

P9/C9*****CAR-RT LOT**R 008 A0004
 PERQUIMANS COUNTY LIBRARY
 514 S CHURCH ST
 HERTFORD NC 27944-1225



Legion gives back, 3

"News from Next Door"

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

\$1.00

Man wanted in foot chase captured

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Travis Searcy, the 28-year-old man that led lawmen on a foot chase Wednesday in Hertford and caused the lock down of two schools, has been arrested.

Hertford Police Chief Dennis Brown said Thursday afternoon that Perqui-



SEARCY

said the sheriff's office had gotten calls from citizens

mans County Sheriff's deputies arrested Searcy in Holiday Island.

Perquimans County Chief Deputy Tom Reid

that Searcy was spotted walking down Holiday Island Road and every time a car drove by, he would duck down.

When deputies confronted him, he ran, and eventually ran into an abandoned camper in the Section P area of Holiday Island. That is where deputies arrested him.

Perquimans County Sheriff Shelby White praised Deputies James Fowden, Chris Murray, and Russell Gray for using the information they had to make the arrest. White also thanked the public for their cooperation in finding him.

"This is another good example of how well our community helps us out

when we need it. Thanks to several tips from Perquimans County citizens," White said.

Searcy was charged with simple physical assault upon a law enforcement officer, criminal damage to property, larceny, six counts of resist-obstruct-delay, two counts of breaking and entering and violating

probation. He was jailed under \$200,500 secured bond. Some of the charges were not related to the incident that happened Wednesday.

The incident Sept. 18 started when law enforcement got a call about shots fired off King Street. No injured people could be

See CHASE, A2

WARD FAMILY HONORED



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members from the families of Dr. and Mrs. William P. Nixon Jr., and Charles H. Ward were presented commemorative footballs and helmets from the Perquimans County Schools for their generous donations of land and monetary gifts that enabled the complex to become a reality. Pictured are Meredith Winslow, Mary Lee Willis, Michelle Winslow and Michael Winslow.

NIXON FAMILY HONORED



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Members from the families of Dr. and Mrs. William P. Nixon Jr., and Charles H. Ward were presented commemorative footballs and helmets from the Perquimans County Schools for their generous donations of land and monetary gifts that enabled the complex to become a reality. Pictured are Ed Nixon, Deborah Green, Kay Winslow, Charlotte Stallings, Amy Cullipher and Gene Nixon.



PHOTO BY CHRIS EURE

A local farmer harvest their corn recently.

Farmers wrapping up 2019 harvest

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Farmers are expecting a disappointing year but just how disappointing depends on what crop they planted and just where it is.

"I've talked to some corn farmers and it depends on soil type," said Dylan Lilley, the extension service specialist for field crops in Perquimans. "They have picked some of their best in one corner and some of the worst in that same field."

But while farmers are still getting the last of the corn out of the field, it's clear this won't be a great year overall in terms of crop yields.

"They are getting pretty close to finishing up, and farmers were really burning the midnight oil to get it in before the storm. Some have been really pleased with what they got compared to what they thought it would be."

A dry period throughout almost all of May and some of June robbed corn plants of the moisture they needed to fully develop. When they rain did come, plants grew taller but the kernels that failed to form during the dry spell don't come back, so that means lower yields for the season.

Cotton acreage fared perhaps the worst than corn when Hurricane Dorian came. The winds twisted the plants around and in some cases pushed them to the ground.

"When cotton gets down on the ground, moisture leads to boll rot. The farmers that have really walked their fields were pretty concerned."

Lilley was expecting losses of 25 to 30 percent.

Oddly it was cotton that fared the best during the dry spell in the spring.

"The cotton crop was looking good and it could still be pretty decent but

See HARVEST, A2

20th annual Jim 'Catfish' Hunter ALS walk scheduled for Saturday

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

There will be something missing this Saturday when the 20th annual Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Walk takes place in Hertford.

Kim Hunter Daugherty won't be there.

Daugherty, the teacher



DAUGHERTY

school last December and died. She was 45 years old,

and daughter of the Hertford native and five-time World Series champion, collapsed during

just eight years younger than her father, who died in 1999 a year after being diagnosed with ALS.

The walk starts at Perquimans County High School and loops around Hertford and comes back to Cedarwood Cemetery past the grave of the late baseball great.

"Kim and her husband Steve were always there to pass out flowers for walkers to place at his grave," said Helen Hunter, Jimmy's widow. "We're going to miss her there helping, but we will have good memories of all that she did."

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the walk starts

at 9 a.m. Hunter said she wasn't thinking ahead much when the walk started.

"I figured I'd do it as long as I could, and I still do," Hunter said.

The walk serves two main purposes.

It raises the awareness of ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. It is a progressive

neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord.

It also raises money.

Hunter figures in a typical year, the walk will raise between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

On a good year, it can hit

See WALK, A2

Jollification tickets still available

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Time is running out to get dinner tickets for the Jollification celebration this Saturday.

The event features a tour of historic homes during the day and then dinner and entertainment at the Newbold-White House in the evening.

Tickets for both the tour and dinner are \$35 per person. The deadline to get dinner tickets is 5 p.m. Thursday. The price for the tour alone is \$25 and can be purchased up until the event starts. The historic home tour runs from 12:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce in Hertford, the Newbold-White House 151, Newbold-White Road, the Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City and

chased up until the event starts. The historic home tour runs from 12:30 p.m. until 5 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce in Hertford, the Newbold-White House 151, Newbold-White Road, the Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City and

See JOLLIFICATION, A2



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Lewis Norman House on Market Street is one of the homes on tour for Jollification this Saturday. The house was built in 1894, but was converted into apartments in the mid 20th century with a store on the first floor. It has since been restored back into a single family residence. Tickets for both the tour and dinner are \$35 per person. The price for the tour alone is \$25.



6 89076 47144 2

CHOWAN COUNTY REGIONAL FAIR
 AMERICAN LEGION FAIRGROUNDS
 US 17 Business (1317 West Queen Street)
 Edenton, North Carolina
 Tuesday, October 1 -
 Saturday, October 5, 2019