



**HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

## Harriett Tillett named principal at SMS

Veteran PCS educator began new post at Southern Middle School Friday

Person County Schools this week named Harriett Tillett as the new principal of Southern Middle School. Tillett is currently serving as program specialist for math, science, arts, P.E. and virtual learning for Person County Schools. She began her new duties at Southern Friday.

Person County Schools Supt. Dr. Larry W. Cartner commented, "Harriett brings a wealth of experience as a secondary schools' administrator. Her experience with curriculum and virtual learning will enable her to lead Southern in an innovative direction. She will do great things for the students and staff of Southern Middle School."

Tillett earned a master's degree in school administration from Western Carolina University in 2009. She holds a bachelor's degree in mathematics and religion from Meredith College, and is also National Board Certified in adolescent and young adulthood science.

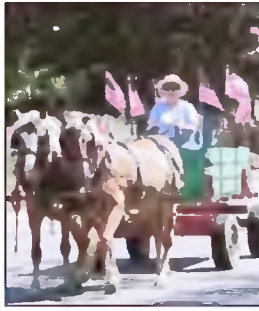
Tillett served as assistant principal of curriculum and instruction at Person High School from 2006 to 2009. Prior to that, she was a chemistry teacher at Person High School for 28 years.

"I am so excited to be joining the staff at Southern Middle School," Tillett said. "I have



Harriett Tillett

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The annual Fourth of July Parade will begin Monday at 10 a.m. in Uptown Roxboro



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## BOE decides School of Choice options

Oak Lane, Stories Creek chosen as South Elementary's alternatives

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If unofficial End-of-Grade (EOG) test results for the 2010-11 school year hold true, Person County Schools will have its first School of Choice in the upcoming school year.

Unofficial 2010-11 EOG test results indicate that South Elementary School has not met Adequate Yearly Prog-

ress (AYP) in the same subject (math) for two consecutive years, thus placing it under the designation of Title I School Improvement.

According to the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, Title I schools are those that receive federal Title I funds, based on the number of low-income students in the schools.

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## READING COUNTS

BHCS students hitting the books this summer

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Between two different programs, this summer Bethel Hill Charter School has many students busy reading.

Students in first through sixth-grades are being encouraged to keep up their reading habits through the summer with the opportunity to participate in the Reading Counts program.

Twice a week (Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.) any Bethel Hill student that would like to participate can check out books from the school's library and take the Reading Counts tests in the computer lab. Similar to the Accelerated Reader program, students earn points with each test they pass.

Once the students reach their point goals, which vary by grade level, they will receive \$5 and a ticket to a Durham Bulls game, said BHCS teacher's assistant Lakeisha Plenty.

Plenty said the students can check out two books at a time, and can read them at home or during the program hours at the school. Over the course of the program in June and July, Plenty estimated that each child would have read around 25 to 30 books on average.

While BHCS runs Reading Counts during the school year as well, BHCS Principal John Betterton said the summer session keeps students in the "habit of reading" so that students won't feel like they're "gearing up again" when school starts back in the fall.

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## And, the rocket's red glare...

The annual Fourth of July Fireworks show is scheduled for Monday, July 4, at approximately 9 p.m. at the Person High School Stadium. Thanks to generous donations from many Person County residents and businesses, the show will go on.

## 'Your work is critical'

Chuck Gentry tabbed Extension Service Volunteer of the Year

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Charles (Chuck) Gentry was named Person County Cooperative Extension Service Volunteer of the Year Tuesday night, during the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual banquet held to honor volunteers.

Gentry served as D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer prior to his retirement from the Person County Sheriff's Office. Since his retirement, he has continued to volunteer his time with the Person

County 4-H clubs, teaching hunter safety and shooting classes. He is also involved in the wildlife identification program.

Derek Day, Extension Service director, said Gentry made the 4-H shooting club successful because "he always teaches the kids the right way" to handle firearms.

In addition to his involvement with Person County youth, Gentry is also involved with the Victory Junction camp in Randleman, which serves children with disabilities.

Upon receiving the honor of Extension Volunteer of the Year

this week, Gentry said he could set his own schedule since retirement, but added that Jennifer Grable, Person County 4-H agent, "keeps me busy." Day said the Extension office could not carry out the many programs it offers without the help of volunteers. He told a large crowd of volunteers that the annual banquet was "just a small way [in which] we say thank you for what you do."

Billy Yeargin, a Granville County native and history teach-



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Chuck Gentry (left) was named Person County Extension Service Volunteer of the Year Tuesday. He is shown here talking with Animal Science and Natural Resources Agent Kim Woods.

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