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HOLIDAY ISLAND HOLDS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER EVENT



PHOTO COURTESY PAM HADDEN

Residents celebrated the annual National Day of Prayer at the Holiday Island Clubhouse on Thursday. Nine guests spoke and requested prayers for the military, the judicial branch, the environment, among other issues, and a like number spoke to answer those prayers. **For more on this event, please see page 5.**

Churches hope to promote change

By PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

They might not be able to change the world, but two Hertford churches are hoping to start changing one block of the town starting this month.

Hertford United Methodist Church and Spirit & Truth Ministries are joining together to hold a block party on May 18. The event will be held on the block of Covent Garden between Dobbs and Market Streets between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. It's not a public event, but designed to get people in that neighborhood and the congregations of the two churches talking.

The effort melds an old church with a new one. Hertford UMC has roots that date back to the 1820s and is in a building that was built in 1901. Spirit & Truth Ministries has been around seven years, three of it under a different name. It's being led by Pastor Arthur Manigault who was excited about the effort.

"This is something we as a church have been praying for," Manigault said.

Hertford UMC has about 400 members of which

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TAG SALE HAULS IN \$10K



PHOTOS COURTESY CHUCK PAGELS

A sea of shoppers search for bargains at the annual Albemarle Plantation Tag Sale at the Perquimans County Recreation Center on Saturday. Volunteers (below) receive final instructions before the door opens to start Saturday's Tag Sale.

Workers pull off 16th Tag Sale

By PETER WILLIAMS
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A one-day sale Saturday netted more than \$10,000 for the Perquimans County Volunteer Rescue Squad but it was far from a one-person effort.

More than 100 people volunteered in some fashion for the 16th annual Tag Sale held by residents of Albemarle Plantation, said Jim Ermi, the chairman of the committee. The property owner's

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Man jailed for beating mother

By PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

A 29-year-old man who had seen "a vision" was arrested by Hertford police last week and charged with beating his mother with his fists and then hitting her with a hammer so hard that he broke the hammer.

Rocky Jerome Leary was arrested Friday and charged with assault with a deadly weapon



Leary

with intent to seriously injure for the attack against his 49-year-old mother.

According to a Hertford police report Margaret Leary was beaten so badly she'd suffered a concussion and head trauma. Her eye socket was shattered. He was jailed on \$15,000 bond and Police Chief Douglas Freeman said Monday he believes Leary is still in jail.

Rocky Leary told police said he got into a fight with

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Teams gear up for Relay May 17-18

By REBECCA BUNCH
Chowan Herald

EDENTON — The 2013 Chowan-Perquimans Relay for Life fundraiser will take place next weekend, May 17-18, at the John A. Holmes Athletic Complex in Edenton.

This year's theme will be "Hope Big, Dream Big, Relay Big" in recognition of the group's joint efforts to continue raising funds to beat cancer.

"This year's Relay for Life will mark the culmination of all the hard work citizens in Chowan and Perquimans counties have done this year to fight cancer," said Meagan O'Neal, Relay for Life event chair.

An opening ceremony will get underway Friday evening at 6 p.m. followed 30 minutes later by recognition of cancer survivors and caregivers. Survivors and caregivers do not have to be registered prior to Relay to participate, organizers said.

Team laps will begin at 6:40 p.m. with a Zumba

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FARMER'S MARKET OPENS



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Marshall Bateman (left) slices cheese for a customer last week during the opening of the farmer's market at Missing Mill Park. More than a dozen vendors were there for opening day and more are expected as the season moves forward. The Missing Mill Market is held each Wednesday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Key may give clue to man's identity

From staff reports

The door key found on the body of a man discovered in the woods in April may provide the clue to his identity.

The man was found on April 18 by two people scouting timber in the Bethel area. Based on the autopsy, the corpse had been there since November or December and the evidence pointing toward suicide.

Sheriff Eric Tilley said further investigation found that a key was along with the items found in the

man's pockets. He said the sheriff's office has an idea of the room the man had been living in and if the key fits the lock of that room, they will have a better idea of the identity.

Somebody from the sheriff's office plans to drive to Greenville later in the week to get the key, Tilley said.

The sheriff said there already are clues pointing to the identity, but he didn't want to talk about the specifics.

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