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Prince George welcomes new State Farm Insurance agency

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PRINCE GEORGE — A ribbon cutting ceremony held yesterday marked the official opening of a new State Farm Insurance agency off Commerce Road.

The ribbon cutting was held yesterday morning outside the agency and conducted by the Hopewell-Prince George Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm extremely happy to be here," said Lucas McCall, owner of the agency. "It's embarking on a new little bit of an adventure."

McCall and his wife, Heather, moved to Virginia from Charlotte, N.C., where he was working as a bank consultant. During his time working as a consultant, he saw the benefits of having insurance in the banking business. He dealt in insurance investments for approximately 10 years.

"I'd been working with State Farm nearly a year and a half and when an opening became available in the Tri-Cities I took it," McCall said. "I thought the Tri-Cities would be a great place to live and raise a family."

He and his three-person staff are taking over the business from Sylvia Bell's office which was located in Hopewell.

"Sylvia, who was an existing State Farm agent, retired and she was looking to sell the building she was in. So we were looking for a new location and decided to come to Prince George," McCall said.

The office handles nearly every kind of insurance. Chamber members and county officials were in attendance to welcome the new business to the county.

"We're very happy to see this. In fact I think this just about fills that little business area there on Commerce Road," said William A. Robertson, vice chairman of the Board of Supervisors and ad hoc member of the H-PG Chamber of Commerce. "I think it shows that we are a growing area and that people see that."

The agency is located at 4112-C Commerce Road off of Middle Road.

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