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Something to celebrate



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Nora Crouch performs Christmas carols and other seasonal music on the hammered dulcimer during the Perquimans County Restoration Association's Colonial Christmas event at the Newbold-White House, Thursday, Dec. 14.

PCRA marks 50 years of NW House ownership

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Perquimans County Restoration Association members had two reasons to celebrate at the Newbold-White House last week.

First, Thursday, Dec. 14, was the date of the PCRA's Colonial Christmas event, an annual celebration that shows off how the early 18th century Newbold-White House might have been decorated for Christmas.

Secondly, PCRA members used the occasion to celebrate a milestone in their own history: the 50th anniversary of their purchase of the Newbold-White House

and its surrounding property.

"We are using this annual celebration to recognize the efforts of those people 50 years ago who made all this possible — charter members of PCRA," restoration member Lyn Winslow said.

Dressed in Colonial-era clothing, Winslow said the PCRA was formed in 1969 to restore the house built by Quaker couple Abraham and Judith Sanders in 1726. Two years later, the property would be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Perquimans County Restoration Association member Lyn Winslow, dressed in Colonial-era clothing, discusses Abraham and Judith Sanders, the first owners of what would later become known as the Newbold-White House, the type of bricks that were used to construct the house in 1726, and the house's connections to North Carolina history, during the PCRA's annual Colonial Christmas event at the historic building in Hertford, Thursday, Dec. 14.

White ready to tackle sewer, other Winfall priorities

New mayor: LCG pleased with town's progress on finances

PAUL NIELSEN
The Daily Advance

WINFALL — New Winfall Mayor Preston White is hitting the ground running after being elected to lead town in last month's election.

Improving the town's finances, addressing sewer infrastructure, attracting new businesses and providing activities for both the young and old are some of the top priorities facing the town, White said.

White was the mayor pro tem of the Winfall Town Council before defeating first-time candidate Jimmie D. Ritter Jr. with 69.54% of the vote in the Nov. 7 election. White succeeds long-time Winfall Mayor Fred Yates,



White

who did not seek re-election. "My vision is this is a fresh

start for the town," White said. "I know people don't accept change sometimes, but change is good."

Winfall has been on the state's Local Government Commission's Unit Assistance list since July 2022, mainly over concerns about its sewer fund. White said that the LGC has been pleased with the progress the town has made in improving its finances.

According to data provided by the LGC, Winfall's risk assessment for internal controls and the condition of its general fund is low while the sewer utility is considered a moderate risk.

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No contested county races on 2024 ballot

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While there are plenty of contested races at the top of the Perquimans County election ballot next year — including for state representative and state senator — there won't be any for any county offices.

There are three open seats on the Perquimans Board of Commissioners in next fall's election and only three candidates who had filed for them by last week's filing deadline. Similarly, there are three open seats on the Perquimans Board of Education and only three candidates who filed for those as well.

Register of Deeds Jacqueline Frierson, who is a Democrat, is also running unopposed.

"I am surprised,"

Republican Commissioner Charles Woodard said when asked this week if he was surprised no one had filed to challenge him or fellow incumbent, Joseph Hoffer, a Democrat, or even first-time candidate Kathryn Treiber, a Republican who decided to run after learning that incumbent GOP Commissioner Kyle Jones would not seek re-election.

Woodard said he thought someone else, whom he didn't name, was planning to file after Jones' announcement but that person evidently had decided against it.

For her part, Treiber said she was "actually a little disappointed" that only three candidates filed for the board's three open commission seats.

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DPS: Job interest high at juvenile center

CHRIS DAY
The Daily Advance

ELIZABETH CITY — Nearly 50 jobseekers turned out recently to apply for positions at a juvenile detention center in Winfall that closed in 2012 but is set to reopen this spring.

Matt Debnam, communications officer for the

N.C. Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, said the Nov. 29th careers fair at the K.E. White Center "was well attended and generated considerable interest."

"We had a total of 40 people in attendance and 20 interviews were conducted, with multiple recommendations for hire," he said.

The interviews were conducted during a day-long job fair hosted by the juvenile justice division, which falls under the N.C. Department of Public Safety.

People attending the hiring event were primarily interested in positions as juvenile justice officers at the Perquimans Juvenile

Detention Center, which is located on Jessup Street in Winfall.

According to Debnam, the center was closed in November 2012 because of state budget constraints and a shrinking number of juveniles who needed to be held in secure custody.

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Volunteers lay wreaths at vets' graves at New Hope UMC

VERNON FUESTON
Chowan Herald

NEW HOPE — About 30 volunteers and donors gathered at New Hope United Methodist Church Saturday, Dec. 16, to place holiday wreaths on the

graves of veterans in several cemeteries, including some veterans buried at the church.

Wreaths Across America is a national program that places wreaths at more than 4,000 gravesites of veterans each year. Local donors contributed \$17 to provide 52 sponsored wreaths this year, with \$5 of that amount going to the New Hope United Women of Faith Mission program.

Wreaths were placed on the graves of veterans who have served in all the nation's conflicts dating back to the Civil War.

Ginny Bick served as mistress of ceremonies for the event. She said expressing thanks for veterans' sacrifices is important.

"We are all to be Americans who live in a free society made up of many people from all walks of life," Bick said. "The freedoms we enjoy today have not come without a price. Lying

here in our graveyard and in the cemeteries throughout this nation are men and women who gave their lives so that we can live in freedom."

Keynote speaker for the morning was Perquimans County Commissioner Joseph Hoffer, an Air Force veteran who said that giving thanks to all veterans, not just those who served in combat, is something everyone needs to do.

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Vicki Wilson, of Hertford, places a wreath on the grave of veteran Brooks Barclift, who died in 1955, during the Wreaths Across America event at New Hope United Methodist Church cemetery Saturday, Dec. 16.

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