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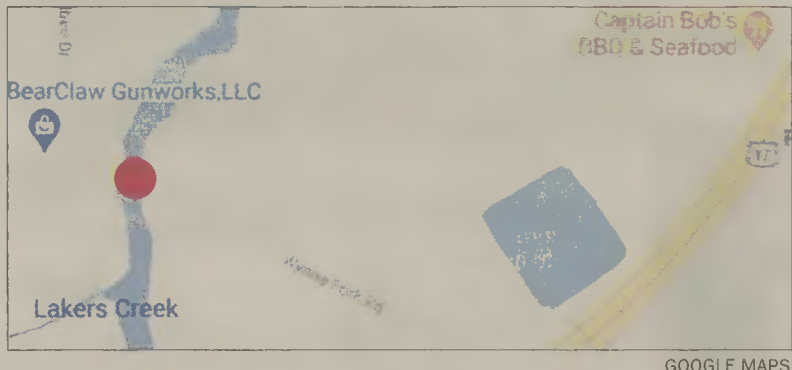
## Gas Line Rupture Spurs Evacuations

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

A major transmission line for Piedmont Natural Gas ruptured Tuesday morning during construction at the Wynne Fork Road bridge, prompting an evacuation of nearby residences.

Piedmont Natural Gas Spokesperson Jennifer Sharpe said during bridge construction, the NC Department of Transportation struck the

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Shown on this map is the site (red dot) where a new bridge is being constructed on Wynne Fork Road. A construction crew building the bridge hit a gas line along the road Tuesday, causing a gas leak and forcing evacuation of several buildings in Hertford.

## Hertford Water Pressure is Now Back to Normal

Low pressure, outages reported after plant shut down

returned to normal in Hertford on Tuesday following several days of low pressure and service outages caused by the shutdown of the town's

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Water pressure levels

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## Police Seek Man After Shooting, Car Crash

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A juvenile is in custody and authorities are seeking another man following an incident Friday that began with a shooting in Hertford and ended with a vehicle striking a house in Elizabeth City.

According to the Hertford Police Department, officers heard what appeared to be gunshots in the King and Stokes streets area around 9:53 p.m. Friday. Officers found a man on Stokes Street who had been shot.

He was transported to a hospital for treatment of a non-life threatening injury. It was not clear if the man was still at the hospital on Monday.

Officers located a red vehicle believed to have been involved in the shooting and attempted to stop it.

The vehicle failed to stop however, and continued across the Perquimans County line into Pasquotank County, where Pasquotank deputies also attempted to stop the vehicle, said Sgt. Lamar Battle of the Elizabeth City Police Department.

The driver of the vehicle, identified by Battle as a juvenile, lost control of the vehicle on North Road Street around 10 p.m. and the car struck a house in the 900 block of the street.

A male got out of the vehicle and ran from the scene, Battle said. He was not apprehended.

Three other occupants, including the driver, were trapped in the car. All three were transported to an area hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries, he said.

A subsequent investigation by city police determined the vehicle involved the accident had been reported stolen from the 100 block of Ward Street on Nov. 25, Battle said.

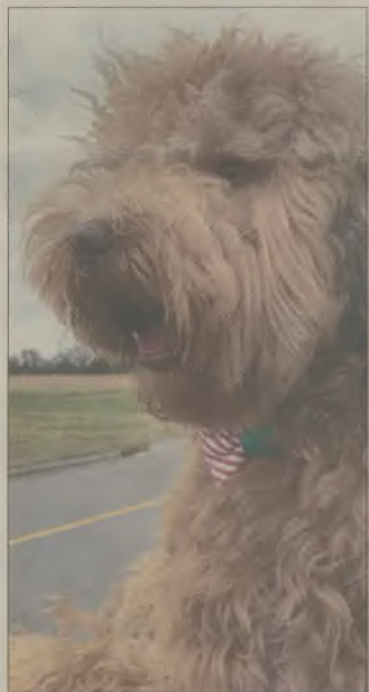
Hertford police said the

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## 'Reverse' Parade Delivers Holiday Spirit

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Saturday's "Reverse" Parade – a caravan of vehicles – through downtown Hertford featured PQ Schools' bands playing, firetrucks and more so as to get people in the holiday spirit.



LEANN EURE

Eure's Goldendoodle, Dash, can't wait for Christmas to arrive.



PHOTO BY LEANN EURE

That's not a reindeer, but cute little 4-year-old Collins Eure.

This trio of terrific women do their best to serve the community. (Right to left) Superintendent Tanya Turner, Hertford Mayor Earnell Brown, and Anne White, parade marshal and PQ Board of Education chairwoman.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

That's Santa Claus by Perquimans EMS. To quote Buddy the Elf, "I know him!"

## ROUND-UP

### Exodus and Elliott

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

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

Since this country editor has to cover courts and cops beat for the Perquimans Weekly and Chowan Herald, this nugget about Hertford Town Councilman **Quentin Jackson** came across my desk early Monday morning.

Let me state up front – there was NO arrest – just a ticket for revoked license plates.

According to the Chowan County Sheriff's Office, a deputy discovered a vehicle that was unoccupied around 11:30 p.m. Saturday in the Cape Colony neighborhood by the Northeastern Regional Air Port

During the investigation, Jackson approached the deputy and said it was his car. The vehicle had revoked plates on it and they were subsequently seized and turned into NC DMV.

When the incident occurred, Jackson told the deputy he is the liaison between Town Council and the Hertford Police Department. A quick check with the Police Chief Dennis Brown indicated that HPD does not have a liaison with council.

To be fair, whether serving as council's liaison to HPD or any other Town Hall department is an official or unofficial thing, Jackson's dedicated service on council means he is knowledgeable about police matters among other affairs in this small town, same as any other councilor.

Moreover, no one would deny Jackson's breadth of knowledge about the police,

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## Register of Deeds, Staff Take Oaths of Office

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Jacqueline S. Frierson, Register of Deeds of Perquimans County and her staff were given the oath of office by Hertford Mayor Earnell Brown on Monday morning, Dec. 7.

Frierson was appointed to office in September of 2013 and later elected in 2016 and 2020.

According to the Register of Deeds' website, the office

provides many services to all walks of life, whether the professional community or the general public, all documents pertaining to land transactions are recorded and maintained in this office.

This office also issues marriage licenses, administers notary oaths, retains military discharges, cemetery records, plats, genealogy information, as well as other useful information.

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## Whatever Happened To: Albemarle Railroad Club

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Because it is the Christmas season, this country editor got to thinking about model trains and wondering what happened to the Albemarle Railroad Club's plans to move to Hertford.

Earlier this year, the club "lost" its lease in Elizabeth City and was asked to leave the building in early May. Without a place to move to, the club members had to break-up the various layouts (4-5 in total) and store the

items and materials in member's garages.

The group of model railroad hobbyists, had reached an informal agreement with Mayor Earnell Brown and Town Manager Pam Hurdle, pending council approval, to occupy the former community center on Grubb Street until such time as other town-owned facilities could be offered to the club. Well, that proposal fell apart due to a perfect storm of tumultuous Hertford

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