

Toys for Tots hopes to aid 555, to offer 14 drop-off sites

Deadline for donating toys for annual campaign is Dec. 9

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Chowan Herald

Like clockwork each holiday season, Toys for Tots makes Christmas morning something special for millions of children in the U.S.

This year, Toys for Tots donations plans to help 555 children in Perquimans and Chowan counties have a brighter Christmas morning.

To help ensure that happens, toy donations will be accepted up until Dec. 9 at five sites in Perquimans County and nine locations in Chowan County.

The locations in Perquimans include:

- Sheriff's Office at 110 North Church Street

- A&L Garage at 302 Dobbs Street
- Woodard's Pharmacy at 101 North Church Street
- N.C. Farm Bureau at 707 South Church Street
- NC State Employee's Credit Union at 142 Ocean Highway South.

The locations in Chowan are as follows:

- Sheriff's Office at 305 West Freemason Street
- Links at Mulberry Hill at 1101 West Sound Shore Drive
- Time Finance at 703 Luke Street
- Governor's Pub at 321 South Broad Street
- Southern Bank at 101 West Queen Street
- Walgreens at 717 North Broad Street
- N.C. Farm Bureau at 524 Virginia Road
- NC State Employee's Credit Union at 101 Mexico Road

- Chowan/Perquimans Smart Start at 409 Old Hertford Road.

Both Christmas parades in Hertford and Edenton next weekend will also feature a "stuff the patrol car" event for the Toys for Tots campaign. The sheriff's offices in Perquimans and Chowan have more information about those events.

"The Perquimans Sheriff Department also has a school competition going on that is collecting toys. I heard that one principal will shave his head if they win," said Sarah Williams, organizer for the local Toys for Tots drive.

Another local event to help the toy drive will be the Governor's Pub golf tournament, which has raised money and toy donations for Toys for Tots in the past. Contact the restaurant at 252-482-7655

or the Links at Mulberry Hill at 252-482-3606 for more information on how to register.

Volunteers are also needed for the week of toy distribution. Volunteers are needed on Friday, Dec. 9 for toy pickup as well as the week of Dec. 12-16 when toys are unloaded and distributed. Monday, Dec. 12, is expected to be the busiest day, Williams said.

"We will be providing toys for 555 children this year and hope that the communities are generous again this year," she said.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Williams at Chowan Perquimans Smart Start at (252) 482-3035 or at swilliams.cpssp@gmail.com.

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CHOWAN HERALD

Two little Toys for Tots helpers assist during the 2020 Edenton-Chowan Christmas Parade. This year's Toys for Tots campaign hopes to help 555 children in Perquimans and Chowan counties.

Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive kicked off Saturday

Hertford Food Lion SA's Perquimans bell-ringing site

From staff reports

The Salvation Army kettle drive for the Christmas holiday season officially kicked off Saturday.

A few kettles have already been set up on a limited basis at a few sites, but Saturday marked the start of the drive in earnest.

Bell ringers will be on hand

every day except Sunday, according to Toni Sawyer, who is director of community development and relations for the Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army is still looking for groups or individuals to volunteer for bell ringing.

Groups or individuals interested in helping with bell ringing can call Major Jason Hughes at 338-4129.

Hughes said last year's drive raised \$135,000, and sights are set on raising that

amount again this year.

The need in the community has increased over the past year, he said, and inflation also is impacting donors.

The community has been generous in supporting the work of the Salvation Army, he said, noting the work includes everything from housing and food assistance programs to literacy programs at Sheep-Harney Elementary School and Hertford Grammar School.

"This is an amazing com-

munity," Hughes said.

Bell ringing sites in Elizabeth City will include Walmart, all four Food Lion locations, Hobby Lobby, Belk, Roses, Big Lots, and Walgreens.

In Perquimans County there will be a kettle at Food Lion.

The Salvation Army expects to have kettles in Chowan County at Food Lion and Roses. The Edenton Lions Club coordinates the bell ringing in Chowan.

PERQUIMANS OUT & ABOUT

FRIDAY

Shop Local

Downtown Hertford businesses will participating in a "Shop Local" event on Nov. 26 by offering special sales.

SATURDAY

Holiday Gift Shop

The Perquimans County Restoration Association is opening its Holiday Gift Shop on Saturdays in November. It also will be open on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DEC. 2

Grand Illumination

Historic Hertford will sponsor Hertford's Grand Illumination, which includes the turning on of the town's downtown Christmas lights, at 6 p.m. The event will also feature curbside festivities, music and entertainment.

DEC. 3

Christmas Parade

Hertford's annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce, will

CORRECTION

A story about Perquimans County's Veterans Day observance in last week's edition incorrectly stated that Hertford Mayor Earnell Brown's husband was killed in Vietnam. Brown's husband, who is now deceased, served in Vietnam but did not die there.

begin at Perquimans County High School at 2 p.m. and proceed downtown.

Mrs. Claus Loves Dogs

A Mrs. Claus Loves Dogs event featuring photos with Mrs. Santa Claus will be held on the Perquimans County Courthouse lawn from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Santa will meet with kids on the lawn starting at 3:30 p.m.

Craft Fair and 5K

A Christmas Craft Fair and 5K run organized by the Dance Company of Hertford will be held at Perquimans High School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Event will feature artisan holiday crafts, food and kids activities. The 5K Rhythm Run kicks off at 9 a.m. Contact: 252-312-2595.

Christmas Bazaar

A Christmas Bazaar will be held at Perquimans County High School from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Rhythm Run

The Rhythm Run will be held at Perquimans County High School at 10 a.m.

DEC. 4

Albemarle Chorale

Albemarle Chorale will perform the "Star of Bethlehem" cantata at Edenton United Methodist Church at 225 Virginia Road, Edenton, at 4 p.m. A second concert will be performed Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at 201 South Road St., Elizabeth City.

DEC. 8

Chamber dinner

The Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce will host its annual members dinner at the Crawfish Shack at 6 p.m., according to Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce Director Diane Cangemi.

DEATHS

HERTFORD — Mary Lee Chappell Barclift, 90, died on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2022. Graveside services were held on Tuesday at 2 p.m., at Cedarwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Miller & Van Essendelft Funeral Home.

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