

HAPPENINGS

TODAY

■ Art Exhibit

The Perquimans Arts League is hosting an exhibit "Things Remembered" with featured artist Richard St. Peter. An artist's reception will be held Aug. 13 from noon to 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.perquimansarts.org.

■ Master Gardener

Applications are being accepted for residents of Chowan, Gates and Perquimans counties interested in becoming part of the Master Gardener program. Training begins Sept. 19 and continues every Tuesday from 3-6 p.m. at the Chowan County Agriculture Center. For more information and to apply online visit go.ncsu.edu/cgpmgapplication or call 482-6585.

■ Story Time

The Perquimans County Library will hold story time every Wednesday at 11 a.m.

THURSDAY

■ Garden Helpline

The "Ask A Master Gardener Helpline" has resumed. Call 482-6585 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon.

■ Bingo

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

■ 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

■ Movies

The Perquimans County Library will hold a family movie event every Friday at 2 p.m. through Aug. 25.

SATURDAY

■ Farmer's Market

The Hertford Farmer's Market will be held every Saturday through Aug. 26 from 8 a.m. until noon at Coastal Carolina Family Practice, 600 S. Church St.

■ Storytime

The Perquimans County Library will hold Saturday Storytime featuring Curious George on Aug. 12 at 10:45 a.m.

MONDAY

■ Alzheimer's Support

The Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group for Family Members and Caregivers meets at 1 p.m. Monday at Hertford United Methodist Church. For information, call 426-7167 or 333-7774.

■ Teen Talk

Lora Aples will present a "Teen Talk" for students grades 7-12 on Monday at 5:30 p.m. at the Perquimans County Library.

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. 16

■ Habitat Dedication

The dedication of a new Habitat for Humanity House at 608 Dobbs Street will be held Aug. 16 at 10:30 a.m.

AUG. 17

■ Golf Tournament

The 14th annual Perquimans County Schools Foundation "Golfing 'fore' Education" golf tournament will be held Aug. 17 at 9 a.m. at the Sound Links at Albemarle Plantation. Cost is \$300 per team. For more information, call 426-5741.

AUG. 19

■ Yard Sale

The Perquimans County Mentoring Focus Group will hold a yard sale Aug. 19 from noon until 4 p.m. at their building behind the Perquimans County Extension office on Edenton Road Street. Donations can be brought to the building by Aug. 17. For more information, call 426-3100.

■ Fire Program

The Winfall Volunteer Fire Department on Wiggins Road will celebrate 50 years of service on Aug. 19 from noon until 5 p.m. There will be demonstrations every hour, live music and a personal visit from Nightingale.

AUG. 21

■ Eclipse Program

The Perquimans County Library will hold a program on how to view the solar eclipse on Aug. 21 at 2 p.m.

AUG. 23

■ Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Aug. 23 from 3-7 p.m. at the Inter-County Ruritan Club meeting room.

■ Open House

The Perquimans County Schools will host an open house at all campuses on Aug. 23 from 4-6 p.m.

AUG. 25

■ Music

Music at The Missing Mill, an evening with the Ol' Ocean Highway Band, will be held Aug. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Missing Mill Park. Admission is free.

■ Ruritan Dinner

The Inter County Ruritan Club will hold a homemade chicken salad cold plate dinner Aug. 25 starting at 4 p.m. at the club building in Woodville.

AUG. 27

■ Back To School

Voices Is Power (VIP), a non-profit organization for helping pre-teen girls, is holding a back to school bash Aug. 27 at 1 p.m. at the Perquimans Recreation Center. For more informa-

tion call 207-7479. Donations are needed.

AUG. 31

■ Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Aug. 31 from 2-6 p.m. at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.

SEPT. 6

■ Fraud program

Representatives from the NC Dept. of the Secretary of State's Office, NC Attorney General's office, NC Dept. of Insurance, and the Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging are scheduled to speak about scams and how not to be a victim on Sept. 6 from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Perquimans County Senior Center. Pre-registration is required by Aug. 25 by calling 426-5404.

SEPT. 9

■ Car Show

The Historic Hertford Car show will be held Sept. 9 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Hertford Town Docks. For more information contact Bron Prokuski at bronprokuski@mediacommb.net or call 703-346-7510.

SEPT. 16

■ 5-K Run

The third annual Junior Women's Club of Perquimans County Strides for Scholars 5K will be held Sept. 16, at the Perquimans Recreation Center. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a Kids Fun Run at 8:45 a.m. and a 5K Run/Walk at 9 a.m. For more information about the club and community involvement, visit Facebook @JWCPC.

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.

Drive mounted to save Meals on Wheels program

From Staff Report

The Albemarle Commission's Senior Nutrition Program has joined the nationwide #SaveLunch effort to urge Congress to protect and increase federal funding for Meals on Wheels programs.

Congress is in the midst of its annual debate to determine federal funding levels for the next fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The budget proposal put forth by President Trump in May includes decreases to the current funding levels for the Older Americans Act (OAA) Nutrition Program and the elimination of the Social Services, Community Services and Community Development Block Grants.

Eight out of 10 Meals on Wheels programs nationwide rely on some type of federal funding to serve seniors, and cuts of any kind will widen the existing gap between seniors served and those who desperately need the lifeline, according to says Laura Alvarico, director of the Albemarle Commission Area Agency on Aging.

Albemarle Commission Senior Nutrition Program serves about 15,000 meals each month to 1,190 older Americans in the Albemarle region.

Locally, the Albemarle Commission Senior Nutrition program relies on funding from the OAA to serve approximately 119,000 meals annually to older adults throughout the 10-county service area. In fiscal year 2017, the Senior Nutrition Program served approximately 69,000 meals to over 460 homebound older adults. In addition, approximately 51,000 meals were served to 730 older adults at local congregate sites.

OAA funding accounts for approxi-

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mately 40 percent of the Senior Nutrition Program's overall budget. The Senior Nutrition Program also relies on state and local funding as well as grants and donations to support the meals on wheels program.

"As the older adult population continues to grow throughout the region, so does the need for Meals on Wheels," Alvarico said.

"We currently have a waiting list in almost all of our counties. Further funding cuts would mean that more of our elderly, homebound neighbors would be at risk for poor nutritional health, isolation and possible institutionalization."

To learn more about #SaveLunch and the ways you can take action, visit www.savelunch.org.

"Assuring adequate federal funding for social programs like Meals on Wheels is not only vital to the health and well-being of at-risk seniors, but it is essential to the health and vibrancy of our nation," said Ellie Hollander, president and CEO of Meals on Wheels America.

"We are already losing ground in keeping pace with an exponentially increasing need. The time to act to save lives and money is now."

CORRECTION

A story published in July 26 issue of The Perquimans Weekly incorrectly said that Quentin Jackson finished in last place in the 2009 election for Hertford Town Board.

In the five-way race, Jackson finished fourth with 74 votes. Lloyd Hodges finished in last place with 38 votes. Ed Lane had them most votes with 194, followed by Lillian Holman with 138 and Horace Reid with 137.

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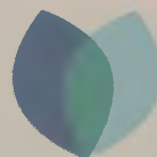
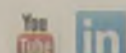


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