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Hertford dockage can't accommodate dinner boat in 1st year

Harbor Towns eyeing marine park, AP as alternate sites

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Harbor Towns, Inc. will eye alternate docking sites in Perquimans County for its Eagle 1 dinner-excursion boat during its inaugural year because the town of Hertford's dockage currently can't accommodate the vessel.

Nick Didow, a professor



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at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler Business School and a key proponent of the Harbor Towns initia-

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Harbor Towns introduces senior captain, other staff. Page A3.

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Hertford Town Manager Janice Cole expressed dis-

appointment with that news in a message to The Daily Advance on Sunday.

"I was disappointed to hear that the dinner boat will not be coming to Hertford this year because our dock is not adequate," Cole said. "After the Harbor Town Project group received \$5 million from the state Legislature for this project, they told the towns that they would apply for the grants

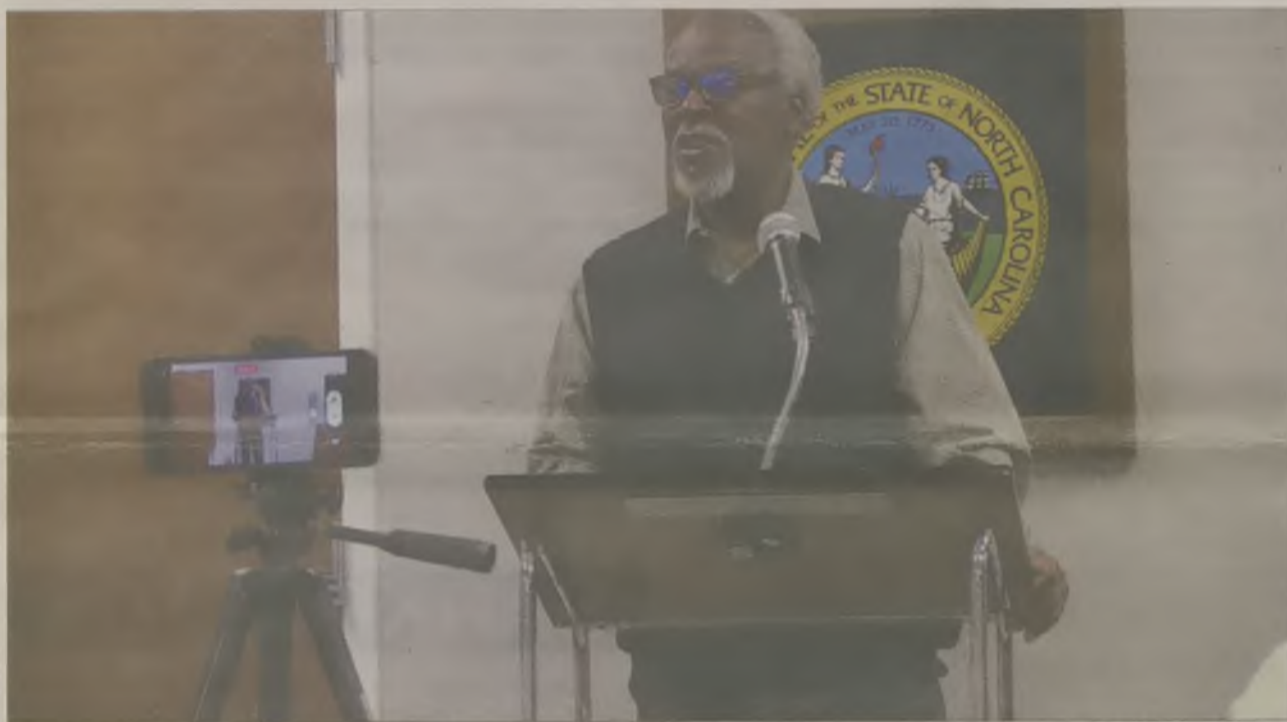
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A Harbor Towns, Inc. official confirmed this week that its newly acquired Eagle 1 dinner-excursion vessel will not be able to dock in Hertford in its first year of operation because the town's dockage can't accommodate the vessel.

Marking History



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Keith Rouse, a musician and storyteller, talks about the need for community engagement during the Friends of the Perquimans County Library's Black History Month Celebration at the library, Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Library hosts Black History Month program



Hertford Mayor Earnell Brown holds up a copy of Isabel Wilkerson's 2010 Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "The Warmth of Other Suns," during the Friends of the Perquimans County Library's Black History Month Celebration at the library, Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Event's speakers included Cole, Brown, Sanford, Rouse

BY JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

The Harlem Renaissance, the Black migration north after World War I, the art of photographer Gordon Parks, and the importance of community engagement were among the topics discussed at last week's kick-off event for the Friends of Perquimans Library's Black

History Month celebration.

Speakers for the Feb. 1 event at the Perquimans County Library included Hertford Town Manager Janice Cole, Hertford Mayor Earnell Brown, photographer Ed Sanford and storyteller and musician Keith Rouse.

Sanford, a photographer who frequently displays his work at the Perquimans Art League's Gallery, talked about Parks' life and career,

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Seafood firm to buy county-owned tract for \$200,000

Story's Seafood to buy 5 acres for new waterfront restaurant

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Perquimans County has agreed to sell five acres on the Perquimans River for \$200,000 to Story's Seafood to build a new waterfront restaurant.

The Perquimans Board of Commissioners voted unanimously Monday night to authorize County Manager Frank Heath and County Attorney Hackney High to develop and enter into a contract for the sale.

The site is located on the river at the county's Marine Commerce Park.

The contract is subject

to a public hearing before the sale can be final, High told commissioners. Heath said the public hearing will be scheduled for the board's March meeting.

A survey of the property is still being completed and details of the contract are still being worked out, but Heath said Story's and the county have agreed on a price of \$200,000 for the five-acre tract.

The county does not have to follow the upset-bid process for the sale because the land is being sold for economic development.

Story's operates a popular seafood restaurant on Commerce Drive in

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This image shows the front of the Pasquotank Plank House as it once looked before it was disassembled and its wooden planks stored for safekeeping. The Perquimans County Restoration Association plans to reassemble the house this spring.

PCRA to start Plank House's reassembly at Newbold White

PCRA to begin work on historic house in spring

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

An historic plank house that once stood in Pasquotank County is now in pieces — ready to be assembled — on the grounds of the Newbold White House.

Sandy Stevenson of the Perquimans County Restoration Association included the update on the plank house as part of report to the Perquimans Board of Commissioners at the board's regular meeting Monday night.

The plank house is

thought to have stood originally near what is now Northeastern High School in Elizabeth City.

Stevenson said work on re-assembling the plank house is expected to start this spring.

Although the historic plank house originally was located in Pasquotank, it was later moved to Perquimans and then moved to Winston-Salem after that, Stevenson said.

PCRA has now acquired the house and it is back in Perquimans, awaiting re-assembly and a new roof.

Once assembled, the plank house will become

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Live art auction raises \$21K for PAL

58 of Lewis' paintings sold at fundraiser for arts group

BY JOHN FOLEY
The Perquimans Weekly

Two things are clear from Saturday's live art auction at the Perquimans Arts League:

First, locals really do like Katherine Lewis' paintings. And secondly, they don't mind paying good money to take one home.

Fifty-eight of the 67 paintings Lewis donated to PAL for the auction sold during the event, raising a total of



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Perquimans Arts League President Vaneeda Bennett addresses the crowd on hand at the Albemarle Plantation Clubhouse Saturday for a live art auction fundraiser for PAL. The event sold 58 of artist Katherine Lewis' paintings, raising \$21,000 for PAL.

\$21,000 for the arts group.

About 80 people attended the auction, held at the Albemarle Plantation Clubhouse.

The crowd was comprised of some

very lively bidders, according to PAL President Vaneeda Bennett. Two paintings of the Albemarle Sound — one at sunrise, the other at sunset — both featured competitive bidding.

"Katherine said she painted these 'on the spot' when

she was living on her boat," Bennett said. "She and her husband docked their boat the Albemarle Plantation Marina while their house was being built."

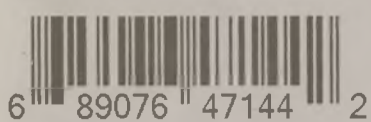
Bennett texted Lewis Sunday morning about the auction's results. Lewis was extremely happy with the news.

"OMG, how wonderful! I've been on pins and needles," Lewis texted Bennett.

For her part, Bennett said she was "thrilled about the success" of the auction.

"At the same time, I am happy that our patrons went home with some amazing works of art," she said. "The community of Hertford certainly supports the arts."

The PAL Gallery is located at 133 N Church St, Hertford. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



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