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Citizens support historic district

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Three citizens spoke in favor of preserving historic homes during a public hearing Monday night—the first step in determining whether or not town citizens want a local historic district cre-

ated in town.

Gene Boyce told council members preserving the town's old homes helps maintain the integrity of the town—especially on Grubb, Market, Dobbs, Church, and Front streets.

"The intent of creating a local historic district is the preserva-

tion of the structures in that district," said Boyce. "We're not looking for a deputy to be on your doorstep telling you what you can and can not do with your properties...We don't want to be a Williamsburg. We don't want to be an Edenton. We want to be Hertford and preserve what's

here."

Ed Ritzmann went a step further saying he felt property owners who do restore older properties should be entitled to some sort of tax relief.

"It does take a lot to keep an older home in shape," he said. "Some form of tax relief would

reward those who do."

Ritzmann invited council members to visit his restored home on Market Street and see for themselves the work that is put into preserving older homes including costly items like

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Eure fails to make ballot

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The name William "Chicago" Eure will not appear on the ballot for county commissioner this November.

Eula Mae Forbes, director of the Perquimans Board of Elections, said Eure failed to qualify by the June 29 deadline. Eure had hoped his would be the fifth name to the ballot of four candidates seeking three seats on the board of commissioners in the fall.

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Commissioner incumbent Janice Cole and three challengers Julie Phelps, Kyle Jones and Matthew Peeler are vying for the three commissioners seats. Current commissioners Mack Nixon and Sue Weimar are not seeking reelection.

Eure failed to obtain the necessary number of signatures of county citizens needed to place his name on the ballot.

"We were about 100 signatures shy of meeting the requirement," Eure said. "I just didn't have the time. Work got real busy. This showed me that if I didn't have time to get the signatures, then I didn't have the time to do the job."

Before the November campaigning gets in full swing, the state will host a second primary featuring party runoffs for five statewide offices on July 17. Winners in this second primary will run for the respective office in the Nov. 6 general election.

Next Tuesday's primary affects both the Republican and Democratic parties.

Statewide party candidates to be decided include:

- North Carolina Lieutenant Governor: Republicans Dan Forest or Tony

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BROUGHTON'S WORK HONORED



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Sheriff Eric Tilley (left) presents a plaque to the family of the late "Little Man" Broughton, former sheriff of Perquimans County. This year's fireworks were dedicated to Broughton in recognition of his hard work collecting money for fireworks over the years. See more photos from July 4 celebration, page 4.

Former sheriff was fireworks booster

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Those who knew him said the late former sheriff Julian Harold "Little Man" Broughton was always seen standing with a bucket asking for a dollar to help fund the town's fireworks every July 4th.

Last week during the Fourth of July celebration at Missing Mill Park, those fireworks were shot in his memory.

Sheriff Eric Tilley presented Broughton's family members with a plaque recognizing Broughton's long-time efforts to have a fireworks display every year in town.

"Every time you'd see him, he'd say 'Gimme a dollar! Gimme a dollar,'" grinned Tilley as he honored Broughton's memory. The handsome plaque was given to Broughton's family who attended the ceremony including his widow, Irene Broughton,



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A large crowd enjoyed the fireworks at Missing Mill Park on July 3.

activities held at the park including vendors offering food, homemade ice cream, activities for the children, music and entertainment.

The star of the evening, however, were the fireworks which were shot over the Perquimans River.

Yates and several other volunteers in the community worked to organize the Fourth of July Celebration in Hertford after the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce voted earlier in the year not to organize the pre-fireworks activities. A separate committee always handled the fireworks in previous years.

Various people worked to collect donations for

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son Jeff Broughton and his wife, Faith, daughter Betty Sharber and her husband Steve, and granddaughter Katelyn

Sharber. Fred Yates, member of the fireworks committee which organized the ceremony, introduced

Broughton's family members and welcomed them to the ceremony. The ceremony was part of the pre-fireworks

First-responders work together in crisis leadership

By CATHY WILSON
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In the event of a weather disaster, local first responders and emergency service leaders work together in crisis leadership to help pull the county through

difficult times.

It's a difficult task, but County Manager Frank Heath says he has faith in the local first responders who work as a team, especially in times of natural disasters and during preparation for what may come in the future.

"As emergency services leaders, you have influence to help others understand what needs to be done," Heath told local emergency responders who attended

the county's annual hurricane briefing held at the county courthouse recently. "You are a vital part of the leadership that is needed during a crisis situation or when a serious threat arises. Crisis leadership takes all working together - it's not just one person."

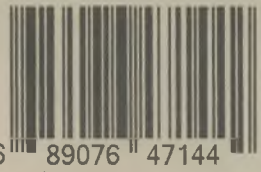
Heath said he has seen the county's first responders react during emergencies in the past and was



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Jarvis Winslow, Perquimans County emergency management coordinator, updates local emergency responders on the county's role during a briefing on the upcoming hurricane season.

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