

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TODAY

■ Christmas Shoppe

The Perquimans Arts League's Christmas Shoppe will be open from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. today, 10 a.m. until noon on Thursday and will be closed Dec. 25-26 and then open will be open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. through Dec. 31. For more information, call 426-3041.

THURSDAY

■ Bingo

American Legion Post 126 hosts bingo on Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. at their building at 111 W. Academy St. across from the public library. No bingo will be played on Dec. 24.

■ Weight loss

Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) holds weekly support group meetings on Thursdays from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Perquimans County Senior Center, 1072 Harvey Point Road. For more information, call Nancy at 426-2022 or visit www.tops.org.

TUESDAY

■ Weight Watchers

Weight Watchers will meet on Tuesday nights at 5:30 p.m. at Hertford United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall. Call 331-5426.

■ Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Dec. 29 from 2-7 p.m. at the Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire Department, 143 Drinking Hole Road.

JAN. 2

■ Pancake Breakfast

The Forestburg Ruritan Club will hold a pancake-sausage breakfast on Jan. 2 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Club building (corner of New Hope and Woodland Church Roads). Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 10. Eat in or take home.

JAN. 7

■ Ministers' Council

The Ministers' Council for Education will meet Jan. 6 at 8:30 a.m. at 523 Up River Road, Belvidere. For more information, call 297-2442.

■ Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Jan. 7 from 2-7 p.m. at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.

JAN. 11-23

■ White Tag Sale

The Perquimans Arts League will hold a White Tag Sale Jan. 11-23. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday - Saturday. Call 426-3041 for information, or visit the website at www.perquimansarts.org.

JAN. 16

■ Concert

Carolina Moon Theater will host Molasses Creek Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.carolinamoontheater.com. Tickets are \$15 and available at Carolina Trophy.

■ Carolina Moon

Carolina Moon Theater will present the play "Anyone Out there", May 6-7 at 7 p.m. and May 8 at 4 p.m.

The deadline for the What's Happening column is Friday at noon. Please email to perquimansweekly@ncweeklies.com. This column features special meetings and activities that are open to the public.

New Chowan County crop agent named

BY REGGIE PONDER
Chowan Herald



LEARY

Chowan County has a new agricultural extension agent.

Matt Leary, a Chowan native, has been working since Nov. 16 as a Cooperative Extension Service agent focused on row crops and pesticide education.

"I'm still kind of getting settled and getting everything rolling, but I'm enjoying it," Leary, 24, said of the work.

Still, it wasn't really a career he had planned on. After he graduated from N.C. State in December 2013 with a degree in horticultural science, he went to work with his father at the family business, Leary Plant Farm.

Although he grew up around row crops in the Rocky Hock area, most of Leary's experience is in horticulture, and he had planned a career in horticulture.

But when the extension agent position opened up it seemed to be calling his name.

"This opportunity came up and I couldn't turn it down," Leary said. "I decided to broaden my

horizon a little bit."

Leary knew there would be some paperwork with the job.

He has learned, though, that there's a lot of paperwork involved in being an extension agent.

Leary currently is working on putting together a pesticide training to be held in February. He also is getting ready for next year's Northeast Ag Expo.

Most of Leary's work deals with the county's major field crops, such as peanuts, soybeans, cotton, clary sage, corn and tobacco.

Leary said the county has good land for growing crops. There also is some diversity of soil types even though it's a small county, with clay-type soils in the southern part of the county and sandier soils around Rocky Hock.

If you have a question about field crops or pesticides you may contact Leary at 482-6585.

WINFALL CHRISTMAS PARADE



PHOTO BY CHUCK PAGELS
The Elizabeth City State University band performs in the Winfall Christmas Parade earlier this month.



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Perquimans County High School's homecoming queen Taylor Chappell waves from a car during the Winfall Christmas Parade earlier this month.



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Children wish the crowd Happy Holidays during the Winfall Christmas parade earlier this month.

Johnson, Parks honored by Rotary

From Staff Reports

Two Perquimans County High School students were recognized by Hertford Rotary Club recently as the Students of the Month for December.

Jeffery Johnson, a senior at PCHS with an academic average of 3.2 GPA overall and perfect attendance for his ninth and 10th grade years, is one recipient of the award. He has been on the football team, serving as co-captain, and on the track team. He also served on Teen Court for two years.

In the community, he has assisted at the Hertford Business Expo. Johnson also works part-time at Food Lion.

After graduation, he plans to attend Nucor Corporation Academy in Alabama to study cyber security.

Kyla Parks, also a senior at PCHS, ranks fifth in her class with a 4.61 weighted GPA. She is a member of the Beta Club and is vice-president of HOSA, a health occupations organization at PCHS.

She has been involved in several PCHS drama productions as stage manager and as a stage crew member.

In the community, she is a member of Bagley Swamp Church where she attends regularly and is the lighting director for their youth group night.

After graduation, she plans to attend Southern Wesleyan University in South Carolina where she will major in biology and possibly minor in math. She aspires to become an educator.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Perquimans Sheriff

■ 12/11 Timothy Long, Old New Road, assault and battery, breaking and entering, \$1,000 unsecured bond.

■ 12/12 Ronald Godfrey, New Hope Road, three counts parole and probation violation, three counts failure to appear, \$8,000 secured bond.

■ 12/16 Brad Lewis, Soundside Drive, communicating threats, simple assault, \$1,000 secured bond.

■ 12/16 Brandon Rollinson, Ocean Highway North, possession stolen goods, felony larceny, obtaining property by false pretence, \$3,000 secured bond.

COURT REPORT

Judge Eula E. Reid

Dec. 16 DISMISSALS

■ Mong An, assault on handicapped person.

■ Cody Adam Krochmal, possession of Marijuana up to 1/2 oz.

■ Eric Thomas Morgan, possession of Drug Paraphernalia

■ Justin Prebble, injury to personal property, communicating threats.

■ Virginia Williams, cyberstalking.

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