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Challengers seeking Hertford offices

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Five candidates, including three newcomers, filed for municipal office in Perquimans County on Friday, the first day of the filing period.



BROWN

Earnell Brown, 69, is running to be mayor of Hertford. Jerry Mimplitsch, 39 and Robert Ashley Hodges, 40, are seeking one of the two Hertford council seats.



HODGES

Two Winfall incumbents, Mayor Fred Yates and Preston Tyrone White will run again.



MIMPLITSCH

Brown was raised in Washington D.C. When she retired from a 38-year career with the federal government, she moved to the house in Belvidere where her mother was born. She later bought

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EMS responds to overdoses

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Perquimans County EMS responded to two cases of drug overdoses over two days at a fast food restaurant in Hertford last week.

On July 1 at about 9 p.m. Perquimans County 911 Communications received a call about an unresponsive subject McDonalds. The Hertford Police Department, and Perquimans County EMS responded. Narcan was given to the person.

The next day at about 5 p.m., first responders were called to the same location for an unresponsive subject. Upon arrival, two subjects were found. Forcible entry was used to extricate an unresponsive patient from the bathroom at business. Narcan was administered

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Kevin Jacot captured this picture of the fireworks and the moon over Hertford on Saturday.

Hertford native is honored on holiday

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Dr. Maria Trent credits her successes in life for the foundation she got as a girl growing up in Hertford.

Trent spoke Saturday at the Perquimans County Library hours before the county's Independence Day parade, where she was the grand marshal.

Trent, 50, graduated from the N.C. School for Science and Math, earned her bachelor's degree from Yale, a medical degree from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill medical school in 1995 and a public health degree from Harvard School of Public

Health.

She was named one of the nation's 100 most influential African-Americans for 2013. She and her fellow honorees — including President Barack Obama, Kerry Washington, Magic Johnson, Harry Belafonte, Marian Wright Edelman who were celebrated at New York's Lincoln Center.

"I was only able to do that because I had support from here," Trent said. "I am a product of my environment in Hertford."

Today Trent is an award-winning doctor at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore but decades

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PHOTOS BY PETER WILLIAMS/NEWS EDITOR

Dr. Maria Trent speaks at a reception in her honor at the Perquimans County Library on Saturday. She was the Grand Marshal for the annual Independence Day parade.



Tractors and fire trucks ride down Dobbs Street Saturday in the parade.



Perquimans County students ride a pirate ship float in the parade.

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Bridge construction to start

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Construction on a new structure to replace the Hertford S-Bridge is about to start, according to the N.C. Department of Transportation.

A barge with a crane has been brought in to drive three pilings as a test, said Tim Hass, a spokesman for

DOT.

Hass said McLean Contracting, the contractor, is beginning work by installing three pilings in their permanent location. They will be tested to determine how long the remainder of the pilings need to be.

"Not only does each piling need to achieve a certain amount of bearing capacity, each pile also

has to have a minimum tip elevation. In other words, be long enough to prevent scour or undermining."

Once these tests are concluded, pilings will be ordered and cast prior to being shipped and subsequently installed. While this process takes place, McLean hopes to begin

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Jermaine Goodman earns promotion to rank of major

BY CHRIS DAY
 Multimedia Editor

Jermaine Goodman grew up playing piano in the church choir. That same church was the backdrop where Goodman, now an officer in the U.S. Army, chose to celebrate his promotion from captain to major.

Goodman was joined

Sunday by his family and friends in a promotion ceremony in the sanctuary at Greater Saunders Grove Missionary Baptist Church. The church is located on Chinquapin Road a few miles northwest of Hertford in Perquimans County.

Before receiving his shiny set of bronze oak leaves, the insignia of a major, Goodman thanked his family and members of the church.

"It feels awesome," said Goodman, adding that Sunday was dedicated to the people who supported him

while growing up.

"Sometimes we spend a lot of our effort on people who don't believe in us," when actually people should take time to thank those who helped them, he said.

Goodman enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserves in 2001 and a year later, after graduating from Gates County High School, he completed basic training.

While in the reserves he attended Elizabeth City State University, where he joined the university's Army

ROTC program. He was commissioned on active duty in 2006 and graduated from ECSU with a major in sociology and a minor in military science. He's since completed several Army professional development and career advancement courses, earned a master's degree in human relations, plus held posts in several locations.

While assigned to a unit in Vilseck, Germany, between 2006 and 2009, he

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CHRIS DAY/THE DAILY ADVANCE

U.S. Army officer Jermaine Goodman celebrated his promotion from captain to major during a ceremony at the Greater Saunders Grove Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday.



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