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day but closed the next day because of the threat of the storm and as of Tuesday they remained closed.

Locally, NC DOT environmental crews were assisting NC DOT road maintenance crews, along with contractors from Whitehurst Sand Company and Browns Land Developing.

Nixon said in the past, DOT plows would clear US 17, but the snow they pushed out of the way would pile up at intersections. US 17 may be clear, but drivers on side roads would face a small wall of snow and ice when they tried to get on US 17.

The subcontractors were charged with keeping intersections clear so DOT plows could keep on mov-



A child slides down the front steps on a sled last week.

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ing, Nixon said. Dealing with an ailing horse was key on the mind

of Angel White during the coldest part of the storm. Roxy had cancer in one

eye and it had to be removed. That meant administering pain medications

and antibiotics.

White was dressed in multiple layers last week.

"I finally found the perfect combination to get her to take her antibiotics. Today is the first day she has willingly taken the entire dose and probably the only time I've gotten the entire dose in her."

Claude Milot thought he made it home safe after a visit with family in Florida. He got real close. Milot and his wife live in Albemarle Plantation and often submit letters to the editor.

"I did get home safe, but not without incident. The road from Rocky Mount to Hertford was wet with salt brine, and by the time I got to Hertford my car was white with salt. So I stopped at the self-serve car wash to spray my car clean. Finished, I was about to replace the nozzle

in its holster when I slipped on wet ice and went down hard. I opened a nasty gash on my head that bled profusely. Fortunately, I made it to Dr. (Robert) Lane's office, waving my bloody handkerchief for attention, and he stitched me up. My wife says I have to find another way to get attention."

Hertford Town Manager Brandon Shoaf said the town got through the storm OK, considering. There were a few leaks to water mains, but no major break. Shoaf said it had the first significant power outage on Monday when fewer than 10 customers were without power because of a weak transformer. He said it was replaced and shouldn't be an issue again.

Albemarle Electric also reported no widespread outages.

Group offering \$500 scholarship

From Staff Reports

Camden, Currituck, or Pasquotank).

Pi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma is offering a \$500 scholarship to a female college student majoring in education who lives in local area counties (Perquimans, Chowan,

The student must be a junior, senior or graduate student. The deadline for submission of an application is March 1. Contact Claudia Twiford at 339-2827 for an application.

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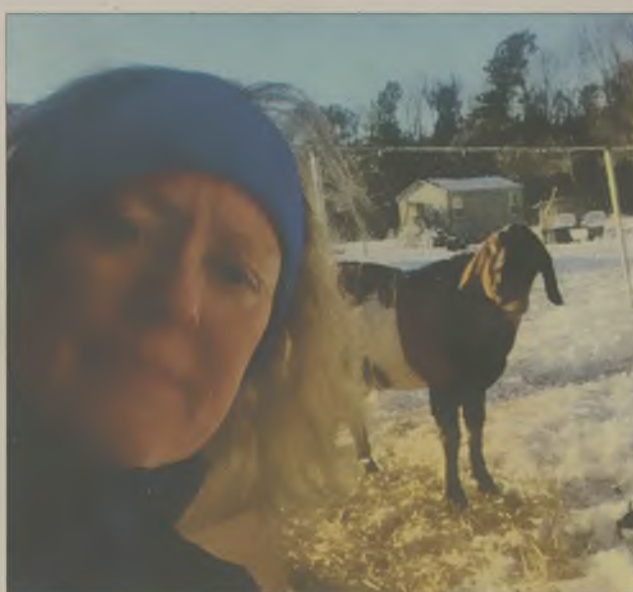
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Some winter tips from a part-time farmer woman

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Cindy Martinez lives on Bagley Swamp Road and shared her observations about the storm and feeding the livestock.)

OK, just a few thoughts from a southern part-time farmer woman after a snow storm...

1. Layer, start early and be sure you don't put on a bodysuit. More about that later.
2. No matter how much you want it. DO NOT drink coffee before going out. There is plenty of time for that in a couple of hours. More about that later.
3. Feed the loudest animals first.
4. Follow the tracks you have made in the snow for the last three days. Do not vary from this. If you fall down in new snow you will not be able to get up for about 12 minutes with all those layers on.
5. OK so if you did not fol-



Cindy Martinez and one of her goats.

low my rule #2 and followed up with not following #4, you will need to go inside and God forbid you did not listen to rule #1.

6. A 50-pound bucket is not the same as a 5-gallon bucket, but you can make less trips.

7. Be sure to use BOTH arms alternately to carry stuff. You start walking sideways if you don't.
8. Mark poop piles. If you don't, you will freak out not knowing what is fresh because it freezes so fast.
9. Goats like water at

about 98.207 degrees Fahrenheit. No more, no less.

10. You can look forward to having incredible abdominal, oblique, deltoid, bicep and quadriceps muscles and apparently some interesting neck muscles as well.

11. Wear earmuffs instead of a hat because while you are stirring the horse's soup your hat will fall in it, causing delays.

12. If you get a piece of hay in your bra, get it out immediately because if you don't it will be the only thing you can think about and you will forget what you are doing.

13. Don't worry what kind of animal gets into your house as you lug buckets back and forth through the back door. You will find them all later by the fire.

14. Whatever you do, don't look in a mirror.

And if you get too cold, the warmest place on the farm is the flank of an old bay gelding sleeping in the sun...

EMS

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full-time paramedics and 11 were promoted to part-time/fill in paramedics.

Heath said using part-

timers is something a lot of counties in the region deal with. There is a shortage of certified paramedics and all surrounding counties end up filling their rosters with people who might work elsewhere.

"Currently we use a pool of staff from Chowan, Gates, Pasquotank Camden, Currituck, Dare and Bertie counties," Nixon said.

While the county is moving toward hiring more people staffed at the higher lev-

el of paramedic, there will remain the need for people with less training. That can provide a pipeline for people who want to grow in the profession.

"You always will have a need," Heath said.

FOOTBALL

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Matthew Cheeseman. He said some parents might be hesitant about putting a 14-15 year-old boy going head-to-head with 18-year-olds.

So next year the high school plans to field a junior varsity team. That will mean the younger boys can play with boys of their own size and learn the skills before going to varsity.

"I think parents have a legitimate concern about a ninth grader in high school matching up with an 18-year-old," Cheeseman said. Perquimans is now in a

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Matthew Cheeseman
Superintendent

league with both Plymouth and Edenton. Both teams have either won or competed in state championship high school games recently. And both have feeder programs that get players in the pipeline as young as 7-year-old. Edenton had a jayvee team last year. Plymouth didn't.

The youth development part is starting to change.

Howard Williams, the director of the Perquimans County Recreation Department, said this year they had enough players sign up to teams in the 7-8 and 9-10 and 11-12 year old groups. Williams said the department has offered sign ups every year for football, but

until last year there weren't enough players to do it.

Williams isn't sure why there was the interest last season and he's not sure if it will be sustained next season.

But he's supportive, and understands that getting young kids involved early ultimately helps when students get to high school level and beyond.

"Look at the other teams like softball, baseball and volleyball," Williams said.

The rec department can field those teams with children as young as 4-years-old. For volleyball, they have to be 8-years-old. And at the high school level,

girl's volleyball and softball and boys baseball teams have been successful, year in and year out.

The burst in youth football participation did have a cost.

"Youth helmets are \$90 a piece," Williams said. "We spent over \$9,000 for the football program this year."

The equipment the rec department had was outdated from a safety standpoint, and it couldn't be refurbished.

At the next level, the middle school, there was plenty of success. The PCMS Tigers finished the season with eight wins and no losses.

And a big chunk, 23 players from that middle school team will be at the high school next year said PCHS football coach Ian Rapanick.

Those numbers could help field the roster of a Jayvee team next year.


Rapanick, said the juniors on last year's team were the last in the batch that played through rec league system.

"A JV team is a true developmental stage to varsity," he said. "Some people don't understand that it's not an overnight thing," he said about the evolution of being a football player.

"This is going to be really good for us," the coach said. "We're moving in the right direction."

The Pirate football team, under first-year coach Ian Rapanick, finished with a 2-9 record last year. But two of the losses (21-18 to Northside) and (28-25 to Pasquotank) were by less than one touchdown.

"It (a jayvee program) may mean we have to travel a little bit at the beginning and that's going to be a sacrifice, but it will mean a lot to the longevity of the program."




**PERQUIMANS COUNTY
PUBLIC NOTICE**

Except for the Sheriff's Department, Dispatch Office and Emergency Medical Services, all County Offices in the Perquimans County Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Social Services, Agricultural Extension Service, Perquimans County Library and the Perquimans County Recreation Department will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2018, for observation of Martin Luther King's Birthday. The Water Department will be closed but emergencies may be reported to the Dispatch Office by calling 426-5751.

The Board of Commissioners Work Session that is normally scheduled for Monday, January 15th, has been changed to Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. due to the holiday.

Frank Heath
Frank Heath, County Manager

NOTICE



**Perquimans County
TAX LISTING DATES**

All persons who own property subject to taxation must list during the month of January. Any persons who fail to do so will be subject to penalties prescribed by law.

Due to legislation, real property and licensed vehicles do not require listing by the taxpayer. However, if you have made any improvements to your real property, you must list that with the Tax Department. All other personal property such as boats, jet skis, unlicensed vehicles, IRP's, farm equipment, businesses, etc. can be listed with the lister in the county Assessor's Office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday starting January 2 through January 31, 2018. You may also list on the abstract that was mailed to you. If you have personal property or made improvements to your real property and did not receive an abstract, please contact our office. These abstracts must be returned to our office by January 31, 2018.

If you are a business and you need an extension, our office needs a letter requesting an extension by January 31, 2018.

If you are 65 years old or older, or totally and permanently disabled, and your income is less than \$29,600, you may qualify for a tax reduction.

Persons owning real property under cultivation, in forest management or horticulture land may qualify for a tax-reduced valuation (land use). If you are not already in the land use program and you feel you qualify, please contact The Tax Office for qualification.

The Tax Office is located at 107 N. Front Street (in the back of the courthouse) Hertford, NC. Our telephone number is 252-426-7010 or 252-426-5564.

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