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"News from Next Door"

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Council Discusses Trains, Ferries, Water Bills

PHOTO BY MILES LAYTON

David Rigby of the Albemarle Railroad Club talks about future plans to bring 1,800 to 2,000 square feet of model railroads to the Community Center.



BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Fifty-eight minutes – that's the time it took Monday for Hertford Town Council to deliberate a series of items that include ongoing projects, model railroad plans and surplus sales.

But before we get into the meeting, Mayor Earnell Brown issued the following statement Tuesday in regards to the coronavirus: "Although there are no known instances of the

coronavirus identified in the Town of Hertford, we wish to inform our citizens that we are taking every precaution to keep our public buildings safe and clean. For example, we are providing sanitizer at both entrances of the Municipal Building and on the Utility and DMV counters. We also are wiping down the door handles, counters and windows with disinfectant throughout the day. The safety and health of our citizens is important to us."

At the meeting, Town

Manager Pam Hurdle provided an project update to kick-off the meeting that ran like clockwork, perhaps the shortest council meeting in recent years, with news about sewer rehab paving/patching which has begun. Hurdle said after all the patching is done, paving the affected areas will be completed.

Engineering company will go to door-to-door to residents in reference to their homes being washed – Grubb, Market, Covent Garden and E. Academy

Streets.

Hurdle announced that King Street paving between the 100 and 300 blocks will start Monday, weather permitting, with repairs to water/sewer lines being the first stage of this project.

Speaking of street repairs, there is a nice coat of blacktop for joggers, bicyclists and motorists traveling Grubb Street.

Town's website is undergoing a metamorphosis – townofhertfordnc.com –

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BEYOND THE BOOKS

Women's History Month

BY MICHELE LAWRENCE
Perquimans Librarian

Congress designated March as Women's History Month in 1987 after petitioning by the National Woman's History Project. Perquimans County is full of great modern women,



MICHELE LAWRENCE

but we also have some impressive women in our history. One woman to note is Sarah DeCrow. She was born Sarah Moore to

a Quaker family around 1750 most like near Bagley Swamp. By 1774, Sarah was a widow with two small children and married her second husband, Robert DeCrow, the next year.

The DeCrows, at this time a family of six, moved to Hertford sometime before 1783 and opened a tavern on the north side of Market Street.

Sarah, who proved to be a savvy businesswoman, kept the tavern going after Robert died around 1784. She was appointed Hertford's first postmaster and the first

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Project on schedule, DOT says

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

A turtle swimming by S-Bridge near the tip of North Front Street inquired with the Perquimans Weekly about the status of the bridge replacement project.

So as to give the turtle an update since it will be a good time to be on the water as temperatures approach the 70s this week, the newspaper reached out to David Otis, Division 1 district engineer for District 1 with the state Department of Transportation, who said the contract to replace the bridge is nearly 30% complete, but that percentage includes professional services such as

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Impacting the Lives of Others

Pirates' Senior Atavia Mallory Wants to be a Nurse

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Perquimans Weekly's Student of the Month for March is Pirates' senior Atavia Mallory, who was inspired by her grandfather Gaither James to help people.

"Everyone knew him," Mallory said of James, who worked at Johnie Gregory Truck Bodies and was an active member of his church. "He always had a smile, he never complained, and he always found a way to make you laugh. When I say he impacted lives, I mean he left a lasting impression on everyone he met. He was friendly even if he didn't know you."

While James passed away Feb. 18, Mallory pledges to honor his memory.

"One challenge that I had to encounter recently was losing my grandfather," Mallory said. "However, I know that he is watching over me and I want to make him proud."

James may have joined the angels, but his impact is still felt, a legacy that will echo an eternity.

"My grandfather made an impact on several lives including mine," Mallory said. "He was always smiling and he was never upset. I want to make an impact on many lives like he did which



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From Perquimans Pirate to ECU Pirate, Atavia Mallory has her sites set on pursuing a nursing career.

is another reason why I want to become a nurse to save lives and inspire children. I want to show children that even though you go through hardtimes and challenges you can still make an impact."

Toward that end of making a difference in the lives of others, Mallory wants to be a nurse someday. That career path decision came from watching her grandmother Laverne Brown being treated for cancer – which she beat, survived and thrived. Mallory

plans on attending East Carolina University to major in Nursing and eventually become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

"I've always valued helping people and I always knew that I wanted to be a nurse ever since I was younger," Mallory said.

"I actually changed my career three times before I finally decided on nursing. Mainly because when my grandma was diagnosed with cancer, a certain nurse came in the room and put me and my mother at

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PHOTO BY MILES LAYTON

Pirates' Atavia Mallory is the Perquimans Weekly's Student of the Month for March. She is ranked fourth of 120 seniors in her class, has earned a grade point average of 4.56, and plans on studying nursing in the fall when she starts classes at East Carolina University.



School Incumbents Re-elected

Yates, Winslow, Lassiter win new BOE terms

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Three Board of Education incumbents won re-election to their seats in Perquimans County.

Arlene Yates, Leary Winslow and Russell Lassiter were re-elected to four-year terms on the county school board. Challenger David Silva fell short in his bid to win one of the seats.

According to unofficial results, Yates led all vote-getters in the four-candidate, nonpartisan race, collecting 860 votes or 33.98 percent. Winslow finished second with 699 votes or 27.62 percent. Lassiter was



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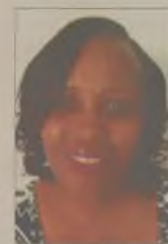
WINSLOW

third with 634 votes or 25.05 percent.

Silva finished with 330 votes or 13 percent.

Turnout in Chowan for Tuesday's primary election was 28.85 percent.

Evans said he is truly grateful for the tremendous support he received across the county. "I am excited about the future of our county and my opportunity to serve in this capacity," he said.



YATES

"Many people contributed and offered support in many ways and I am so thankful to each and every one for the role each played. ... I am most honored for the confidence the voters have placed in me."

Evans encouraged constituents to help him help them by getting involved in their local government.

"Attend meetings and speak out," he said. "Your board of commissioners work for you and they need to hear from you."

Dean thanked voters

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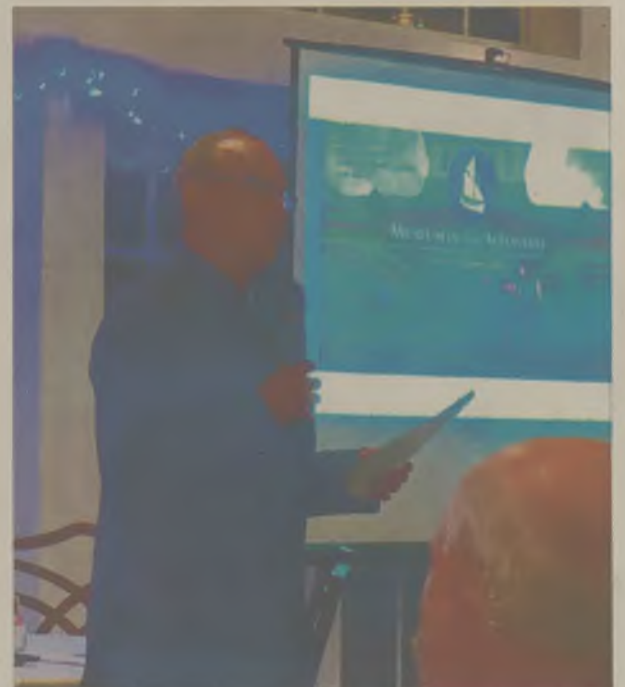


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Don Pendergraft, director of the Museum of the Albemarle, was the keynote speaker for the Perquimans County Restoration Association's annual meeting held Saturday at the Albemarle Plantation Clubhouse.

ROUND-UP Church, Coronavirus

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

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

The Rotary Club of Hertford is continuously involved in community events and on Tuesday recognized the need to address the safety and health of our community.

The club announced that it will suspend weekly meetings until further notice and are cancelling the upcoming pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, March 21. A meeting for potential new members scheduled for Thursday, March 19, is also cancelled. The Board of Directors for the Hertford Rotary Club are meeting electronically to determine alternative paths to positive community and member involvement in line with the urgency presented by the coronavirus threat. Please know that any tickets to these events will be honored at a later date. Refunds may be obtained from point of sale persons.

While this is a regrettable situation, The Rotary Club of Hertford has opted to be proactive in realizing that the community is comprised of many folks who are at most risk due to time on earth and a history of national and international travel that are in the crosshairs of concern. These concerns are concurrent with professional advice from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Rotary International guidelines.

Hertford Baptist Church Pastor Dario Ruv-

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