

WHAT'S HAPPENING

TODAY

■ Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive today from 3-7 p.m. at Inter-County Ruritan Club at the intersection of U.S. 17 and Woodville Road.

■ Open House

The Perquimans County Schools will hold a floating open house today from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

■ 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 of the month, 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

■ Watercolor Class

The Perquimans Arts League will hold a watercolor workshop with Carol Mann at the Perquimans County Recreation Center on Aug. 26 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The class is designed for students with some knowledge of watercolor painting. The cost is \$60 for PAL members and \$65 for non-members. The instructor will send a supply list after sign-up. For more, visit www.perquimansarts.org

SATURDAY

■ 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.

AUG. 29

■ School Opens

Perquimans County Schools will hold the first day of school.

AUG. 30

■ Clay Class

The Perquimans Arts League will hold a seminar "Metal Clay for Beginners" on Aug. 30 from 9 a.m. till noon. There is a class fee of \$40 for PAL members (\$45 for non-members) includes all supplies and use of tools. The class limited to eight students.

SEPT. 3-4

■ Class Reunion

The Perquimans High School Class of 1976 will hold its 40th reunion on Labor Day Weekend. A dutch treat dinner at Montero's will be held on Saturday evening, with a social following. A Sunday gathering is also planned. For information or to register, please contact Cheryl Walton Jones at cherylwjones@email.com or 301-651-0558 by Aug. 24.

SEPT. 9-10

■ Indian Summer Festival

Historic Hertford Inc. will present the 35th annual Indian Summer Festival in downtown Hertford.

SEPT. 13

■ Herring Dinner

The Parksville Ruritan Club will host a herring dinner Sept. 13 from 5-7 p.m. Eat in or carry out. The cost is \$7.

SEPT. 17

■ 5K Run

The Junior Women's Club of Perquimans County will hold its second annual Strides for Scholars 5K run Sept. 17 at the Perquimans Recreation Center. Registration at 8 a.m. with the race at 9 a.m.

■ Cale Fundraiser

Camp Cale will host "an Evening At Cale" on Sept. 17 from 6-9 p.m. There will be music, entertainment and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Tickets are 25. For more information call Camp Cale at 264-2513 or Kelsey Gray at 339-6274.

SEPT. 30-OCT. 2

■ ALS softball tourney

The 18th annual Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS softball tournament will be held Sept. 30 through Oct. 2 at the Jimmy Hunter Fields in Winfall. Call 252-340-0210.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Amia Rountree, Maggie Williams, Alyssa Treakle, Kelsey Perry, My'Niya Harvey, Taylor Garcia, Adriana Figueroa and Mikayla McCall participated in a cheerleading clinic in Raleigh last week.

Eight cheerleaders attend camp

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Eight Perquimans County High School cheerleaders participated in a three-day camp this month at N.C. State University.

The team this year includes senior Mikayla McCall; juniors Amia Rountree and My'Niya Harvey; sophomores Adriana Figueroa and Taylor Garcia and freshmen Kelsey Perry and Maggie Williams.

The team finished in second place in final evaluations in the small varsity non-tumble division. Winning individual awards were Figueroa, McCall, Perry and Rountree.

PCHS coach Gabby Lassiter said participation was great for the young squad. Only three members on the team — Rountree, Garcia and Figueroa — are back from last year's squad. The rest haven't cheered at the high school level.

The staff at the Edge Cheer and Dance Camp consisted of college level cheerleaders. The camp ran from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. that Monday and Tuesday and wrapped up at 4 p.m. on Wednesday.



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Perquimans County High School cheerleaders (front row, center) are pictures with others participating in a cheerleading program at N.C. State University last week.

A donation from the Albarne Plantation Women's Club made the trip possible, Lassiter said.

It's Lassiter's second year as PCHS coach, but not her first time at cheerleading. She started when she was in third grade and when on the cheer in college at N.C. State.

Perquimans County girls don't get that opportunity to start so young, Lassiter said. Most don't get their first chance until they reach middle school.

"In this county we don't have anything for the younger ages, so most girls get involved with basketball, soft-

ball and volleyball. It's hard starting a sport like this when you're in seventh grade and haven't done it before."

Helping build the program this year is Meredith Wood

who is coaching the Perquimans County Middle School team. Wood is also a former N.C. State cheerleader and the coordinator for the Perquimans County 4-H program.

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