

PLAYGROUND TO BE DEDICATED



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Perquimans County and Trillium Health Resources will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony today at 10 a.m. to celebrate the grand opening of the truly inclusive playground at the Perquimans County Parks and Recreation Center.

Creef attends teaching program

From Staff Reports

Perquimans Central School teacher Tammy Creef recently attended a program held at the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching, a recognized national leader in professional development programming for our state's teachers.

NCCAT provides teachers with new knowledge, skills, teaching methods, best practices and information to take back to their classrooms. NCCAT conducts a variety of professional development programs for pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers.

For more information about NCCAT visit www.nc-cat.org or call 828-293-5202.

CHURCH NEWS

■ Bagley Chapel MBC

Bagley Chapel Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrating Women's Day Sunday at 11 a.m. The guest speaker will be Minister Sally Brooks.

■ Ellis Temple Church

Ellis Temple Church will open revival services Sunday at 2 p.m. with Bishop Mason and Greater Saunders Grove. Nightly services will continue Aug. 30-31 and Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. A homecoming cookout is set for 3 p.m. Sept. 3 and a homecoming service will be held Sept. 4 at 11 a.m.

■ Riddick Grove Baptist

Riddick Grove Baptist Church will hold a singarama on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. to celebrate the Church and Usher's Anniversary.

■ Soup Kitchen

Hertford United Methodist Church will host The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Call 426-5467.

Information for Church Notes should be emailed if possible to perquimansweekly@ncweeklies.com. The deadline is Friday at noon. Early submissions are encouraged. Church Notes features special services and activities that are open to the public. Photographs of special activities are also welcomed.

DEATH NOTICE

ELIZABETH CITY — J.E. Matthews, 52, died on Aug. 20, 2016. Funeral Aug. 25 at 2 p.m., at funeral home. Visitation 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday. Arrangements by Miller & Van Essendelft Funeral & Cremation Providers.

PETS OF THE WEEK



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Ollie, a teen-age male gray tabby, is available for adoption at the Tri-County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center in Tyner. He loves to entertain. For more information call 221-8514.



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Shadow and Mya are nine-week-old kittens available at the Tri-County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center. Shadow is a male Russian Blue and Mya is a blue eyed white cat with orange tabby ears and tail.

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would be applied toward the fundraising goal.

Cale draws on not only residents from the surrounding area, but other areas of both North Carolina and Virginia.

Cale is a ministry of the Chowan Baptist Association, which is comprised of 68 churches in a 10 county area in northeast North Carolina. The camp is located off New Hope Road.

Several years ago the Cale completed a new conference center complete with dining facilities. It is used year round.

"Cale Camp and Conference Center is one of the best kept secrets in NC Baptist life," said Marty

Dupree, evangelism consultant for the Baptist State Convention. "It is a wonderful property on the Perquimans River that has everything from boating and water sports to sports fields, basketball courts and many activities as well as gun ranges and lots of great activities for youth and children and for retreats and conferences."

While the camp is open to all faiths, the original focus remains the same Thomas said.

"We want to be that place where people come to know Christ, grow deeper in their faith, and build relationships as the body of Christ."

For more information about Cale you can go to campcale.com or contact their offices at 264-2513.

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Thaddeus Mann shakes hands with Perquimans County Manager Frank Heath. Mann participated in a two day youth summit in Winston-Salem.

Mann attends Summit

From Staff Reports

Thaddeus Mann attended the seventh annual North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Youth Summit, which was held in Winston-Salem on Aug. 12-13.

North Carolina 4-H and the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service partnered for the seventh year with the NCACC on a multi-year initiative to increase youth involvement in county government.

The initiative aims to overcome the mindset that many youth are disengaged and lack trust in government.

Mann represented Perquimans County along with over 63 other counties during this event. The event is sponsored and supported by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

For more information on the 4-H program in Perquimans County, contact Meredith Wood at 426-7697.

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All good athletes train hard. They do it for a gold medal that tarnishes and fades. You're after one that's gold eternally. I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got. No sloppy living for me! I'm staying alert and in top condition. I'm not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (THE MESSAGE)

Go for the Gold!

Many of us have enjoyed the summer Olympics as the games were broadcast into our homes from the action in Rio. We take pride in watching the young athletes that have trained rigorously for years as they compete in their particular game and as they "go for the gold." These athletes have accepted the invitation to run hard for the finish line, and they give it everything they've got. They stay alert and in top condition. They also ask the question, "What will be expected for me to win?"

Much like an athlete, when we accept the invitation to put our faith in Christ, it is not a static or one-time event; it is the beginning of a life-long journey. The Apostle Paul compared it to the striving of an athlete that trains for an event. In the same way, Christians are to be actively engaged in a never-ending process that begins with our first awareness of Jesus Christ and continues for the rest of our earthly life. Faithful disciples continually ask, "What does the Lord expect of me?" "What does it take to be a deeply devoted disciple of Jesus Christ?"

John Wesley, Anglican priest and founder of the Methodist movement, taught that faithful Christians live with a desire to follow the pattern or lifestyle of Jesus perfectly and to live in harmony with Jesus' teachings. Wesley believed that we are to strive constantly for this goal, although few will fully achieve it in this life.

We are to "go for the gold" that lasts eternally, one that doesn't tarnish or fade. As Paul says, "I don't know about you, but I'm running hard for the finish line. I'm giving it everything I've got...I'm not going to get caught napping, telling everyone else all about it and then missing out myself." May we make the journey toward faithful discipleship that begins, first and foremost, with a deep commitment to Jesus Christ.

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