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## County briefs

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Editor

Perquimans County's peanut allotment will be sold at the courthouse door on Monday.

County commissioners gave final approval to selling the county's approximately 93,000-pound peanut quota allotted by the USDA at their meeting earlier this month.

The peanut quota was purchased with the Harvey Point Road farm the county bought upon which to develop a commerce center. Under USDA guidelines, the county must sell its peanut quota this year or lose it because development is expected to take place at the site this year.

The quota will be auctioned at the courthouse door at noon on Jan. 27. Commissioners voted to offer the allotment in nine 10,000-pound units and one unit of about 3,992 pounds. Bidders will also be allowed to make an offer on the entire quota. The highest bidder(s) will be required to deposit 10 percent of their bid(s) on the date of the sale.

At the board's Feb. 4 meeting, commissioners will take action on the bids. Those whose bids are accepted will be required to complete the transaction within 10 days of the meeting or forfeit their deposits. The commissioners reserved the right to reject bids.

Commissioners also agreed to sell one acre of land in Winfall owned by the county to the town of Winfall for \$1. Winfall Town Council had requested the land for construction of a new fire station.

A letter sent to the county requesting that road signs be put up in the Hurdletown area prompted a discussion about downed road signs. County Manager Paul Gregory told commissioners that he had 22 signs on order and there were probably 40 that need fixing. Gregory said water department personnel try to keep an eye on road signs and either fix them or report to Gregory when new ones are needed. However, a heavy workload in the department caused by construction on U.S. Highway 17 has meant less travel around the county and less time available for repairing signs in recent months.

The commissioners asked Gregory to look into the cost of having someone regularly survey and fix road signs.

**Perquimans County**  
an  
**All of Us Care**  
Community

January's theme:

**Lend a Hand**  
focusing on  
Generosity  
Helpfulness  
Hospitality  
Charity  
Service  
Unselfishness

*Incorporate these Healthy HABITS into your daily life and help make our community a better place to live!*

For All of Us Care information, contact Dr. Randall L. Henion, Perquimans County Schools, 426-5741

## THE DREAM LIVES ON



PHOTOS BY SUSAN HARRIS

The congregation joined voices for "Lift Every Voice and Sing," also known as the Negro National Anthem, during Monday's celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The

event was sponsored by the Perquimans County Branch of the NAACP and hosted by new Bethel Baptist Church. The Rev. William Sawyer (below) was speaker for the program.

## Sawyer is speaker at King Day event

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"Keep marching with Christ," was the prevailing message Rev. William Sawyer gave to those who gathered Monday for the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at New Bethel Baptist Church.

Sawyer said King practiced what he preached—a message of nonviolence and working together for the common good.

"He didn't believe in fighting with guns and weapons," Sawyer said, adding that King knew if he did God's will "God would win the battle."

King, Sawyer said, showed patience in waiting for God's guidance before acting. Man must take action, Sawyer said, but only after receiving guidance from the Lord.

"When we go ahead of God it's like a ship without a sail...God is a god of action. We've got to get out and put forward some action, then God will bless us."

Three characteristics which made King's civil rights work successful, Sawyer said, were faith, obedience and endurance. King had deep faith in God and obeyed God's commands. In order to move forward with his work of gaining equality for all men, King also had great endurance, Sawyer said. He did not fall by the

wayside when times were difficult, but rather asked God what path to follow around obstacles he faced.

Sawyer likened King's life to that of Joshua at Jericho. Like Joshua, King waited for God's instructions when he faced a stumbling block in his path, then followed them without giving up. Joshua followed the Lord's instructions to go around Jericho for seven days. On the seventh day, Joshua marched around the city seven times just as God commanded. God then sent a sign for the trumpet to be blown and the walls fell down.

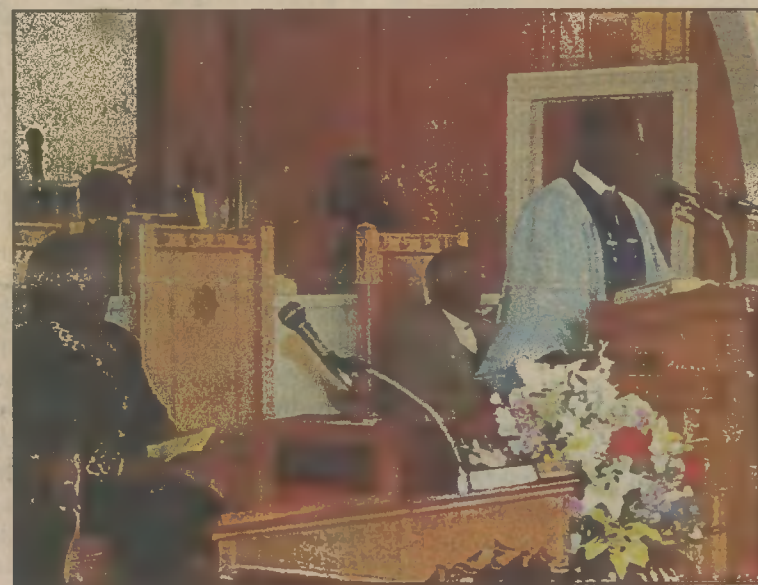
God did not tell Joshua to try to go through the city, Sawyer said, but around it.

"If God says go around, go around!" Sawyer said.

By allowing God to handle the stumbling block in his path, Joshua saw that God would remove obstacles if he would have faith, obedience and endurance.

Like Joshua, Sawyer said, King sometimes took the path of least resistance to reach the goal of attaining civil rights to remain true to the nonviolent methods he advocated.

"We gotta keep on marching for Christ," Sawyer reiterated his message. He advocated working to overcome problems that are plaguing society—violence, teen pregnancy, crime, single-parent families—and to improve



education. If the move to make society better for all people is led by those who look to God for guidance, God will bless the work, Sawyer said.

"Brothers and sister, we've got to go to work," Sawyer said. "Don't give up. As long as you keep going forward...and let God lead you, you'll be all right in the end."

Sawyer stressed togetherness and continuing King's work.

"He left the legacy to us to keep on keeping on doing God's will," Sawyer said.

Sawyer is the minister at New Bethel Baptist Church.

The program was presented by the Perquimans County Branch of the NAACP.

Local NAACP president Estelle Felton said in her greetings to the group that King was a man who believed in what he was doing and worked for all.

"We've got to continue to work together for the struggle," Felton said.

"You can't work for Jesus

without working for (your fellow) man," Felton continued. "We've got to take our children back. Too many things are happening."

Also on the program were Rev. Willie B. Moore, Rev. Alvin Boone Sr., Deacon Robert Downing, Dr. Louise Sutton, Sarah Downing and master of ceremonies, Rev. D.S. Whitehurst. Musical selections were presented by the New Bethel Mass Choir.

Recognized during the program were NAACP officers Felton, Whitehurst, Moore, Vera Murrill, Stephanie Vaughn, Evelyn Stubbins and James Modlin. Sheriff David Lane, Winfall Mayor Fred Yates, county commissioners Shirley Yates and Evelyn Stubbins, Schools Superintendent Randall L. Henion, Register of Deeds Deborah Reed, Clerk of Court Gail Godwin and school board member Helen Shaw were recognized and asked to make comments.

The celebration began with a motorcade from Winfall to the church.

## Food Lion robbed

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An Edenton man is being held in Albemarle District Jail after an alleged weekend crime spree ended in his arrest in Hertford.

James Adam Hollowell, 27, of Route 3, Box 70E, Edenton, was arrested by Hertford Police at 11:30 Saturday morning and charged with two counts of felonious forgery and uttering, felony common law robbery and misdemeanor possession of stolen property. He is being held under a \$30,000 secured bond.

The Hertford Police were called in after Hollowell allegedly robbed the Food Lion supermarket on U.S. Highway 17 Bypass in Hertford around 4:40 a.m. Saturday. He was not armed.

Hertford Police Chief Bennie Murphy said Hollowell attempted to cash a check at Food Lion, but the store's computer would not allow the transaction. When the cash drawer opened, Hollowell allegedly pushed the clerk aside, grabbed a handful of \$20 bills and fled from the store.

Investigators discovered that Hollowell allegedly cashed two checks prior to the burglary, one on the account of Sharon Heatherington and another on the account of Alex Shawn Mazzio. The check on Mazzio's account had been signed with Heatherington's name.

Hertford Police contacted Heatherington, who told them that her house had been broken into around 1 a.m. and that the robber took checks and credit cards. Heatherington told officers she suspected Hollowell, who she said was living in her home until she asked him to leave Friday.

When apprehended in Hertford, Murphy said Hollowell told officers he had broken into Heatherington's house, stolen the checks and filled them out. He said he borrowed Mazzio's car and went to Food Lion and cashed the first check. He went back and cashed the second check. Hollowell told the officers he needed money for crack cocaine, Murphy said.

Hollowell said after stealing money and food stamps from Food Lion, he ran to Dogwood Mobile Home Park and used drugs until the money was gone, Murphy said.

Murphy said Hollowell was picked up in Hertford and taken to the police station where he was subsequently arrested and charged. He was still in custody at Albemarle District Jail Tuesday morning, according to jail officials.

## Learning Center receives grant

State program promotes legacy of Dr. M.L. King

Just in time for the holiday named in his honor, a Perquimans County agency earned a North Carolina Department of Administration Martin Luther King Jr. Commission grant.

The Perquimans County

Learning Center is the recipient of a grant awarded to agencies offering programming designed to promote the legacy and philosophy of Dr. King.

The state commission is authorized by the General Assembly to award a limited number of grants to assist existing or emerging Martin Luther King Jr. Programs. The commission accepts proposals specifically geared to organizing, promoting and implementing programs that pro-

mote the non-violent philosophy of Dr. King.

As a component of the program at the Learning Center, Dr. King's birthday will be celebrated on Jan. 27. The Center will distribute cookies to all the students and staff in the Perquimans County School system. Cakes will be delivered to churches and agencies working in the human services field.

Call Chenay Costen at 426-1442 for program information.

## Outside

THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
High: 60	Low: 40s	High: 50s	Low: 40s	High: 40s	Low: 30s
MOSTLY CLOUDY		PARTLY CLOUDY		FAIR	