouldn't have happened'

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Perquimans County commissioner candidate Quentin Jackson was released from Albemarle District Jail on Tuesday after serving 61 days for his conviction on charges of trespassing and violating probation.

"It's a humbling experience but one that shouldn't have happened," Jackson said of his time in jail in an interview Friday.

Jackson said he will not say much about the case right now because he is continuing to appeal the conviction. "We'll let the appellate court deal with that," he said.

Jackson said he believes he has been targeted be-



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cause of his refusal to "go along to get along." "I think all strong leaders go through that," Jackson said.

Jackson said he is busy campaigning for county commissioner. Because there is no Democratic primary for the three open seats on the board, Jackson is not on the May 17 ballot. He won't face Perquimans voters until November.

"I'm ready to move forward with it," Jackson said. "I feel great about where (the campaign) is but we've got a lot of ground to cover in a short period of time."

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