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Commission Supports 2nd Amendment Rights

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

The Perquimans Board of Commissioners became the latest governing board in North Carolina to adopt a resolution supporting a citizen's right to bear arms under the Second Amendment to the Constitution.

voted unanimously to adopt a gun-rights resolution similar to those approved in Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank and more than a dozen other North Carolina counties.

"There's been a lot of activity in the area and as we discussed in our work session about this issue, our basic consensus was to go

ahead and move on it," said Wallace Nelson, chairman of the Perquimans County Commission.

Perquimans resolution states the county governing board "supports the Second Amendment right of its citizens to possess firearms for traditionally lawful purposes" and is "opposed to the enactment of any legislation

which infringes upon the right of its citizens to bear firearms for traditionally lawful purposes."

In other news, commission approved plans to draft a resolution in support of Intelport's plans to seek \$9 million in US Department of Agriculture loans needed to provide the infrastructure for broadband access.

"This is our home - we need this," said Steve Lane, president/founder of Intelport, an internet service provider in Hertford.

If the state and federal bureaucracies give their blessing and the low interest loan is granted by USDA, there would be 180 miles of fiber optic cable placed throughout the county - 1 gigabyte

for the tech folks who may be asking.

Intelport is spearheading initiatives in Chowan and Tyrrell counties among other places to provide broadband access to many vastly underserved areas.

Due to space and time constraints, more commission news will appear in next week's edition.

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Hertford Baptist Church Has Served Since 1854

Editor's Note: From time to time, Perquimans Weekly will feature churches through the county, perhaps with the goal in mind of getting more souls in the pews.

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

Since the 1800s, Hertford Baptist Church has served the faithful of Perquimans County.

Located in the heart of downtown Hertford at 124 Market St., the church meets between 9 a.m. and 9:50 a.m. for Sunday school classes for children and adults of all ages, with the worship service between 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. Congregation ranges between 100 and 120 souls. To see a video, see the Perquimans Weekly's Facebook page.

"Hertford Baptist Church has a long history of faithfulness to God's work," Pastor Dario Ruvarac said.

Before coming to Hertford, Ruvarac was pastor at Kenly Missionary Baptist Church in Kenly, a small town nestled on the board of Johnston and Wilson counties. During the past few weeks, Ruvarac along with his family and help from the congregation have been unpacking boxes, getting acclimated to town.

"One characteristic that attracted me to the church, was the huge commitment to missions - reaching people across the globe - but

the people are the most important part of any church. Hertford Baptist consists of loving people that want to please God with lives," Ruvarac said.

Originally, Ruvarac hails from Croatia, a nation in Southern Europe, but he's been preaching the Word stateside for many years.

Ruvarac's resume says, "In 1993, Billy Graham had a crusade in Germany, which was broadcast in Croatia. Hearing the Gospel for the first time, I trusted Jesus as my personal Savior. Growing up in a Communist country and meeting Christ as Savior during Yugoslavia's civil war greatly affected my desire to

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After the children's service, these little Gospel stars sang a song. Hertford Baptist Church Pastor Dario Ruvarac stands behind them.

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TOWN COUNCIL

Due to space issues, an article about this week's Hertford Town Council meeting will appear in the March 11 edition.

US 17B closure starts Monday

BY STAFF REPORTS

McLean Contracting Company's subcontractor, Branch Civil, will be closing US 17 Business (North Church Street) beginning at 6 a.m. Monday, March 9.

This short-term closure is necessary to facilitate the deep excavation required to place a sewer manhole near Phelps Street. Barricades will be wide spaced at SR 1110 (West Grubb Street) to allow local residents to access their property.

In Winfall, the closure will begin at the intersection of US 17 Business (Creek Drive) and NC 37 (Winfall Boulevard). A detour will be put into place, with changeable message signs along US 17 warning motorists that this potential through route will not be available. The expected duration of this work is one week.

ROUND-UP God's work and Rayburn

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor

A round-up of all things Perquimans County...

News these days is a 24/7 operation, so there's no point in waiting a week to find out who was elected to the Perquimans Board of Education. Due to Tuesday's press deadlines, Perquimans Board of Education results are posted on our Facebook page and published within the Daily Advance. See next week's Perquimans Weekly for more about the election.

In other news, per County Manager Frank Heath, here are some recent deaths of note of folks who left a positive imprint on the community; may they rest in peace.

■ Leo Higgins, former Perquimans County Commissioner

■ Dee Goss, wife of David Goss our economic developer

■ Zeke Jackson, who retired as the county building inspector many years ago

In other news, Rena Eure reported that first responders from area fire departments gathered Saturday morning at her farm for a mock grain bin rescue exercise. Though I grew up around a farm, I never realized folks got injured in the grain silos because my great grandmother kept the kids from straying too far from the house.

Since falling into a grain/corn bin can be fatal, it is good that our first responders are undertaking these exercises so as to be more

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Seventh Commandment is the Creator's Law

Editor's Note: To better illustrate a Sunday sermon from Hertford Baptist Church, the Perquimans Weekly is reprinting Pastor Dario Ruvarac's eye opening sermon about marriage that provides a primer on the Seventh Commandment - Thou shalt not commit adultery.

BY DARIO RUVARAC
 Pastor Hertford Baptist Church

Let's open our Bibles together to Exodus 20. We are continuing our sermon series "Resolutions That Really Matter: Spiritual Challenges from the Ten Commandments."

Various biblical passages and church history remind us that spiritual renewal often begins with spiritual resolutions. In this series of messages, we are allowing the Ten Commandments to challenge us to make specific resolutions that can lead us to spiritual renewal. This evening we are looking at the Seventh Commandment found in verse 14: "You shall not commit

adultery."

"On July 6, 1999, twenty-seven-year-old Daniel Dukes went to SeaWorld in Orlando. He gave every appearance of being an ordinary tourist, but he wasn't. At closing time, when all the other guests were leaving the park, he went into a hiding place and stayed put until the park was empty.

Then, sometime during the night, he made his way to the pool where a five-ton killer whale named Tillicum was being kept. He stripped down to his swimming trunks, folded his clothes neatly, and jumped in. Nobody knows for sure what happened next.

Some experts believe the whale may have been startled by the man's sudden appearance. In his fear, he may have tived suddenly, creating a vortex that pulled the man under and rendered him helpless.

Others believe it's more likely that the whale thought the man was a toy and dragged him around the pool for fun,

keeping him underwater until he drowned. Either way, Duke's body was found the next morning draped over Tillicum's back" (Atteberry, The Samson Syndrome, p.5). This story is a perfect picture of the destructive power of adultery.

Today, some movies, psychology books, and women's magazines will tell you that an extra-marital affair can make you a better lover and bring excitement back into your marriage. Some accept that advice and decide to have a little fun. The problem is, just like Daniel Dukes, as they seek the excitement, they underestimate the impending danger.

The Seventh commandment is a negative statement with a positive intention. God says, "You shall not commit adultery" because He wants us to remember that His standard for marriage and the family is the only standard that can produce meaning, happiness, and fulfillment.

Let's begin our study of the seventh commandment with the definitions for adultery and

marriage.

What is adultery? Adultery is sexual involvement with someone other than your spouse. What is marriage? Marriage is a permanent covenant in which one man and one woman commit spiritually, emotionally, and sexually to each other.

The Seventh Commandment is first of all a commandment to cherish and honor marriage. In Genesis 2, we are given the foundational truths of the marriage relationship. Genesis 2:21-24: "So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man.' 24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and

Perquimans Schools Plot Strategic Plan During Meeting

BY MILES LAYTON
 Editor



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Perquimans School system held a strategic planning meeting Thursday at the high school that will shape the core beliefs, common goals and priorities that will guide the direction of the school system for the next five years.

"It is important that our strategic plan reflect the goals and priorities of our community. We want this plan to communicate the vision for our school systems with goals that are clear and easy to understand by anyone who

reads them," said Perquimans Schools Superintendent Tanya Turner. "We want to prioritize and align our work around those priorities that represent the will of our community and then hold ourselves accountable to those

goals. Most importantly, through this process we want to develop a plan that is best for the students of Perquimans County."

The plans represent the