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"News from Next Door"

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Downtown fire contained

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

All six Perquimans County fire departments were able to contain a fire early Saturday morning to the two-story building where it started.

The State Bureau of Investigation and the Hertford Police Department are investigating. It was the second suspicious fire in less than a week. On March 31 a vacant one-story commercial building on Edenton Road Street was gutted by fire.

At approximately 1:49 a.m. Saturday a Hertford Police Officer on routine patrol contacted Perquimans 911

to advise there was smoke coming from the second story windows of a building in the 100 block of Church Street. One window above White's Dress Shoppe was missing Saturday morning and a second was covered in a blue tarp.

"Thanks to the quick actions of the firefighters, the fire was contained to one building," said Jonathan Nixon, Perquimans County's emergency management director. "Other adjoining structures did suffer smoke damage."

Hertford Assistant Chief Matt Woodell provided incident command.

Responding Saturday were the Hertford Fire Department, Bethel Fire Department, Winfall Fire Department, Inter County Fire Department, Belvidere Fire Department, Durants Neck Fire Department, Hertford Police Department, Hertford Public Works, Perquimans Sheriff's Office, Perquimans EMS and Perquimans Emergency Management.

Hertford Fire Chief Drew Woodard said he couldn't recall the last time that all six volunteer fire departments had responded to the same fire. When a fire broke out in a building used to



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

An SBI agent walks down Church Street in front of White's Dress Shoppe Saturday after a fire damaged some of the building.

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New CERT unit created

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Perquimans County now has three Certified Emergency Response Teams, the most of any in the five-county Albemarle area.

The teams are volunteer emergency workers who receive specific training in basic response skills, disaster preparedness, fire suppression, medical operations, light search and rescue and how to supplement existing emergency responders in the event of a major disaster.

CERT does not train citizens to act as firefighters, police officers or paramedics, but as assistants to those positions.

The first Perquimans CERT team was established in 2008 at Albemarle Plantation. The second came in 2013 and covers Deep Creek Shores. The newest one is at Shores at Lands End.

"We are excited about the third CERT in Perquimans County forming and look forward to the support they will provide for emergency response," said Jonathan Nixon, Perquimans County's Emergency Services Director.

Samantha Royster is the North Carolina CERT program manager for North Carolina Emergency Management.

She said the need for very basic emergency training became clear in 1985 when hundreds of people were killed after a Mexico City earthquake. They weren't killed by the quake itself, but in trying to help others

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Bike riders coming soon

From Staff Reports

The month of April will bring three bike races to Perquimans County.

The TarWheel Century Bike Ride will have cyclists in Perquimans County on Saturday with stops at Woodville Baptist Church on Woodville Road and Missing Mill Park on West Grubb Street.

Cycle NC's Coastal Ride will be in Perquimans Coun-

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The Theater Department at Perquimans County High School will present Fiddler On The Roof on April 11-12 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

PCHS to perform 'Fiddler'

From Staff Reports

The theater department of Perquimans County High School will present "Fiddler on the Roof" Thursday and Friday at the high school auditorium.

Shows are at 7 p.m. each night and tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.

Fiddler on the Roof tells the story of a time of transition and conflict in the life of a milkman named Tevye. Tevye finds comfort in his Jewish traditions and believes they provide the stability his little village of Anatevka needs.

In the musical production set in

1905, Tevye trusts the matchmaker, Yente, to find good husbands for his five daughters. However, Tevye finds his family taking several surprising turns. If the seeming abundance of broken tradition in his family were not enough, the Russian government also has some plans of their own for Tevye's little town of Anatevka that cause the whole town to stop and think about what truly is important in life.

The performance is under the artistic direction of Rachel Sanders with the technical direction from Lynwood Winslow. Costume management is by Melissa Lane and choreography by Makayla Wil-

liams.

The show features a live orchestra under the direction of Malik Barrows.

The cast includes:

- Tevye, the Dairyman — Mason Rhodes
- Golde, his wife — Mariah Ormond
- Tzeitel, his daughter — Makayla Williams
- Hodel, his daughter — Marlie Wright
- Chava, his daughter — Maria Tinsley
- Shprintze, his daughter — An-

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Early voting for primary starts today

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Early voting for the primary election for the 3rd Congressional House seat will run from today through April 26 in Perquimans County.

No weekend hours are scheduled and there will be no voting on April 19 for Good Friday.

Perquimans Elections, Director Holly Hunter said the hours for early voting are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Early

voting takes place at the elections office 601 S. Edenton Road Street.

There are 26 candidates, including 17 Republicans, six Democrats, two Libertarians and one Constitution Party candidate.

All of them are running to replace Walter Jones in Congress. The Republican represented the district from 1995 until his death on Feb. 10. The 76-year-old Jones, who was a Democrat before changing party affiliation prior to the 1994 election,

earned a reputation as an independent voice in Congress. He ran unopposed in the 2018 general election.

There are snapshots of candidates who responded a survey in the paper today.

The candidates running are: Republicans: Phil Law, Michele Nix, Michael Speciale, Greg Murphy, Gary Ceres, Chimer Davis Clark Jr., Graham Boyd, Celeste Cairns, Phil

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Family members of the late Charles H. Ward join College of The Albemarle President Robert Wynegar (second from right) for the ribbon-cutting at the new Charles H. Ward Library & Knowledge Commons at the COA campus in Elizabeth City, Thursday.

New Charles Ward library opens

BY REGGIE PONDER
 The Daily Advance

More than 200 people turned out Thursday morning as College of The Albemarle opened the doors to its new Charles H. Ward Library and Knowledge Commons at the community college's main campus in Elizabeth City.

The library was named for Ward, who died in September 2014 at age 76, in recognition of his years of service as a trustee of the

community college and a \$600,000 contribution to COA that was used to equip and furnish the new library.

The ribbon cutting and open house, which was hosted by the COA Foundation along with the Elizabeth City Area Chamber of Commerce, was attended by college and community leaders, business leaders, and more than 100 COA students who crowded into the lobby, the upstairs balcony and the courtyard outside the building.

COA President Robert Wynegar said he appreciated Ward's generosity. He also thanked the college's trustees for their support throughout the project.

Mary Lee Willis, Ward's sister, said her brother truly loved northeastern North Carolina.

"He especially enjoyed his time here on this board and I think he would be so proud of this library," Willis said.

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