

MLK DAY

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He recited King's words from an address on understanding life's blueprint. King gave the address in Philadelphia in October 26, 1967 and urged people to make a difference no matter what they do.

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as a Michelangelo painted, or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry," Strother said, quoting King. "He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and Earth will pause to say, 'Here lived a great street sweeper who did his job well.'"

And the time to make a difference, Strother said, is now.

"The timing is always right to do the right thing," Strother said.

The right thing, Strother said, is to cast off viewing problems as racial ones. He pointed to the front row of the church, where Perquimans County Clerk of Court Todd Tilley, Sheriff Eric Tilley, former Perquimans County Schools board chairman Walter Leigh and Winfall Mayor Fred Yates sat.



Women sing during a celebration service for Martin Luther King Jr. Monday at First Baptist Missionary Church in Hertford.

"We have to get away from race," Strother said. "Some see two whites and two blacks. We should see four gentlemen."

"In most cases, we find ourselves in a perception war," Strother said. "Now, we are all susceptible to prejudice and how quickly people can be poisoned by misinformation and ignorance."

King was assassinated

in April 1968, and the 50th anniversary of that event is drawing closer. What is clear to Strother is the work isn't done yet.

"It's clear it's going to take more than a lifetime for some things to change," he said.

"I leave you with my all-time favorite quote from the bravest, most brilliant, erudite the world has ever known Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 'You must rec-

ognize that he who is greatest among you, shall be your servant. By given that definition of greatness it means that everybody can be great because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love. You can be that servant.'"



A line of cars head down West Main Street in Winfall from Perquimans County Middle School to a Martin Luther King Jr. ceremony in Hertford.



Frank Norman reflects during a service held Monday at First Baptist Missionary Church in Hertford. His son spoke at the service.

CLEANUP

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said. "It will open it up to canoes but anytime you have an obstruction like a fallen tree, it could back up the water by a few inches."

When you have dozens and dozens of trees, the problem multiplies.

In Chowan, Perquimans and Pasquotank counties, sections of Burnt Mill Creek and the upper Perquimans River will be cleared of debris as well.

Johnson said the crews doing the work have to wade into the water with chain saws to clear the wood out beside boats largely can't get in there.

Johnson said he hopes to advertise for bids in the coming days. The work is supposed to be complete by February.

The Little River begins at the southern edge of the Great Dismal Swamp near Parkville, 10 miles west of Elizabeth City, and forms the Pasquotank and Perquimans County border.

GUTMANN

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Gutmann comes from a Scouting family. He pointed out he has two cousins who also made Eagle - making him the third grandchild to attain Scouting's highest rank.

After his mother's death, his grandmother, Pat Gutmann of Pittsburgh, Penn., came to live with him in the family's home on Mill Drive in Edenton.

Pat Gutmann and her husband, Richard, stood proudly by their grandson at his Eagle Court of Honor.

Gutmann has been a member of Troop 150, which is sponsored by Post 126, for six years. During that time he has earned 47 merit badges - more than double the 21 that are required in order to attain the Eagle rank.

"Of those 47, Gutmann said the merit badge he most enjoyed earning was camping.

"I just love the outdoors," he said. "It's so peaceful, quiet, no traffic."

As he looks beyond his



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Larry Gutmann gets a congratulatory hug from Stephanie Fuller, committee chairwoman for Troop 150, after his promotion to the Eagle Scout rank at a Jan. 12 Court of Honor.

high school graduation, he is interested in becoming an auto mechanic.

"I love working on cars," he said.

Whatever line of work he ends up in, though, he

said he will bring skills in leadership that he learned in Scouting. Gutmann said leadership was one of the most important lessons that Scouting had taught him.

"You can't beat true leadership," Gutmann said.

Leadership skills are an asset anywhere, he said, whether at work, in clubs, in church or in the community.

Gutmann has served as Troop 150's senior patrol leader.

The leadership position was the toughest part of the path to Eagle, according to Gutmann.

On the other hand, he never seriously considered not attaining the highest rank in Scouting.

"I knew I was going to make it," Gutmann said.

In addition to his involvement in scouting, Gutmann also is active in Open Door Church and in the Civil Air Patrol in Elizabeth City.

"I love to fly," Gutmann said.

Guy Simmons, a former Edenton resident who now

lives in Hertford, attended Gutmann's Eagle Court of Honor as a representative of the Civil Air Patrol.

In addition to enjoying the outdoors himself, Gutmann wants others to get the most out of outdoor opportunities, too.

For instance, Gutmann's Eagle service project was building four child-sized picnic tables at Perquimans Central School.

He said he had noticed that the school's outdoor dining area included full-size picnic tables but none that would be easily accessible for preschool-aged children.

"I wanted to do something for the little children," Gutmann said.

"It's always nice to see them smile."

Pat Gutmann said she wished her daughter could have been at the Eagle Court of Honor. But she added that she knew her daughter was looking down on the ceremony and very proud and happy about her son's accomplishment.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

The Perquimans County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, February 2, 2015 at 6:50 PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room on the 1st floor of the Perquimans County Courthouse Annex Building located at 110 North Church Street, Hertford, NC, to consider Conditional Use Permit Application No CUP-14-08, by Debra Talmadge, to reopen a Nursing & Convalescent Home and Caretaker's Residence at 114 and 116 Nursing Home Road (SR 1330), respectively, between Old US 17 Road (SR 1367) and Gregory's Lane (SR 1330).

Property owners, residents and other interested parties may review this item during normal business hours before the Public Hearing at the Perquimans County Planning & Zoning Office, 104 Dobbs Street, Hertford, NC, or call 252-426-2027 or email dgodfrey@perquimanscountync.gov for more information. You may make comments at the Hearing and/or provide written comments. If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing but wish to make comments for the Board's consideration, please do so in writing if possible by 4:00 PM the Friday before the Public Hearing.

Town of Hertford Board Vacancy Notice

The Hertford Town Council is seeking residents of the Town of Hertford interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment. This Board serves in the dual capacities of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-361 and 160A-388(a). The Planning Board is governed by the terms of Chapter 160A, Article 19, Part 1, of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, as well as the Ordinance to Establish a Planning Board for the Town of Hertford. The Board makes recommendations to, and advises the Town Council on issues related to Land Use within the Town of Hertford Corporate Limits and within the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction. Interested parties must be legal residents of the Town of Hertford, and are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to the Town Manager, Brandon Shoaf at PO Box 32, Hertford, NC 27944. For further information, please call 426-1969, x. 9. Letters and resumes will be accepted with a post mark no later than Friday, February 13th.

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