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'You'll shoot your eye out'



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Perquimans County High School theater students rehearse a scene from the play, "A Christmas Story," which is based on the popular 1980s movie of the same name. Students will perform the play Dec. 8-9 in the PCHS auditorium at 7 p.m. both nights.

PCHS presents 'A Christmas Story'

Students to perform play based on popular movie Dec. 8-9

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

A play based on the popular 1980s holiday comedy, "A Christmas Story," will be performed by the Perquimans County High School Theater Department next

week. Shows are Dec. 8 and 9 at 7 p.m. both nights and will be held in the Perquimans County High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults and are available at the door beginning one hour before the show.

The run of the play, directed by PCHS theater teacher Grace Jones, coincides with

the theatrical run of a new movie, "A Christmas Story Christmas."

A perennial favorite, "A Christmas Story" is a comedy, which suits Olive Ferris — a senior who plays Mother — just fine.

"I'm naturally good at comedy," Ferris said.

Ferris said the comedy is front and center in this show.

"I think (the audience) will think it's funny," Ferris said. "There's a lot of good jokes in it. I think it's the delivery that we use that makes them funny."

Zoey Hash, a senior who narrates the play as the adult Ralphie, enjoys being on stage and is looking forward to the show.

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Jackson facing new charge; bond nearly doubled

Father of alleged victim says Jackson took pix of daughter

BY REGGIE PONDER
AND JULIAN EURE
Staff Writers

HERTFORD — Former Hertford Town Councilman Quentin Jackson is back in jail on an additional charge — and under an increased secured bond — just days after being released on bond.

An official at Albemarle District Jail confirmed last week that Jackson was being held at the jail in lieu of \$1,975,000 secured bond.

Jackson, who initially was jailed Nov. 3 in lieu of a \$1 million secured bond after his arrest on nine child-sex charges, was released on bond Nov. 11. A court official said a bail bonding company typically pays between 10% and 20% of a bond's cost to get a client released from jail.



JACKSON

Jackson was subsequently arrested Nov. 16 on an additional charge of taking indecent

liberties with a child.

According to an official with the Halifax County Sheriff's Office, Jackson turned himself in and was released after posting a \$25,000 secured bond. Jackson apparently turned himself in in Halifax because his attorney, Jamal Summey, has an office in Scotland Neck, which is in the county.

A voicemail message left for Summey last week was not immediately returned.

An official with the Pasquotank Clerk of Superior Court's Office said

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Sowers to urge healthy eating in Extension role

Family, consumer agent planning programs in new year

BY JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

It's been sometime since Perquimans County has had a full-time family and consumer agent.

That changed earlier this month when Sarah Sowers was hired to that position at the Perquimans Center of N.C. Cooperative Extension.

Sowers earned a bachelor's degree in sustainable agriculture and marketing at Appalachian State University and close to completing her master's degree at NC State University in parks, recreation, sport and tourism management. She's also working on earning a master's certificate in geospatial information sys-



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tems. She has a background in education, teaching in the career and technical education

program at Green Hope High School in Cary. Her husband is in the U.S. Coast Guard and the couple have two boys.

As a family and consumer science agent, one of Sowers' main jobs is to develop community-based educational programs on topics like nutrition, health, food safety, food preservation, and local food systems.

"As an agent, I will always be evaluating what

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Residents turn out on Shop Small Saturday

Downtown biz saw customers taking advantage of promotion

BY JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

Shop Small Saturday is a national campaign designed to spur support for local merchants the day after Black Friday, and it seemed to do just that for Hertford's downtown retailers this past weekend.

Locals and visitors alike strolled downtown stores and browsed nooks and crannies packed with holiday inventory on Saturday.

Thomas Waller's Hertford Mercantile store was dressed up with Christmas decorations for the occasion, its shelves full of holiday

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McKeuens prep courthouse for Friday's Grand Illumination. Page A3.

gifts and its old-fashioned glass-enclosed candy counter filled with an abundant selection of stocking stuffer-style confections.

"Business has been very steady today," said Waller, who opened the store in 2021. "A lot of locals have been in. Yesterday was good too."

Hertford resident Lourinda Zies was enjoying browsing the Hertford Mercantile's aisles.

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Hertford resident Lourinda Zies browses the aisles at the Hertford Mercantile store in downtown Hertford during the Shop Small Saturday event on Saturday.

AG awards Cole Dogwood Award

Recipients make communities 'safer, stronger, healthier'

From staff reports

Hertford's interim town manager is among the 38 recipients of this year's

Dogwood Awards presented by N.C. Attorney General Josh Stein.

Janice Cole will receive

one of the awards presented to state residents recognized for their efforts "to help to make their

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Folwell: \$1.4M unclaimed by 19K residents

Treasurer urges residents to check out NCCash.com site

BY JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

If your last name is Leary, Cherry, Windsor or White and you live in Perquimans County, you may want to visit NCCash.com and check out the Unclaimed Cash Account.

As a matter of fact, everyone should check the site, and here's why.

Currently, there are 19,032 people who live in Perquimans or once lived in the county who are owed more than \$1.4 million in

uncashed checks, forgotten bank accounts and other abandoned funds.

That's just a fraction of the \$120 million in unclaimed property and cash that the N.C. Treasurer's Office, which oversees the NCCash.com site, is on track to return from state coffers to state residents, local governments and organizations this year, says state Treasurer Dale Folwell. That's more than the \$105 million returned in 2021, he said.

"You have to let the people of Perquimans County know about this," Folwell

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THE DAILY REFLECTOR

State Treasurer Dale R. Folwell (left) and state Sen. Don Davis, D-Greene, present a check to Scott Francis, president of the ECU Alumni Association and associate vice chancellor for alumni relations, and Caroline Tait, director for alumni marketing and communications in November 2020.



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