

REGION

Durants Neck Ruritans seek donations for April 22 auction



PHOTO COURTESY DAN TREVORS

The Durants Neck Ruritan Club hosted a full house for its first Senior Bingo Party since the start of the pandemic, Thursday, Feb. 16.

Club holds first Senior Bingo Party since pandemic's start

From staff reports

DURANTS NECK — Fresh off its first Senior Bingo Party since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Durants Neck Ruritan Club will host its annual fundraising auction next month.

The club has already started collecting donations for the auction that will be held Saturday, April 22, at 2151 New Hope Road, Hertford. Items sought include

mowing equipment, tools, boats and vehicles. No yard sale type items are needed, the club said.

The club's Senior Bingo Party, held Feb. 16, traditionally is held two or three times a year and is free to senior citizens. This year, club members served more than 40 seniors a lunch of roast turkey, mashed potatoes and green beans.

More than 20 games of bingo were played during the event and the winners were awarded prizes.

The club has offered Senior Bingo games for the past 20 years, only taking a short

hiatus during the pandemic. Part of the Durants Neck Ruritan Club's mission is to provide a facility where seniors in the community can gather to have fun at no cost to them.

"The club proudly believes seniors have so much to offer ... as they have the experience which is a much-needed asset in today's world," the club said in a press release.

To make a donation to the upcoming Durants Neck Ruritan Club auction, call Dan Gurganus at (252) 264-9942 or Chuck Olean at (252) 264-0384.

Indian Summer Festival gives school foundation \$500

From staff reports

The committee that organized last fall's Indian Summer Festival recently presented a \$500 check to the Perquimans County Schools Foundation — proceeds from the festival's car show.

The car show was held Saturday, Sept. 10, as part of the festival in downtown Hertford that featured a car

and bike show, games and food vendors and a crafts fair.

The Indian Summer Festival, the first held in four years because of the COVID-19 pandemic, drew about 60 artisan craft and retail vendors and was sponsored by the Perquimans County Tourism Authority.

Foundation Executive Director Brenda Lassiter

said Stacey Layden, director of tourism in Perquimans County, recently contacted her about contributing proceeds from the car show to the foundation.

"It's exciting that the Indian Summer Festival Committee poured these funds directly back into the county to benefit our most precious resource — our children," said Lassiter.



PHOTO COURTESY PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS FOUNDATION

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Friends of Library finalize party

From staff reports

The Friends of the Perquimans County Library will host its annual Card and Game Party at the county Recreation Center on June 6.

The Friends group met recently to finalize plans for the event, which will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will include a gift basket raffle and a 50/50 raffle. A light lunch will be served.

To reserve a table, call Merry Greene at 252-264-3923. Albemarle Plantation guests are encouraged to call



PHOTO COURTESY FRIENDS OF PERQUIMANS COUNTY LIBRARY

The Friends of the Perquimans County Library board met recently to finalize plans for the group's annual Card and Game Party at the county Parks and Recreation Center on June 6.

Mary Ann Eichenlaub at (610) 762-8906. Tickets are \$12 and ta-

bles are confirmed when payment is received for all group members.

PERQUIMANS OUT & ABOUT

TODAY

Tax filing help

The Hertford Rotary Club will continue to offer free tax filing assistance through the Volunteers in Tax Assistance program Tuesdays and Saturdays. The VITA program's assistance will be offered to low- to moderate-income and elderly taxpayers in the auditorium at the Perquimans County Emergency Management Center at 159 Creek Drive, Hertford, on Tuesdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 252-619-7618 to make an appointment.

MONDAY

Kite flying event

Seeds of Success will host a 4-H Nutrition and Reading Fun program at the Hertford Unity Center at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY

Perquimans GOP

The Perquimans County Republican Party Convention will be held at the Historic Perquimans County Courthouse in Hertford at 6:30 p.m. Doors open for registration at 5:45 p.m.

UPCOMING

Community yard sale

PERQUIMANS OUT & ABOUT

The Perquimans County Center for Active Living will host a Community Yard Sale at 1072 Harvey Point Road, Hertford, Saturday, April 1, from 8 a.m. to noon. Rental spaces are available. Donations can be dropped off March 27, 28 and 29. Contact: Penny 426-5404.

Perquimans Dog Festival

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will host its first Dog Festival at the Perquimans County Recreation Center Saturday, April 1, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The festival, which will feature various dog contests, each with prizes, is a fundraiser for the Chamber, AWARE, the Tri-County Animal Shelter, and the SPCA of Elizabeth City.

Watercolors with PAL

Seeds of Success will hold a Watercolors with PAL program at the Hertford Unity Center Wednesday, April 12, at 1 p.m.

Open Door fundraiser

A fundraiser for the Open Door of Perquimans County's new building will be held in the parking lot of Hertford Baptist Church on

Market Street Friday, April 21 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$10. Tickets available by calling 331-3724 or 334-7152.

Volunteer Appreciation

The Perquimans County Restoration Association will host a Volunteer Appreciation Day to thank current volunteers and welcome new ones Saturday, April 21, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Newbold-White House Visitor Center in Hertford. To attend, respond by March 25 by calling Rose Burrafato at (252) 426-1644 or by email at rburrafato@hotmail.com or to the Newbold-White House Visitor Center at nbwh1730@embarqmail.com.

15th Children's Festival

The Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start Partnership will host the 15th Annual Week of the Young Child Children's Festival at the Perquimans Recreation Center, Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Event will include petting zoo, games, car seat checks. Contact: 482-3035.

CRIMEWATCH

The Perquimans Sheriff made the following recent arrests:

- Blade Larabee, of the 1900 block of Main St. Extended, Elizabeth City, was arrested March 8 and charged with assault on a female. A \$500 unsecured bond was set.
- Steven Yoder, of the 130 block of Spindrift Lane, Hertford, was arrested March 8 and charged with shoplifting. A \$500

unsecured bond was set.

- Robert Hurdle, of the 500 block of Craney Island, Belvidere, was arrested March 9 and charged with writing a worthless check.
- Scott White of the 1800 block of Harvey Point Road, Hertford, who was charged with selling or delivering Schedule VI of a controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver Schedule VI of a

controlled substance and maintaining a dwelling or vehicle for the sale or delivery of illegal drugs. His secured bond was set at \$20,000.

- Janel Coleman, of the 100 block of Wynn Fork Apartments, Hertford, who was charged with possession with intent to manufacture, sell or deliver Schedule II of a controlled substance. His secured bond was set at \$10,000.

OBITUARIES

Shirley Ann Ries

HERTFORD - Shirley Ann Ries, age 86 of Hertford, NC, joined the Church Triumphant on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at Chowan River Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Edenton, NC. Born in Akron, OH on November 25, 1936, to Mary Carnahan Myers and Russell Walter Myers, she was the wife of Kenneth Lee Ries. She spent 29 years as a Navy wife and was an original member of Chapel on the Sound at Holiday Island where she served as teacher, deacon and director of Christian Education.

She was preceded in death by her son, Mark Andrew Ries. In addition to her husband of 61 years, she is survived by a daughter, MaryLou Heath (Michael) of Lakeland, FL, a son, Matthew Russell Ries (Amanda) of Courtland, VA, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 2023, at Chapel on the Sound, 106 Soundview Road, Hertford, with Revs. Kevin Bettinger and Michael Heath officiating.

Flowers are only temporary, but donations to "Tunnel 2 Towers" (www.t2t.org) make a lasting benefit to those who sacrificed for us.

Livestream will be available on Chapel on the Sound Facebook page.



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