

OBITUARIES

Sarah O. Meadows

HERTFORD - Sarah Ownley Meadows, 85, of the 2000 block of New Hope Road, Hertford, NC died Thursday, June 25, 2020 in Elizabeth City, NC. She was born August 19, 1934 in Perquimans County to the late Patrick Henry Ownley, Jr., and Ola Virginia Stallings Ownley and was the widow of Rev. Daniel "Dan" Edgar Meadows. She was a retired LPN at Britthaven Nursing Home. She was a former member of Bailey United Methodist Church and current member of New Hope United Methodist Church, Outreach Ministries, United Methodist Women, Prayer Warriors, Church Choir, Susanna Wesley Sunday School Class, Lay Speaker, Food Pantry of New Hope UMC, Annual Conference Representative, Dazzlin Hopeful Hatters, USA Dance Chapter 6102, Albemarle Emmaus #70 Walk "Victory Is Mind," Durant's Neck Ruritan Club, and a former member of the Line-Cise Troupe of Spring Hope. She enjoyed ballroom dancing as a hobby.



She is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth Dianne McGuire (Sean) of Shiloh, NC; four sons, Charles Henry Perry (Faye) of Sophia, NC, Martin Wayne Perry (Lynn) and Danny Shelton Perry (Cathy) all of Hertford, NC, and Tony Earl Perry (Linda) of Camden, NC; thirteen grandchildren; and nineteen great grandchildren. She was pre-deceased by the father of her children, Charles A. Perry; a sister, Mildred Harris; and a brother Henry Milton Ownley, Sr.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 29, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at New Hope United Methodist Church with the Rev. Carroll Bundy officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery. The body was laid in state one hour prior to the service. The family received friends immediately after the service in the church fellowship hall. Twiford Funeral Home, Memorial Chapel, 405 East Church Street, Elizabeth City, NC is serving the Meadows family. You may express condolences to the family by visiting www.TwifordFH.com.

Ruth Evelyn Pritchard Eure

HERTFORD - Ruth Evelyn Pritchard Eure, 76, of Albemarle Village Apartments, passed away Thursday, June 25, 2020 in the Palliative Care Unit at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville.

Mrs. Eure was born in Bertie County on June 25, 1944, and was the daughter of the late Georgie Morris and Ruby Phelps Pritchard. A graduate of Bertie County High School, in her early years she was employed as a seamstress. Later she attended Martin Community College having received her CNA certification and then worked for many years in that capacity caring for others. Most of her adult life was spent in Williamston, and later she moved to Edenton for a short time, and then finally to Albemarle Village in Hertford to be closer to her children and grandchildren. She attended Hertford United Methodist Church and was thankful to have been a five time cancer survivor.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Larry Eure, Sr., and by a brother, Kenneth Pritchard.

Surviving are her two daughters, Judieth Linhardt (Eric) and Laura Perry (Marvin), both of Edenton; a son, William "Chicago" Eure, Jr. (Tiffany) of Hertford; three sisters, Jo Ann McNall of Williamston, Donna Burden of Ahoskie, and Jessie Ward of Plymouth; a brother, Ray Pritchard of Wilson; eight grandchildren, William Cody, Kaitlynn, Austin, Jonathan, Jacob, GeorgieRay, Dawn, and James; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Monday at 11:00 a.m. in Highland Memorial Gardens, 109 Ward Road, Ahoskie, and was conducted by the Rev. Greg Biggs. Friends may join the family Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. in the yard at Chicago and Tiffany's home, 466 Ballhack Road, Hertford.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

Miller & Van Essendelft Funeral and Cremation Providers, 1125 Harvey Point Road, Hertford, is assisting the family with arrangements, and online condolences may be made by visiting www.millerfhc.com.

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obits@apgenc.com and specify that you are interested in obituary information for The Perquimans Weekly.

Hertford Investigates Police Captain

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

A source close to Hertford Town government says Town Council has initiated an investigation into Hertford Police Captain Gilbert Rodriguez. Perquimans Weekly has

filed a public records request and questionnaire with Town Hall to learn more.

Source says Rodriguez has been placed on leave with pay pending the outcome of the investigation.

Scope and reason for the investigation will not be known until it concludes.

When council resumed its June 23 meeting after a 3-hour closed session to discuss Police Personnel matters as was listed on the meeting agenda, there doesn't appear to be a vote taken in regard to these matters in open session.

Councilman Quentin Jackson was charged with resisting/delay/obstruction by Rodriguez last June 20.

It's not clear that there is any connection between Jackson's arrest and the investigation into Rodriguez.

N.C. Bars Will Remain Closed, Judge Rules

BY JOHN TRUMP
For the Perquimans Weekly

Bars in North Carolina will remain closed, a judge ruled Friday, June 26.

The N.C. Bar and Tavern Association filed a lawsuit June 4 on behalf of 185 business owners after Gov. Roy Cooper shut them down March 17 because of worries over COVID-19.

The association sought a temporary restraining order and a preliminary injunction that would allow them to reopen.

N.C. Business Court Judge James Gale said the plaintiffs failed to demonstrate that they're likely to succeed on a claim that the governor's restriction on their ability to reopen before July 17 is unlawful.

Thursday, Cooper ex-

tended his moratorium on bars and gyms for three more weeks. Business such as restaurants and distilleries with bars opened for table service five weeks ago, as part of Cooper's phased reopening plan.

Cooper's Executive Order 141 is unconstitutional, the lawsuit argued, citing the "Fruits of Your Labor" clause in the state's constitution. That provision ensures "the enjoyment of the fruits of their own labor" is an inalienable right for state residents.

In his opinion, Gale wrote: "While the Governor's choices may be debatable, at this time, the Court finds no adequate basis to conclude that Plaintiffs are likely to succeed on any claim that the Governor's strategy in addressing the

COVID-19 pandemic was sufficiently irrational so as to be outside the realm of reasonableness within which the law allows the Governor to act."

A clock on the tavern association's website is counting, up to the second, the time bars in North Carolina have been closed under Cooper's orders: 100 days and 22 hours, as of this writing.

Cooper has twice vetoed bills from Sen. Rick Gunn, R-Alamance, seeking to reopen bars and gyms.

Bar owners, the tavern association says in a news release, want the same chance to survive as wineries, breweries, and hotel bars, which reopened two months ago in the coronavirus pandemic.

"The governor's deci-

sion is effectively signing a death warrant for 1,063 bars across North Carolina while offering zero relief to the small-business owners or their employees," said Zack Medford, president of the N.C. Bar and Tavern Association. "Asking private bar owners to lose everything they've worked for while their competitors can thrive is unconscionable. Enough is enough. This is an issue of fairness."

Bar owners argue that crowds lined up to get into restaurant bars on Friday and Saturday nights could be mitigated if they had more places to drink while social distancing, as opposed to standing in line or overcrowding sidewalks.

John Trump is a reporter for Carolina Journal.

LAW ENFORCEMENT LOG

Perquimans Sheriff's Office arrests between June 19 and June 25:

■ David Abernathy of Chapanoke Road, Hertford, was arrested June 19 for failure to appear. Bond was

set at \$250 secured.

■ Jeremy Holley of White Street, Winfall, was arrested June 19 for possession of stolen property, larceny and obtaining property by false pretenses. Bond was set at

\$500 secured.

■ Holly Brock of Wilderness Trail, Hertford, was arrested June 23 for possession of medical marijuana, simple possession of drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Bond was set at \$1,500 secured.

■ Christopher McCreery of Leeward Drive, Hertford, was arrested June 23 for being a fugitive from justice. Bond set at \$75,000 secured.

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■ Child care, day camps and overnight camps may remain open. The continued allowed openings as described above for restaurants, retail businesses and other establishments are subject to various restrictions and limitations set out in Executive Order No. 141.

Are Local Government Agencies Required to Comply With the Face Covering Requirement?

No. Local government agencies, such as a sheriff's office, are not required to adopt a policy requiring the wearing of a face covering on the premises of the agency. However, the Governor "strongly encourages" that local government agencies adopt such a policy.

Executive Order No. 147 Requires Face Coverings to Be Worn by Employees in Certain Industries

Section II of Executive Order No. 147 amends Executive Order No. 141 by adding a new section 3.5 that requires face coverings in certain public settings. In order to avoid the continued spread of COVID-19, employees working in the following industries are required to wear a face covering when they are or may be within six feet of another person:

- Retail Businesses
- Restaurants
- Personal Care, Grooming, and Tattoo Businesses
- Child Care Facilities,

Day Camps and Overnight Camps

■ State Government Agencies Headed by the Governor's Cabinet (such as DPS and DHHS)

■ Public or Private Transportation

■ High Density Occupational Settings - such as Construction Sites, Manufacturing Plants, Farming Operations, etc.

■ Meat or Poultry Processing Plants

■ Long Term Care Facilities

■ Health Care Facilities

■ Note: An employee is not required to wear a face covering if they have a medical or behavioral condition that prevents the wearing of a mask, or if the wearing of a mask would impede their ability to perform their work (such as interfering with the safe operation of machinery, food preparation equipment, etc.).

Executive Order No. 147 Requires Customers and Patrons to Wear Face Coverings

Any customer or patron of the industries noted above are required to wear a face covering while in the indoor or outdoor space of the establishment. However, Section 3.5 C. of this Executive Order sets out numerous exceptions to this requirement.

For example, a customer or patron is not required to wear a face covering if they have a medical or behavioral condition that prevents the wearing of a face covering, or if they have removed the face cover-

ing to eat or drink. In addition, children under 11 years of age are not required to wear a face covering.

The Honor System Applies - No Proof Necessary - Executive Order No. 147 states that the honor system applies when a person, including an employee, chooses not to wear a face covering due to an exception listed in the Executive Order, such as a medical or behavioral condition that prevents the wearing of a face covering. If a person declines to wear a face covering due to such a condition, further documentation "should not be required."

Businesses May Choose Alternate Service for Customers Not Wearing a Face Covering

Executive Order No. 147 provides that a business may choose to provide an alternate means of service for a customer that is not wearing a face covering. For example, a restaurant could offer curbside pickup or delivery instead of on-site consumption when a customer states they cannot wear a face covering.

Trespass for Refusing to Leave a Business

Executive Order No. 147 acknowledges that a business may refuse entry to any employee or customer that refuses to wear a face covering, whether or not the person

qualifies for an exception to the face covering requirement.

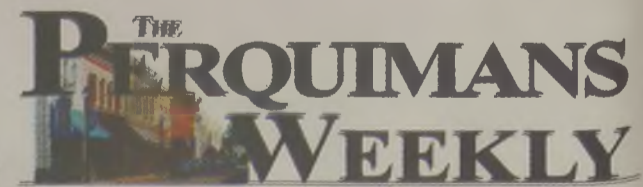
If the person refuses to leave the premises after being told to do so, the business may seek the assistance of law enforcement. Law enforcement officers should handle this scenario in the same manner as they would handle any other trespass case.

Enforcement of Face Covering Violations

G.S. 14-288.20A makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor to violate any restriction established in an Executive Order issued by the Governor.

Therefore, law enforcement officers have the discretion to determine whether or not to criminally charge a person with violating any restriction contained in an Executive Order. Executive Order No. 147 states that law enforcement officers are not authorized to criminally enforce the requirement that workers, customers and patrons wear a face covering.

We are not aware of and have not found any legal authority for the Governor to direct any law enforcement officer to not enforce G.S. 14-288.20A or any other criminal law violation. No such authority is contained in our criminal law and no such authority can be found in the General Statutes that authorize issuance of the Governor's Executive Orders.



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Except for the Sheriff's Department, Dispatch Office and Emergency Medical Services, all County Offices in the Perquimans County Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Social Services, Agricultural Extension Service, Perquimans County Library and the Perquimans County Recreation Department will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2020, for observance of Independence Day. The Water Department will be closed but emergencies may be reported to the Dispatch Office by calling 426-5751.

Frank Heath County Manager

EARLY DEADLINES FOR 4TH OF JULY

THE DAILY ADVANCE

CHOWAN HERALD PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

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