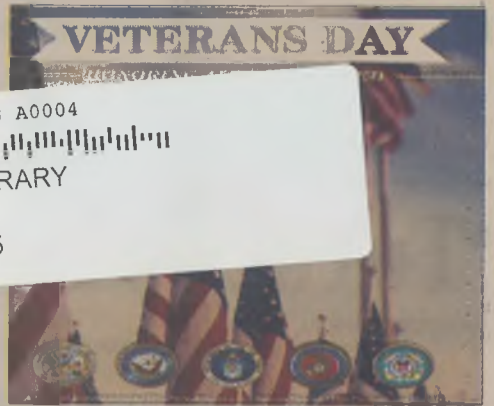
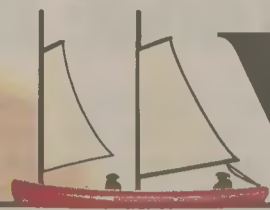


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Hertford winners: Voters sought transparency, integrity

Staff reports

The winners of mayoral and council races in Hertford say voters sent a clear message for change: Stop disrespecting citizens, provide more transparency and integrity in local government, and pursue more progress for their town.

According to unofficial totals, more than 55 percent of registered voters in Hertford cast ballots in Tuesday's (Nov. 5) municipal election.

Mayor-elect Earnell Brown and Councilors-elect Jerry Mimplitsch and Robert



HODGES MIMLITSCH

"Ashley" Hodges all said they hope to start delivering that change after being sworn in next month.

Winfall Mayor Fred Yates, meanwhile, announced that the new four-year term he won will be his last.

Yates, who defeated challenger Preston White with 55.3 percent of the vote, said

his reelection shows Winfall citizens wanted him to continue his service as mayor, a job he's held since 1993.

"The people spoke," he said.

In Hertford, where Mayor Horace Reid did not seek re-election, there was going to be a change at town hall no matter who won the mayor's race.

Brown, who made history by becoming the first woman to win a mayor's race in Hertford, believes she was victorious because of her message.

"I think the reason I won is because of my slogan

(Unity in the Hertford community), my narrative and how my belief was sincerely presented to the citizens of Hertford: Unity — we can do this together," she said.

Brown, who defeated Quentin Jackson, a sitting member of Town Council, by garnering more than 60 percent of the vote, said the election results show citizens embraced change, including in how their government conducts business.

According to unofficial results, Brown defeated Quentin Jackson, a current

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'Hertford won' says Mayor-elect

BY EARNELL BROWN
 Mayor-elect of Hertford

I wish to thank the citizens of Hertford for showing up and showing out!

You exercised your civil rights and used your voice to bring a progressive change to Hertford. I am grateful for your support and trust. I will work hard and perform to the best of my ability to maintain that trust and do what is right for every citizen.

I am excited and prayer-



BROWN

ful that as an all-inclusive team we can address the issues I heard in every neighborhood as I knocked on doors, held hands and engaged in informative conversations.

I am also confident that our newly elected Town

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Beyond the Books

Page Turners and hotspots

BY MICHELE LAWRENCE
 Perquimans Librarian

Isn't it amazing how quickly the year passes?

The holidays are already upon us and school is in full swing. Students often depend on the internet to complete schoolwork, but that can be difficult for some children due to lack of access in our area.

Thanks to a grant funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the State Library of North Carolina, the library is partnering with Perquimans County Middle School to offer hotspots for students who are unable to access the internet at home.

Interested students may contact Cindy Phthisic, Media Coordinator, at the middle school for an application or call Perquimans County Library for more information. These hotspots are also available for local homeschooling families as well.

November 14, from 5 - 7 p.m., patrons can help us celebrate American Libraries Association International Games Week by competing in a variety of games, including video and board games for children and chess for children and adults.

If you enjoy games, you should also check out our Gaming Club for ages 9 and up on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:30.

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PERQUIMANS VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCES



Patriots saluted the American flag during Perquimans County's Veterans Day ceremony Monday by the county courthouse in Hertford.

BY MILES LAYTON / STAFF WRITER

Perquimans observes Veterans Day

Heath speaks to national values

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Hertford's Veterans Day celebration touched on the values that define the nation.

To see photos and a video from Monday's observances, see the Perquimans Weekly's Facebook page. To read the full text of County Manager Frank Heath's keynote speech, see page A3.

Color Guard from American Legion Post 126 of Hertford posted the flags that stand for freedom.

Veterans escorted by members of Scout Troop 150 and Cub Scout Pack 150 planted flags from various branches of the

military in the sidewalk leading to the base of the war memorial monument. Perquimans High School Marching Band, as directed by Principal Wayne Price, provided the patriotic music to set the tone.

Speeches were given by distinguished local leadership from American Legion posts 126 and 362.

"The heroism that has been demonstrated time and time again by veterans from the American Revolution to the global War on Terrorism is sometimes unnoticed by those of us who enjoy the security that this sacrifice has provided," Rick Caporale, American Legion Commander Post 126, chief petty officer, US Navy, retired. "Can any CEO or distinguished ivy league graduate truly claim to have more responsibility

than a 21-year-old squad leader walking the point on patrol in Afghanistan."

Caporale said fewer than 10 percent of Americans can claim the title of veteran and far less than one percent of our population is currently defending us in the global War of Terrorism.

"And yet many seem too intent trying to balance the federal budget on the quality of life programs designed for the families who have already disproportionately made these sacrifices," he said. "Veterans have given us freedom, security and the greatest nation on earth. It is impossible to put a price on that. We must remember them. We must appreciate them."

American Legion Post 126 Vice Commander Mike McKeon spoke on behalf

of POW/MIA service members. A POW/MIA chair is placed at all American Legion meetings as a physical symbol of the thousands of Americans who are still unaccounted for from all the wars and conflicts.

"We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasures, there are others who have endured and may still be enduring the agonies of pain, deprivation and imprisonment," said McKeon, who served in the U.S. Navy.

Perquimans County Manager Frank Heath gave the keynote speech in front of the historic county courthouse at the event. Full speech can be found on page A3.

"The liberties and values

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Pirates advance to playoffs

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Pirates' football team has scored a spot to play in the NCHSAA Class 1A state playoffs.

Perquimans is ranked No. 10 in the bracket. The Pirates will face No. 7-ranked Washington County at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Plymouth. The winner of the game will go on to face No. 2 North Edgecombe, which has a bye in the first round.

Last time the Pirates advanced to the playoffs was in 2016 where the home team fell to Northampton County 58-48.

There is much buzz about the town and county — optimism for the team's chances abound.

Team has been practicing and is ready to "represent" these hopes and dreams, tame the Panthers.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to continue playing I have to give a lot of credit to the other coaches and all their efforts as well as the players who have worked very hard this year," Pirates' Coach Randy Awrey said.

Redistricting changes may hit close to home

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

RALEIGH — General Assembly's Joint Select Committee on Congressional Redistricting met Tuesday to discuss various versions of draft maps.

Lawmakers have to fit the entire North Carolina population of nearly 10.4 million people into 13 equal districts.

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Shoppers welcome new Dollar General

BY PAM HADDEN
 For the Perquimans Weekly

Though it was a bit cold at a brisk 37 degrees Saturday morning, folks were bundled up and waiting in line for the new Dollar General to open on Holiday Lane.

The store's employees had smiles on their faces as they lined up behind

the yellow ribbon that was stretched across the front door for the grand opening.

Soon after the store's Manager Maria Madonia cut the ribbon at exactly 8 a.m., people started flowing into the store from Holiday Lane, Albemarle Plantation, several from Holiday Lane, Harvey Point Road and Snug Harbor.

Within 10 minutes, Greg Heacox, Dollar General district manager, handed out \$10 gift cards to more than 50 people. Over 200 shopping bags and plastic cups

were distributed along with free cupcakes.

Heacox said the 80-year-old national chain employs more than 130,000 people, has nearly 16,000 stores and opens 1,000 more each year. Nearby in Chowan County, a Dollar General is under construction by NC 32 by Tyner and another is planned along U.S. 64 in Columbia in 2020.

Dollar General has grown to become one of the most profitable stores in the rural United States with revenue reaching around \$21 billion

in 2017, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Holiday Lane's store has eight employees. Store features pickup/drop-off for Western Union and FedEx. More grocery selections will be arriving soon.

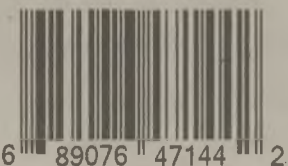
Dollars General's motto is "Serving Others" so the store will be raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and have a Toys for Tots drop-off.

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PHOTO BY PAM HADDEN

Dozens of customers lined up Saturday morning for the Dollar General store's grand opening for its new location at Holiday Lane.



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