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and Bertie county schools and he is a graduate of Elizabeth City State University.

Perquimans Superintendent Matthew Cheeseman, said he is "excited" for Holley on his appointment as Tyrrell school superintendent.

"We thank him for his service to our students, staff, and community as we wish he and Tyrrell County School great success," Cheeseman said in a statement.

"I am honored and humbled to be chosen to lead Tyrrell County Schools," Holley said.

He will take office on Oct. 15.

"I look forward to meeting and speaking with students, staff, parents, and community members to begin learning about the great things happening in Tyrrell County Schools and how we can work together to achieve at even higher levels."

Travis Twiford has been serving as interim superintendent since June after Will Hoffman left to take a job as superintendent of Madison County School system. Hoffman, a native of Madison County, had served three years as superintendent for Tyrrell schools.

During the search process for a new superintendent, the board reviewed applications from a field of 38 candidates.

Holley earned a bachelor's degree in English from Elizabeth City State University in 2001.

He obtained a master's degree in School Administration from Cambridge College, in Cambridge, MA, and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from East Carolina University.

"Although many qualified candidates applied, the board felt that Holley's experience, leadership, and dedication to students would best serve Tyrrell County Schools students, staff, and the community for years to come," said Lee Scripture, BOE chairman. "The Board is confident that Holley will lead the school system to even higher achievement."

Prior to Perquimans County, Holley served as a middle school principal, assistant principal, Dean of Students in several elementary school programs, and curriculum intervention

specialist at Northampton County High School-East, all in the Northampton County School System (2008-2012.) Holley also served as director of after school programs in the Weldon City Schools (2004-2006.)

Holley began his career as a teacher in Bertie County. In 2001, Holley was named Bertie County New Teacher of the Year.

Governor Roy Cooper appointed Holley to serve on the North Carolina Teacher and State Employee Retirement Commission Board of Trustees in February.

Holley is the current NC President of the Principal and Administrators Division of the North Carolina Association of Educators. He is married to Natasha Holley, and together they have two children.

Jackson-Heard was serving as career development coordinator for Perquimans County Schools.

"In the spring of 2018 he was promoted into the career development coordinator position," Cheeseman said.

It was a new grant-funded position that was covered this school year with an option for another year.

"This is exciting for him," Cheeseman said. "It was a pleasure to work with him. It's been a pleasure to see Dexter grow as a leader. He's going to a school system that will appreciate his leadership and his items. He knows how to get the best out of students."

Jackson-Heard has reported to his new job.

"Entering P.W. Moore Elementary, a school with a great history behind the name, I am excited about the opportunity to build on last year's success," Jackson-Heard said. "Trust and transparency are paramount to communication and vital to the success of any organization. I believe in building relationships and advancing the culture to better serve the needs of students, staff, parents, and the community."

Jackson-Heard holds a bachelor's degree in marketing from Virginia State University and a master's degree in education administration from Grand Canyon University. He has 17 years of experience in education, including experience as a teacher and an assistant principal.

The Elizabeth City-Pasquotank School board also named Stephanie Ambrose as principal of Weeksville Elementary last month.

TRACTOR

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with health problems.

"My son was not a special needs child, but he was sick for a very long time. I wouldn't wish that on anyone."

Clyde W. Overton Jr., or Trey as he was known, died at the age of 23 on Jan. 15, 2010. He was diagnosed with Leber congenital amaurosis when he was 8-years-old. Overton lives in Belvidere but works as a tankerman for large tugboat company based in Baltimore.

For the parade, Overton is asking sponsors for \$150.

"For a business, I don't think that is unreasonable," he said.

He said he thought it would be hard to get sponsors for the event. He's was wrong.

"I've got people calling me asking to be a sponsor," he said.

He said all the money raised will go to The Benjamin House and local efforts to help veterans.

"Special needs people are people too," Overton said.

People can start the day at 8 a.m. on Nov. 10 buying breakfast at the Belvidere Ruritan Club. At 9 a.m. breakfast ends and riders

can board wagons and at 9:30 a.m. the tractors and wagons and leave Belvidere.

Overton said residents of Benjamin House and veterans will get first chance to climb aboard the wagons. If there is space left over, others are welcome to ride too. Riders will need to sign a waiver form.

The parade is expected to arrive at Perquimans Central School at 10:30 a.m. and pick up more riders for the wagons. At 11 a.m. the parade starts again will cross the S-Bridge and continue down Church Street and take a right on Market Street, a right on Edenton Road Street and a right on Grubb Street before stopping at Missing Mill Park. Lunch will be catered by Captain Bob's at noon.

Very quickly Overton said he had 30 tractors signed up. Another effort in Denton has had more than 100, and he hopes some of those will make the trip as well.

"Everybody loves old tractors," Overton said.

When it comes time to leave Missing Mill, the tractors will head to Center Hill Highway and then back to Belvidere.

For more information, contact Overton at 333-5869.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

People wait with their pets at a past "Blessing of the Animals" service at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Church to hold 'Blessing of the Animals' Sunday

From Staff Reports

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will hold a blessing of the animals on Sunday at 4 p.m.

The service will be held in the courtyard between the church and the parish hall or inside the parish hall if it rains.

The service honors St. Francis of Assisi who had a great love for all of God's

creatures.

All pets, feathers, fur, hoofs or scales are welcome. However please ensure your pets are leashed or otherwise controlled.

If your pet is unable to attend, please bring a picture.

There will be an informal reception immediately following the service. For more information, call 426-5542 or visit <http://www.holytrinity-hertford.ecdio.org/>

Coach nominated for award

From Staff Reports

Perquimans County Middle School Baseball Coach Tyler Bridgers has been nominated for the US Cellular Top 50 Most Valuable Coach award.

On-line voting will determine of Bridgers makes it to the top 15, where Perquimans County Middle School can win \$5,000.

To vote visit <http://www.themostvaluablecoach.com/>

Using your login infor-

mation, you can return to TheMostValuableCoach.com and vote daily for the Top 50 coaches through

Oct. 8. Then, from Oct. 11 through Nov. 13, people can vote daily to help select the winners from the final 15 coaches. The winners will be announced on Nov. 20.

BRIDGERS

HURDLE

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when Douglas Freeman resigned for medical reasons.

She's also interviewing for a public works director. The last one left to take another position in another county.

She's also hired a customer service DMV clerk, two street workers and has an interview for an electric department lineman. There are also police officers to hire. Some of the positions have been open for a time, Hurdle said.

There are some public works projects in the pipeline. N.C. DOT is going to replace a bridge on Wynne Fork Road and utilities have had to be diverted. The town also has a \$637,000 grant to replace sewer lines under town roads.

She's also got an executive assistant, Sara Mills. Hurdle served in that position when Shoaf was town manager and she was able to learn the position.

Hurdle started working for the town after graduating from Elizabeth City State University in 1999. She'd

earned a degree in social work, but the Hertford job was open, so she took it.

In an interview for an ECSU publication, Hurdle said after first signing on with the town her bosses saw the potential that she brought to her job. As each year passed they would give her more responsibility until, right around her fifth year there, she was named executive assistant to the town manager.

"Then I started taking on assignments with (town) zoning," she said. "Whatever he did, I did."

She has a master's degree in public administration and is working on her doctorate, also in public administration. And while she is committed to the work at hand, running the Town of Hertford, she looks forward to one day using that Ph.D., and teaching at a university.

And her life experience as a working adult was something she could share with the younger students.

"As a non-traditional student, we helped the traditional students stay on task," she said.

As town manager, Hurdle earns \$69,000.

BAND

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"As soon as the racers start racing, the dancers will start dancing," she said. The odd mix makes sense when you remember that Tinsley runs the Dance Company of Hertford.

The 5K will start on the road behind the school system's central office building, do a big loop in the neighborhood, come out onto Edenton Road Street at the Perquimans Extension Center, and go down Edenton Road to Grubb Street, then loop back to the high school. Registration for runners is \$35.

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She said the money raised would go toward repairing band instruments, buying new ones and providing materials to help the band program.

"Things are just wearing out," Tinsley said.

Money is also needed to create the programs when the band goes to competition. Money can also help students attend regional auditions.

Sponsorships run from \$25 for a bronze up to \$150 for a gold level.

For information on a sponsorship call Tinsley at 312-2595 or visit the website at www.pqrhythmrun.webs.com.



THE ORPHANS

PLAY

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Jack owes his allegiance to the bottle.

Only Lotta's love can save him, but not if Whip-lash can help it. The cast includes everything from the scruffy orphans to a lady sheriff, Death Valley Nell (Paula Saje). These, plus Lavinia Lagoon, a temperance leader (Holly Lassiter), Featherport (Linda Gregory), Cuspidor, gold miner (Dana Nichols) keep the laughs coming.



LASSITER

GOETZ



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gation," Eley said.

Clerk of Superior Todd Tilley confirmed that Jackson was released under \$1,000 unsecured bond for simple assault.

Court documents show Eley claimed Jackson hit him on his left temple with a closed fist. The order says prohibits Jackson from ha-

rassing Eley.

Town Manager Pamela W. Hurdle referred questions to interim Police Chief Albert Webb. Webb was off duty Tuesday morning and did not immediately return a call for comment.

Jackson did not immediately return an e-mail or phone call for comment.

Tilley said the case is scheduled to be heard Oct. 10 in district court.

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