

WHAT'S HAPPENING

WEDNESDAY

■ Shag Lessons

The River City Shag Club will offer free shag lessons for beginners on Wednesdays starting Aug. 3 from 7-7:45 p.m. at The Pines in Elizabeth City. Call 232-3044.

■ Story Time

The Perquimans County Library will offer preschool story time each Wednesday at 11 a.m. Call 426-5319.

THURSDAY

■ Bingo

American Legion Post 126 hosts bingo on Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. at their building at 111 W. Academy St.

■ Movies at the Library

Every third Thursday, the Perquimans County Library will offer a movie geared toward adults at 10 a.m.

■ 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. Call 426-2022 or visit www.tops.org.

FRIDAY

■ Children's matinee

The Perquimans County Library will hold a children's matinee every Friday at 2 p.m. until school begins. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult and those who attend should bring their own snacks and drinks.

SATURDAY

■ Pancake Breakfast

The Forestburg Ruritan Club will hold a pancake-sausage breakfast Saturday from 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. Cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 10.

■ Farmer's Market

Perquimans County High School's FFA program will hold a farmer's market every Saturday through Sept. 24 at Missing Mill Park from 8 a.m. until noon.

TUESDAY

■ Weight Watchers

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

■ Coloring Party

The Perquimans County Library will hold a coloring party for people age 18 and over on Aug. 9 at 2 p.m. Coloring pages and some supplies provided. Feel free to bring your own supplies

AUG. 11

■ Golf Tournament

The Perquimans County Schools Foundation is hosting an annual fundraising golf tournament on Aug. 11 at the Sound Golf Links at Albemarle Plantation. Contact Teresa Beardsley at 426-5741 for more information.

■ Photo Class

The Perquimans Arts League will hold a program "Beginning Digital Photography 'Focus on Composition'" with Shirley Whitenack at the HHI Building, 300 Grubb St. on Aug. 11 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Cost is \$50 for PAL members and \$60 for non-members. Class size is limited to 10. For more, visit www.perquimansarts.org

Delays expected at fisheries offices

From Staff Reports

The state's marine fisheries division is reminding fishermen that license offices in Elizabeth City and Washington may experience unplanned, short-term closures due to a temporary shortage of personnel. The two offices will additionally close daily for lunch until further notice.

A license position is currently vacant in each of the offices, leaving no backup for lunch or other unavoidable emergencies. Lunch typically runs from noon to 1 p.m., but the vacancies could potentially cause unexpected office closures at other times should the remaining staff call in sick or need to be off for other reasons.

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Those who wish to visit one of these license offices should call ahead to ensure the office is open. The numbers for the Elizabeth City office are 264-3911 or 800-338-7805; the numbers for the Washington office are 252-946-6481 or 800-338-7804.

Those who need to purchase a recreational fishing license or vessel registration can do so at the nearest Wildlife Agent. A list of these agents can be found at www.ncwildlife.org. Recreational fishing licenses may also be purchased online at the same web address. Commercial fishermen may renew their licenses at any of the other N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries license offices or through the mail. License applications

and renewal forms can be downloaded from the division website at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/marine-fisheries>. Customers may also call 252-726-7021 or 800-682-2632 for more information, license questions or to request an application by mail.

For more information, contact division License and Statistics Section Chief Stephanie McInerny at 252-808-8099 or Stephanie.McInerny@ncdenr.gov.

get their own volunteers."

Making it all possible are the adults who serve as boat captains. They provide the boats that students fish from and pay their own way to and from the tournaments. Helping out this year have been Bill Newbern, Chad Chappell, Wesley Forbes, Jamie Lacombe, Tommy Houlroyd and Calvin Williams.

"I couldn't be more proud of all of the teams," Leicester said. "They represented themselves, their sponsors, and Perquimans County with great dignity and respect. These kids have been tremendous and blessed me with a ton of great memories."

Some of the tournaments are as far away as Charlotte, and that makes for a long day for students and volunteers.

"It's hard for them," Leicester said. "I'd love to have one here locally. We have enough water out there we could create our own tournament trail right here with the right sponsoring."

"I'd love to see it spur other schools from the area to do this," Leicester said. "We'd love to see Edenton and Pasquotank do it."

Anyone interesting in purchasing a t-shirt to support the team can contact Leicester via the team's Facebook page ([pchs-fishing](https://www.facebook.com/pchs-fishing)) or by calling him at 252-340-2211.

Vidant to host baby shower on Aug. 17

From Staff Reports

Parents who are expecting a baby and parents of a newborn up to three months old are invited to a baby shower Aug. 17 at the Vidant Chowan Hospital Education Rooms, 211 Virginia Road in Edenton.

Participants will receive

baby gifts just for attending the program and will have an opportunity to win a car seat valued at \$200.

Parents should RSVP by Aug. 5 by calling at 482-3035. The event is sponsored by Vidant Chowan Hospital, Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start Partnership and Chowan CARES.

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COA to hosts gala in Sept.

From Staff Reports

College of The Albemarle's Foundation will hold their sixth annual fundraiser 'An Evening Among the Stars' on Sept. 24 from 6 to 11 p.m. at the K.E. White Graduate Center in Elizabeth City.

The "black tie encouraged" event will include music by Tidewater Drive, live and silent auctions, appetizers and a buffet dinner by Currituck Bar-b-Que. Beer and wine will be served.

Tickets are \$100 per person and can be purchased by visiting <https://albemarle.ejoinme.org/stars-2016> or by calling 335-0821, ext. 2265.

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Does your child need a back-to-school physical?

Between summer camp and back-to-school shopping, summer break often means packed schedules and long to-do lists for parents. But, summer break is also a convenient time to schedule your child's back-to-school physical.

Together with the care team at Sentara Pediatric Physicians, board-certified pediatricians, Dr. Sheila Aldrich, Dr. John DiMichele and Dr. James Schmitt, work collaboratively with families to ensure children receive the care they need before heading back to the classroom.

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