

Turkey drop starts Friday

From Staff Reports

A Hertford church will be staffed and ready to accept turkeys and other holiday that people would like to drop off curbside Friday and Saturday.

Hertford United Methodist Church, 200 Dobbs Street, is holding a "Turkey Drop" event for the second year.

Volunteers will be available on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. to collect donations from people who want to drive up. The food will then go to the Open Door Pantry in Winfall where it will be sorted and dis-

tributed to the needy on Monday.

The church set surpassed last year's goal of 100 turkeys with three to spare. This year's goal is 200. That's how many Open Door will need to supply the holiday meals to the 332 people who have qualified. The other 132 turkeys are being purchased by Open Door.

The local pantry spends between \$3,000 and \$5,000 a month buying food to keep the shelves stocked. Any added expense at Thanksgiving takes away from what is available for the other 51 weeks of the year.

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the Chamber's two-week holiday promotion to hopefully drive more customers into Perquimans County businesses.

Shop Small Selfie starts Nov. 28 and runs until the Grand Illumination at 6 p.m. on Dec. 4 in downtown Hertford. Customers can snap selfies of themselves purchasing items at a local business, then posts those selfies on the chamber's Facebook page. The selfies must show the store and item purchased in addition to the shopper. The shopper who posts the most selfies from different businesses on the chamber's Facebook page wins a \$25 gift certificate good at any Chamber-member business.

The chamber created a custom-made selfie frame promoting shopping local and the Shop Small Selfie winner will have a selfie taken with the Chamber frame on Dec. 9.

Beginning on parade day in Perquimans, Dec. 5, shoppers may find the Hidden Holiday Turtles, the chamber's second holiday promotion countywide. From Dec. 5-11, shop-

pers may hunt for small red or green bobble-head toy turtles hidden at local businesses. The shopper who finds a turtle and makes a purchase from that store then brings the turtle to the chamber office by Dec. 16. The shopper who finds the most turtles wins a \$25 gift certificate good at any Chamber-member business.

Eley said he's seen firsthand how the benefits of shopping local helps the community.

According to a 2013 impact study of independent, locally-owned business owners, more than 50 percent of the money you spend stays in the community when you shop small, local businesses, he said.

"According to the 3/50 Project, when you shop small and local, every \$100 spent returns \$68 to the community through taxes, payroll, and other expenditures," Eley said. "If you spend that in a national chain, only \$43 stays in Perquimans. Spend it online and nothing comes home."

"The money you spend here stays here," added Chamber President Susan Cox. "Get out and shop small on Saturday, Nov. 28, and every day to support the place you call home."

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that day. There are three people that rotate in and out to staff the bridge.

"When we radioed him he said he was out of the bridgetender's office," she said. "He was picking up trash along the road and we could actually see him, and he hurried back and opened the bridge."

They didn't know of The Albemarle Loop, but a chance visit to Hertford last month opened their eyes to the possibilities. The loop is a marketing project underwritten by Albemarle Plantation to show what area marinas have to offer.

For Nelson and Sandra, it was a surprise.

"You've done all the right things," Kay said. "You've got the post office right there, and you've got power and water. We weren't expecting that."

The boat can carry 190 gallons of freshwater.

One thing that Hertford's marina doesn't have is something few small marinas offer — fuel. Even that wasn't a negative thing for the couple. Their boat has two 120-gallon fuel tanks. Besides even if Hertford did have fuel, chances are they wouldn't sell enough of it to ensure that the fuel was "fresh" Garrett said.

His wife said it would be nice if there were a bed and breakfast nearby. She said even though the boat

has ample living space, she admits some people like to get off the boat from time to time and stay somewhere else.

The lack of a grocery store adjacent to the dock wasn't an issue.

"We've never had a problem with people offering to take us to one," she said. "And besides, when I stock up on makeup, I end up with a year's supply."

"You have everything perfect right here," she said. The major improvement she'd want to see is more signage by the waterfront."

The couple moved aboard Destinées in April 2013. After living aboard for a year, upgrading some of the equipment, and doing some maintenance on the boat, they left Old Point Comfort in Hampton, Va. on a yearlong, 6345-mile cruise around America's Great Loop.

They left Hertford on Oct. 31, and then spent a few days at Albemarle Plantation before going to Edenton. As of Tuesday, they were in Washington N.C. heading south.

Kay admits he has plenty of time to think and write while on the boat.

"There is something to be said about fresh (salt) air and water . . . it revitalizes the human soul and lifts heavy thoughts," Kay wrote in one of her blogs. "Develop a beautiful worthwhile soul, keep it light and lofty, and enjoy restful sleep that is naturally found in a life lived on the water."

SCHOOL MENUS

Perquimans Schools

■ TODAY: Breakfast: Assorted muffins. Lunch: Pizza sticks, fish nuggets/corn muffin, baked sweet potatoes, green beans, peaches, strawberry cup, milk.

■ THURSDAY: Breakfast: Super donut. Lunch: Roasted turkey, dressing and gravy, cheeseburger, mashed potatoes, collards, baked apples, pears, milk.

■ FRIDAY: Breakfast: Pancake on stick. Lunch: BBQ sandwich with slaw, chicken

filet sandwich, black-eyed peas, cheesy potatoes, NC apples, banana, milk.

■ MONDAY: Breakfast: Breakfast bread. Lunch: Chicken nuggets/biscuit, pepperoni pizza, French fries, steamed broccoli, apple-sauce cup, fruit cocktail, milk.

■ TUESDAY: Breakfast: Sausage biscuit. Lunch: Meatball sub, chicken filet sandwich, glazed carrot coins, green limas, Mandarin oranges, baked apples, milk.

■ WEDNESDAY: No school.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Docket No. Sp-6965, Sub 0

Application Of Advanced Solar Power Holdings Inc. For A Certificate Of Public Convenience And Necessity

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on October 12, 2015, Advanced Solar Power Holdings Inc. (Applicant), filed an application seeking a certificate of public convenience and necessity pursuant to G.S. 62-110.1(a) for construction of a 16-MW solar generating facility to be located at 180 Two Mile Desert Road in Hertford, Perquimans County, North Carolina. The Applicant plans to sell the electricity to Dominion North Carolina Power.

Details of the application may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 N. Salisbury Street, 5th Floor, Dobbs Building, Raleigh, North Carolina 27603 or 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 or on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.net.

If a complaint is received within ten days after the last date of the publication of this notice, the Commission will schedule a public hearing to determine whether a certificate should be awarded, will give reasonable notice of the time and place of the hearing to the Applicant and to each complaining party, and will require the Applicant to publish notice of the hearing in this newspaper. If no complaint is received within the time specified above and if the Commission does not order a hearing upon its own initiative, the Commission will enter an order awarding the certificate sought by the Applicant.

Persons desiring to lodge complaints may file statements to that effect with the Commission. Such statements should reference Docket No. SP-6965 Sub 0 and be addressed as follows: Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

Statements may also be directed to Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300 or to The Honorable Roy Cooper, Attorney General of North Carolina, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001.

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