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Cole's \$50K gift green-lights softball field upgrade

Project to include new backstop, home dugout, concession stand

From staff reports

Thanks to a second \$50,000 donation from a local resident, a project to complete major upgrades to the girls softball field complex at Perquimans County High School will be moving forward.

H.V. Cole, owner of Forbes Homes, made the second \$50,000 contribution to the capital campaign last week, following up on the \$50,000 donation made by Jim and Stephanie Gregory in July, Brenda Lassiter, executive director of the Perquimans County

Schools Foundation, said.

The foundation is overseeing the campaign to raise funding for a makeover of the girls softball field complex that will include a new backstop, home dugout, press box and concession stand.

According to Lassiter, Debi Dunn of Forbes Homes advised the foundation recently that Cole "enjoys doing good things for others, especially children." After reading about the capital campaign for the softball complex project launched last month, Dunn says Cole "committed resources to see it finished for the students in Perquimans County."

Lassiter said when Cole's \$50,000 check arrived at the

foundation's office, it came with the following message: "Do good things for children."

"Doing good things for children is an easy task when you have donors like H.V. Cole of Forbes Homes," Lassiter said.

Lassiter said the foundation's Board of Directors is "truly thankful" for Cole's donation.

"Doing good things for children is our mantra," she said.

Carson Stallings, president of the 15-member foundation board, also praised Cole for the donation.

"When the community steps up and invests in our children, there are so many things we can offer



PHOTO COURTESY H.V. COLE

H.V. Cole, owner of Forbes Homes, has contributed \$50,000 to the capital campaign to make improvements to the girls softball field complex at Perquimans County High School. His gift completed the \$50,000 challenge donation Jim and Stephanie Gregory made to the project in July.

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Answering the call in Zambia



PHOTO COURTESY KAREN THROCKMORTON

Karen Throckmorton, a registered nurse and the president of Orphan Medical Network International, checks the blood pressure of a local villager in a tribal area of Zambia, in what's known as the "Copperbelt" of Africa. Throckmorton co-founded OMNI over 20 years ago to help feed, educate and offer medical care to the African continent's most impoverished people.

Throckmorton helps Africa's neediest

Resident heads group that provides food, medical care, schooling

BY JOHN FOLEY
Correspondent

We've all seen on the nightly news the heart-wrenching images of undernourished families and their children struggling for survival in parts of Africa.

For many of us, those images disappear as soon as the news ends and "Jeopardy" comes on.

That's not true for Perquimans County resident Karen Throckmorton, however.

She lives with those images every day. While her home is in Hertford, Throckmorton's focus is on the deep bush of Africa's Copperbelt, a stone's throw from the Congo, one of the

most dangerous places on earth.

Throckmorton, a registered nurse, serves as president of the Orphan Medical Network International, the Roanoke, Virginia-based organization she co-founded over 20 years ago to help feed, educate and offer medical care to the African continent's most impoverished people.

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Winfall hopes to echo Hertford's grants success

Winfall councilor to meet with Golden LEAF officials

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

WINFALL — Borrowing a page from neighboring Hertford, Winfall town officials are launching a renewed pursuit of grant opportunities to rebuild infrastructure and grow the town's tax base.

Valery McDonald, the town councilor charged

with leadership in grant-seeking under the council's new committee structure, told fellow councilors Aug. 8 that she's started reaching out to state and federal officials about grant opportunities. She also plans to meet with the nonprofit Golden LEAF Inc., she said.

McDonald noted the recent success Hertford has experienced securing grant funding.

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Sheriff: Teen died in firearm accident

Accidental discharge of shotgun killed 18-year-old

From staff reports

SNUG HARBOR — The Perquimans County sheriff says a teenager died in Snug Harbor Thursday evening following an accidental discharge of a firearm.

Sheriff Shelby White said Saturday the 18-year-old male died from a single shot from a shotgun. He said his office determined the teen's death was accidental.

Reached Saturday, White said he didn't immediately know the teen's name or address. He declined to release

any details of what happened, other than to say the shooting took place at a residence in Snug Harbor and that other people were present when the incident happened.

According to a press release, Perquimans County 911 received a call at 7:32 p.m. that someone had been shot in the Snug Harbor community.

When the Sheriff's Office and Perquimans County Emergency Medical Services arrived, responders found a person who had died, the release said.

A medical examiner was called to the scene but White said no autopsy will be performed.

Extension hires new 4-H agent, awards scholarship

Smith to direct 4-H, Williams earns her 3rd Smith award

BY JOHN FOLEY
Correspondent

It's been a busy couple of weeks for the Perquimans County Extension office. First, the Extension staff welcomed new county 4-H

Agent Asheton Smith on Aug. 1. Then, they awarded the \$1,000 Lewis Smith Agricultural Scholarship for the third consecutive year to Maggie Williams.

Both Smith and Williams, along with their families, were honored at the Perquimans Extension staff ice cream social on Friday where Howling Cow ice cream was scooped from three-gallon containers. Howling Cow is the brand name of North Carolina State University's proprietary brand of ice cream.

Williams, a student studying agriculture at NCSU, is the daughter of Jeff and Bonita Williams of Perquimans County and the granddaughter of the late Billy and Hollis Williams of Tyner.

"Growing up on a farm has allowed me to realize my passion for agriculture and life sciences," Williams said. "Both my grandfather and father attended NC State for agriculture and I am honored to carry on this legacy."

Lewis Smith served as Perquimans County Extension director for more than 30 years. Upon his retirement in December 2013,

staff from local Farm Bureau, the Extension office, the NC State Foundation, and local farmers formed a committee to establish an educational scholarship in his name.

To become eligible, a Perquimans County student must get accepted and attend NCSU with the intent to major in agricultural studies.

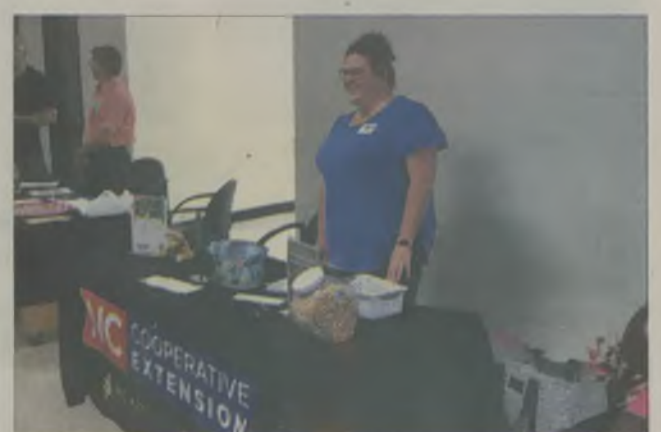
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Asheton Smith began work as a 4-H agent with the Perquimans Center of NC Cooperative Extension on Aug. 1. A former educator who was born in Chowan County, Smith said she looks forward to using her educator skills in her work with 4-H.

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