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Candidates comment on 'disruptive' board member policy

Disruptive commissioner can be ordered to leave

BY REGGIE PONDER
 Staff Writer

The Perquimans County Board of Commissioners recently revised its long-standing rules of procedure to allow for a disruptive speaker to be removed from the meeting. Commissioners also added a new provision that authorizes the board — after issuing a warning — to order a disruptive board member to leave a meeting as well.



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Quentin Jackson, a Democrat and former Hertford town councilor who is running for a seat on the Perquimans Board of Commissioners, frequently was in heated disputes with Hertford Mayor Earnell Brown and other town councilors

during his four-year term on town council. He told The Daily Advance when the rule revisions were enacted that he believes the changes were a response to his candidacy.

County Manager Frank Heath and a member of the

current commission board have denied that the changes were in response to any one person's behavior. They have said the changes were simply another step in a continuing process of updating and completing the board's rules of procedures.

The Perquimans Weekly recently asked the six candidates for county commissioner on the Nov. 8 ballot about the rule changes. Responding to the question were Democratic incumbent Fondella Leigh, Republican incumbent Wallace Nelson, Democratic candidate Keith Nowell, Republican candidate James Ward and unaffiliated candidate Tim Corprew. Jackson did not respond.

TPW: What do you think is the reason for

the county choosing to write rules of procedure that deal with commissioner behavior/conduct at meetings? Do you think the rule change is necessary?

Corprew: "If I had to venture a guess at the thought process of the current commissioners in regards to feeling it necessary to write procedural rules for commissioner conduct, I would guess they've all seen the debacle that was the Hertford Town Council meetings over the last few

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Jolly about history

State Theater among tour sites

PCRA held annual tour of historic buildings Saturday

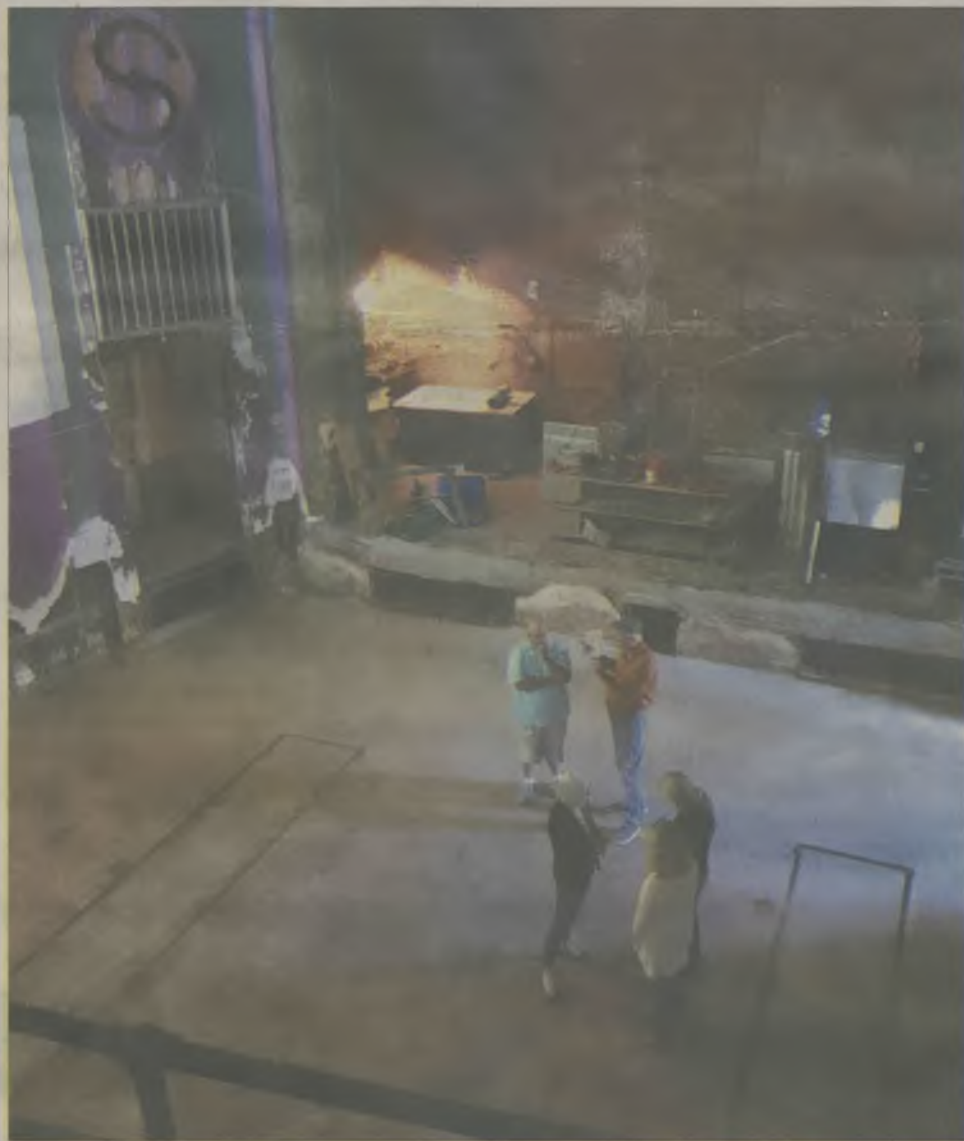
BY JOHN FOLEY
 Staff Writer

Local residents, visitors and history buffs meandered through Hertford Saturday on the Perquimans County Restoration Association's annual historic home tour.

Twelve of Hertford's historic treasures were featured during the Jollification! event, a chief fundraiser for the nonprofit that manages the Newbold-White House and works to preserve historic structures in Perquimans.

While many of the sites on the tour were full of stories from the past, none seemed as focused on the future as the historic State Theater.

The theater's cavernous entryway was an eye-opening surprise for many who had never been inside the 1930s-era movie house, the first in North Carolina to feature air conditioning. A sandwich board sign posted outside stated, "Open Today,



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The stripped interior of the former State Theater is shown from the balcony of the structure during the Perquimans County Restoration Association's annual Jollification! historic home tour Saturday. A developer in charge of the building's restoration estimates the project will take about two years.

Come See the Progress." Two large "S" letters — the State Theater logo — still grace the building's walls. A checkerboard pat-

tern, in purple and gray and made of cement, give the appearance of a hanging quilt high above the floor. But for the most part, the

building's interior has been stripped bare in order for developers to get an idea

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Davis: School safety a 'pothole' that needs fixing

Dem candidate meets with residents in Hertford visit

BY JOHN FOLEY
 Staff Writer

For Democratic congressional candidate Don Davis, there is no more powerful metaphor for the types of solvable problems that government sometimes struggles to fix than the simple pothole.

During a meeting with Perquimans County residents at the Hertford Community Center last



DAVIS

Snow Hill.

"A bunch of us would get on our bikes and race to the bottom of the hill. We had to go around a huge pothole in the middle

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PAL to host Arts on Perquimans

Artists, crafters to show works at 11th annual event

BY JOHN FOLEY
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The Perquimans Arts League is gearing up for what members are calling their biggest arts and crafts show ever.

The 11th annual Arts on the Perquimans is set to get underway Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Perquimans County Recreation Center in Hertford.

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According to event chairperson Tina Fielder, this year's Arts on the Perquimans boasts more than 60 artists and crafters who'll be showing their paintings, jewelry, photography and pottery.

"This is our biggest

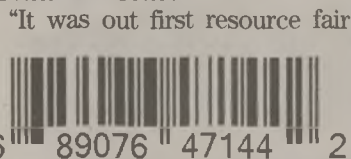
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Library: First-ever Community Resource Fair a success

Reps from 19 agencies, nonprofits attended to promote services

BY JOHN FOLEY
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Despite a torrential rainstorm outside, the Perquimans County Library's first-ever Community Resource Fair last week was very successful, according to Librarian Michele Lawrence.



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Representatives of area nonprofits and governmental agencies are shown at the Perquimans County Library's first-ever Resource Fair at the library, Thursday, Sept. 22.

and we were very pleased with the results," Lawrence said of the Sept. 22 event. "We had 19 vendors from the community at the library, and I had about four other company brochures on my hand-out table."

Co-sponsored by the library and organized by Dina Hurdle, chair of the board of directors for The

Open Door of Perquimans County food pantry, the event highlighted both the services and resource opportunities available to county residents. Among the nonprofit groups and agencies represented were the Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Department of Social Services, Perquimans Emergency Services, NC Works and a handful of other

county and private services.

The Perquimans Open Door Pantry has been serving county residents since 1980. Its mission is to assist the poor and needy by fighting hunger and poverty. The nonprofit currently has 110 volunteers who work in teams under the supervision of Executive Director Rosemary Smith.

Clients are recommended to the food pantry by local churches, community partners and DSS. Clients are interviewed to determine their eligibility and needs. Volunteers then provide them with basic food, laundry products and personal care items.

Perquimans County Senior Center Director Beverly Gregory was also on hand promoting the center's activities.

"We are going zip lining on Oct. 4th, and have a lot of other activities scheduled this fall," said Gregory.

For those not ready to make the jump onto a zip line, the center also offers archery, croquet and shuffleboard at various times.

Perquimans County Croquet Champion Rodney Lassiter, an

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