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Kim Hunter Daugherty's legacy echoes an eternity

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

To mark the one-year anniversary of the death of educator Kim Hunter Daugherty, Dec. 13 was designated as Kim Daugherty Day at Hertford Grammar School.

A beloved teacher, Daugherty joined the angels teaching in God's classroom a year ago Friday after collapsing at the school.

Superintendent Tanya Turner thanked Hertford Grammar Principal John Lassiter for organizing the event to pay tribute to Daugherty, who taught fifth grade.

"Thank you for everything that you've done to remember Kim. I know everybody that's here has very fond memories of Kim. She holds a special place in everybody's heart," she said.

During the tribute to Daugherty, a park bench was dedicated in her memory within the playground area. The bench was funded through the No Bats Baseball Club and the Perquimans County Schools Foundation.

"It was an honor for the No Bats Baseball Club to have the bench placed in Kim's memory," said Tommy Harrell of the No Bats

Baseball Club. "The words of one of our members, Ted Darby, 'What you leave behind is not what is engraved on stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.' And 'A man's life means nothing except for the impact it has on others,' - Jackie Robinson. "These two quotes are Kim's legacy."

Daugherty was an educator for more than 20 years. She taught fourth and fifth grades at Hertford Grammar School and previously taught at Perquimans Middle School as well as in Dare and Pitt counties.

Daugherty's teaching was

celebrated on numerous occasions. In 2017, the Hertford Rotary Club named her Hertford Grammar School's Rotary Teacher of the Year and Perquimans County Schools Rotary Teacher of the Year.

Formerly a principal in Perquimans Middle School, Anne White recalled cleaning out desk drawers recently when she discovered a certificate for \$1 million that Daugherty had given to her.

"She wanted to let me know that I was worth a million dollars," said White,

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PHOTO BY JOHN LASSITER

Perquimans County Schools Superintendent Tanya Turner talks about the contributions shared by her friend Kim Hunter Daugherty, a fifth grade teacher, who passed away Dec. 13, 2018. Friday, family, friends and colleagues attended a tribute ceremony on a day memorialized in her honor at Hertford Grammar School.



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Four generations of teachers from the same family have taught in Perquimans Schools since way back when. Perquimans Central 1st grade teacher Samantha Jordan (left), Margo Owens (center, now retired after 34 years, but still volunteering) and Susan Jordan (right, also a longtime 1st grade teacher) are busy teaching these students how to read early Tuesday morning. Owens' father, Ike Perry, was a coach/teacher and principal back in the 50s/60s too.

'Perquimans County is a home, it's a family'

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

In recent weeks, I've been searching for the "soul" of Hertford and Perquimans County.

As editor, I want to know what makes the people special, maybe different from the folks living in other places across northeastern North Carolina.

Though I'm familiar with Perquimans County, I'm still a newcomer. Not going

to deny that one ongoing story - you know the one - has in some way distorted my view, particularly after reading some of the comments posted to social media.

Hate that, so I sought to change this misguided perception, maybe write positive stories that emphasize what's good about folks here, the best of what people have to offer.

Perhaps God has been listening because I got a

note from Superintendent Tanya Turner about a family with four generations of teachers who have taught in the school system.

Trusting Turner's judgment, I reached out to Susan Jordan, a first-grade teacher at Perquimans Central. Her daughter, Samantha, started teaching at Central after graduating last Friday from East Carolina University with a degree in elementary education. Susan's mother, Margo

Owens, taught for 34 years before retiring from Central in 2011. Owens' father, Ike Perry, was a teacher, coach and principal at the high school back in '50s and '60s.

These folks are life blood of Perquimans County - perfect ambassadors to show me the "soul" of the people I want to know more about as editor.

This family of educators, who live three blocks apart

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Jackson pleads guilty to assault

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

HERTFORD — Hertford Town Councilor Quentin Jackson will spend a little over a week in jail following his guilty plea Monday to assaulting a former town councilor by hitting him in the face.

Jackson, who had appealed his earlier conviction in District Court for assault on a government official, pleaded guilty to the reduced charge of simple assault in Perquimans County Superior Court.

Superior Court Judge Wayland Sermons sentenced Jackson to the maximum sentence — 60 days in jail — but suspended it and ordered him instead to serve 15 days in jail. Sermons gave Jackson credit for seven days he had already served in jail for the conviction earlier this year, meaning the councilor will spend eight days in jail. Jackson began serving the sentence on Monday.

"There were heated arguments, but never, ever have I seen a councilman strike his fellow councilman."

Wayland Sermons
Superior Court Judge

Jackson, 34, apologized to Sid Eley, the 72-year-old former Hertford town councilor he punched in the face following a work session on Oct. 1, 2018. Jackson also apologized to his colleagues on Town Council.

The sentencing formula was based in part upon Jackson's prior arrest record that includes convictions for simple assault and communication threats.

Though Jackson asked for

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Murphy defends Trump, answers impeachment query

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Third District Congressman Greg Murphy, R-Greenville, was surrounded by many local leaders that included many GOP torchbearers when he opened a district office Saturday in Edenton.

Since it's not everyday that a congressman comes to these parts and with an impeachment brewing this week in Washington, DC, the Daily Advance asked its sister paper the Perquimans Weekly to talk to Murphy, a conservative Republican.

Being that it is the first district office opened in northeastern North Carolina in decades, Murphy and others were in a jubilant mood.

However, Murphy admitted that he was less than enthusiastic about answering questions formulated by the Daily Advance.

Rather than parse, trim or edit Murphy's comments, the Perquimans Weekly chose to publish Murphy's comments from Saturday's interview verbatim.

The congressman did his duty to state his position on impeachment and defend President Trump.

Murphy said that Trump has "done nothing wrong." First question from the Daily Advance to Murphy was if it is OK for a president to seek help

from a foreign government in our elections and to use taxpayer-funded foreign aid and a White House meeting as leverage to obtain that help?

Murphy spoke with passion when he answered, "No, it is not. That's not what President Trump did. Read the transcript. Read the transcript. We all agree that those types of actions are wrong, but President Trump did not do them. Read the transcript."

Here is a link to the transcript of the President's call July 25 to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Unclassified09.2019.pdf>

Murphy continued, "The whole purpose of withholding aid to Ukraine, which by the way, the president of Ukraine did not know that aid was being withheld was to wait for anti-corruption legislation to occur in the Ukrainian Parliament. Once that was passed, then things were assured that they were actually going to take corruption seriously in Ukraine, which had been a horribly corrupt government. So it is altogether the president's prerogative and the right thing for him to do - Constitutional duty - to make sure that aid is not going to a corrupt government. That had nothing

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ROUND-UP

Town's Tahoe and notes from council

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

A round-up of all things Perquimans County...

First, **Hertford Police** are investigating the theft of a license plate from Town Hall's vehicle, a **Tahoe**, when it was parked in the municipal lot the night of Dec. 11/12. Police said there was no further damage to the vehicle. As of Tuesday's press time, no arrest has been made.

When HPD was asked if the incident was recorded via video and if there is a suspect, police answered both questions by saying that the incident is under investigation.

As Hertford is a small town, lot of people are talking

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Annual Toys for Tots changes children's lives

BY STAFF REPORTS

Town Councilman Frank E. Norman III has partnered with the Reverend Rodney and Debra Coles, regional coordinators of the Toys for Tots Foundation based in Greenville, to add a little joy to the homes of children in the town of Hertford North Carolina.

"As a child I remember growing up with three secular anticipations for Christmas: the J.L. Hudson Thanksgiving Day Parade, Good Fellows Box which included things like socks and underwear, and Programs like Toys for Tots," Norman said. "The Partnership with Toys for Tots is part 1 of a four-year program to change the lives of children in his community."

Toys for Tots, a 70-year national charitable program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children during each Christmas



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By partnering with the Toys for Tots program, Hertford Councilman Frank Norman III (left) is giving Santa Claus a helping hand by getting these Christmas presents ready for boys and girls across Perquimans and Pasquotank counties.

holiday season.

The toys, books and other gifts collected and distributed by the Marines offer these children recognition, confidence and

a positive memory for a lifetime.

"It is such experiences that help children become

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