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Superintendent to be sworn in Monday

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Perquimans will swear in a new school superintendent on Monday at 4 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Perquimans Central School.

Tanya Turner, 49, will be re-joining the Perquimans County Schools staff after a 17-year stint with Edenton-Chowan Schools where she is assistant superintendent. Turner spent her first 10 years



TURNER

"This is not something I planned and if I didn't get it, and stayed in Edenton I was perfectly happy

in education in the Perquimans system, and still lives in Perquimans.

When the position opened up, she said she prayed about it, and decided to apply.

with that," Turner said.

She credits Edenton-Chowan Superintendent Rob Jackson for encouraging her to pursue her doctorate degree. She had been delaying it.

"I was putting my son first, but he's about to graduate," she said. She's enrolled in the program at Wingate University.

While she was comfortable and happy with her job in Chowan, Perquimans offered something special.

"It's home," she said. "I've never left Perquimans County. It's been my home my entire life and I love the county and I love the people. I've never felt I lost the connection there."

She lives in the Beech Springs community. She's lived in her current house since 2008, but she's lived on the same street her entire life.

She is the daughter of Wayne and Delores Howell. Her father was a farmer until he retired and

worked as a soil and water technician in Washington County until he retired from that job.

When it comes to her management style, Turner said she is not a micromanager.

"I believe in the people I work with and I put my trust in their abilities to do the job. I feel I am a collaborator. I see the strengths in people and help them build on them. I feel like I am positive. I

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'FIDDLER' PRODUCTION WRAPS UP

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Dozens of students, including some who won't be in high school for five years or so, put on a performance of "Fiddler On The Roof" earlier this month at Perquimans County High School.

It's not the first time theater director Rachel Sanders has used younger actors. In Wizard Of Oz it was in part because some of the roles involved very small people, and students from Perquimans Central School fit the bill. This year, some Hertford Grammar School students took part and went through auditions.

Sanders does see an advantage in giving at least some younger students a glimpse of what it is like inside of a high school theater production early in life.

"I'm the only theater teacher in the county," Sanders said. "Because I'm the chorus teacher too, I had students coming in as freshmen who didn't know what a quarter note was.

"If given the opportunity to be part of it at a young age, they will know more and have some experience under their belt. I want to give that enrichment to the younger ones too."

All the eighth graders at Perquimans County Middle School were also invited to watch a pre-performance of parts of the play.

The play was performed for two nights and about 400 people attended.

Sanders said the play was



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Top, Elias Holley (left), Tabitha Vanscoy, Aven Hall and Aly Vanscoy balance bottles on their heads during a production of "Fiddler On The Roof" at Perquimans County High School earlier this month. Right, Garrett Wand and Zak Lane perform in the PCHS production of Fiddler On The Roof. More pictures will be in the next edition of The Perquimans Weekly.



Early voting ends Friday

From Staff Reports

Early voting for the primary election for the 3rd Congressional House seat will run through Friday in Perquimans County.

Perquimans Elections Director Holly Hunter said the hours for early voting are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Early voting takes place at the elections office 601 S. Edenton Road Street.

There are 26 candidates, including 17 Republicans, six Democrats, two Libertarians and one Constitution Party candidate.

They are running to replace Walter Jones in Congress. The Republican represented the district from 1995 until his death on Feb. 10. The 76-year-old Jones, who was a Democrat before changing party affiliation prior to the 1994 election, earned a reputation as an indepen-

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Kids festival is Saturday

From Staff Reports

The 11th annual Week of the Young Child Children's Festival and Safe Kids Day will be held Saturday at the Perquimans County Recreation Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The free event is open to all families, to celebrate young children and the joy of learning through new experiences. Activities will be offered inside the gym and the surrounding grounds. The event will be held rain or shine.

The event has a local focus on preparing healthy children for Kindergarten.

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Samantha Midgett (right) signs a soccer ball while Megan Denson looks on this month during a scholarship ceremony at Perquimans County High School.

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Students reap benefits of scholarships

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Some Perquimans County High School seniors will share some of the more than \$100,000 in scholarships given this year.

Four will share part of the proceeds from a foundation created to honor a student who died in an accident in 2016. Madelyn Marie Byrum would have been among the graduating class of 2019.

"She was an amazing

young lady, an athlete, tremendous student, and had a heart of gold and an infectious laugh," said Brenda Lassiter, the executive director of the Perquimans County Schools Foundation, which administers the Byrum scholarship.

"One thing Madelyn taught us was the importance of giving back and making a difference in the lives of others." At the awards ceremony Lassiter asked Byrum's family, par-

ents Matthew and Carrie and brother Branson to come up.

"Because Madelyn was an avid soccer player and her number was four — tonight we will award four Madelyn M. Byrum scholarships. Each will receive \$500 and a plaque, naming them as this year's recipients. Then I am going to ask the students to sign this soccer ball for presentation to Madelyn's family to remind them of those receiving the scholarship

during Madelyn's senior year."

The winners were Megan Denson, Cayce Copley, Sydney Shope and Samantha Midgett.

The selection was based on academics, a passion for sports and the fact the individual is noted for helping others at the high school and in the community throughout their tenure as a student at Perquimans High

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Cyclists coming this weekend

From Staff Reports

The 16th annual Cycle North Carolina (CNC) Coastal Ride will kick-off

Friday in Edenton. The 2019 participants represent 36 different states, the District of Columbia and Canada.

Cycling routes will pass by and include attractions such as the Sycamore Arabian Horse Farm, downtown Hertford, Woodard's Pharmacy, Rocky Hock Play-



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Sandy Stevenson speaks at a recent reception for volunteers at the Newbold-White House.

Newbold-White House needs volunteers

From Staff Reports

Volunteer options, including some that require just four hours a month, are available at The Newbold-White House off Harvey Point Road.

A volunteer reception was held recently and six new volunteers were welcomed. The Newbold-White House is the oldest brick house in North

Carolina.

If you like talking to people and/or talking about history, you could assist at the reception desk/gift shop or become a Docent. The visitor's center is open three days a week from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Another opportunity, especially if you like antique fur-

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