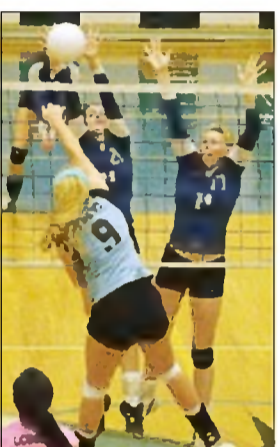


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Assistant County Manager Gene Hodges resigns for similar post in Craven County



Gene Hodges

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"This is a disappointing loss for all of us." Those were among the words of Person County Manager Heidi York Tuesday when she referenced the resignation of Assistant County Manager Gene

Hodges. Hodges, who began working as assistant county manager for Person County in July of last year, announced his resignation from the position Friday. Hodges informed York that his last day with Person County would be Nov. 30. He is resigning to accept a similar position in Craven County.

"The opportunity that awaits me in Craven County will allow me to live closer to my aging parents and allow my wife to be a stay-at-home mom during the formidable teen and pre-K years that my children will be entering," Hodges wrote in his letter of resignation to York. "I thank you for the opportunity to serve Person County over the last 16

months and I truly appreciate having worked with and getting to know the citizens, community and staff of Person County. "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time working with Person County Government and the fine people that make up the workforce here," Hodges wrote. "I

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New sidewalk construction begins on N. Main Street

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Construction is underway on the new sidewalk being built along N. Main Street. The sidewalk will run from the intersection of Madison Boulevard and Carver Drive, up Carver Drive to North Main Street, and then along North Main Street from Carver Drive headed south to Lamar Street. The project is being funded primarily with a federal Conges-

tion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant, said Interim City Manager Tommy Warren, while a local funding match of 20 percent was also also required. Total cost for the project is \$311,520, which includes engineering and right of way, said Warren. Construction started a couple of weeks ago and Warren said the project should be completed within five to six weeks. Erosion control structures have been in-

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Crews were busy Tuesday afternoon working on a North Main Street sidewalk project. The project was made possible by a grant received by the City of Roxboro.

N.C. Division of Public Health urges precautions to prevent norovirus

Recent early seasonal outbreaks of norovirus in some North Carolina long-term care facilities have prompted state public health officials to issue advice on steps everyone can take to avoid this common and unpleasant gastrointestinal illness. "We recommend vigorous and thorough hand washing with soap and water as the most effective way to protect yourself and others against norovirus," state epidemiologist Dr. Megan Davies said. "Hand sanitizers are not as effective against this hardy vi-

rus." Noroviruses are extremely contagious and spread through contact with the stool or vomit of an infected person. This can occur either while the person is sick or after they have begun to recover. Noroviruses are easily transmitted by touching contaminated surfaces or by direct contact or eating food or drinking liquids that have been contaminated with the virus.

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Making way for greenspace

Crews began demolition of a county-owned home on Morgan Street beside the Person County Office Building Monday morning. The site will soon become a public greenspace area.

DA Wallace Bradsher named to state's Child Fatality Task Force

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Sen. Phil Berger, president of the North Carolina Senate, appointed District Attorney Wallace Bradsher to the state's Child Fatality Task Force last week. The Child Fatality Task Force is a legislative study commission, which makes recommendations to the state legislature and the governor to reduce child fatalities throughout the state. Every two years, one elected district attorney is selected from among the 44 elected DA's throughout the state to serve on the study commission.



Wallace Bradsher

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