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This week in North Carolina history: Cheerwine invented

Mayor Vows Not to be Intimidated nor Surrender

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Hertford Mayor Earnell Brown offered a statement to counter accusations made against her during a recent Town Council meeting.

"When false accusations are made often and loud enough they are believed," she said. "I have been accused,

numerous times, of smoking pot and recently accused of being responsible for the smell of marijuana in the town office building. This is ludicrous. It is false and its spread must stop. It is an undesired defamation to my character. I will not be intimidated by or surrender to the unfounded rage of any individual(s). Moving forward, my only concerns are to continue to do my

best as your Mayor, address the needs of the town, not be distracted by such accusations, make myself available to all citizens, and bring unity to the Hertford community."

Brown then quoted former First Lady Michelle Obama, "When they go low, we go high."

During the Jan. 13 council meeting, Councilman Quentin Jackson made a

series of assertions about Brown.

To read more about the matter, see: https://www.dailyadvance.com/perquimans/news/local/jackson-files-lawsuit-seeks-mayor-browns-censure/article_76f352a8-e7bd-5ece-a2cb-41ddea9c-4dc3.html

Jackson announced plans to file a



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PHOTO BY CONNIE BROTHERS

Monday, a power pole that utility crews were repairing prior to the gas line breach was broken after a tree being cut fell on a power line, Perquimans Emergency Services said. The Hertford Fire Department responded to the fallen tree and the town's Public Works Department was called to assess and repair the damaged pole, the agency said.

Residents Return Home After Evacuation

Town Alert System Utilized in Gas Line Breach

From Staff Reports

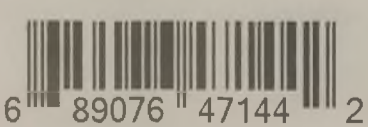
HERTFORD — Seventy-five Hertford residents were able to return to their homes Monday evening roughly four hours after being evacuated because of a natural gas leak.

According to Perquimans Emergency Services, a two-inch gas line owned by Piedmont Natural Gas was ruptured shortly before noon while a utility crew was repairing a damaged power pole near the intersection of Edenton Road and Market streets.

Perquimans Emergency Services said it was advised of the incident at 2:08 p.m. and immediately sought the evacuation of residents living a half-mile downwind of the ruptured line. An emergency shelter for residents was set up at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.

Piedmont Natural Gas was able to repair the ruptured line by 6 p.m., allowing residents to return home, Perquimans Emergency Services said. As a precaution, residents were offered the option of having an escort home by members

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TRIBUTE TO MLK'S LEGACY



PHOTO BY TODD FRENCH SR.

Perquimans County came out to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday. Due to COVID-19 precautions, there was no speech at an area church, however, a motorcade traveled through Winfall and Hertford. Though Congressman G.K. Butterfield, D-1st District, was not present, he gave a speech via cellphone for listeners at Perquimans County Middle School where a sound system was set up in the parking lot. A microphone was held to the cell phone and most everyone stayed in their cars with their windows rolled down as they listened to his speech. After the motorcade, St. Paul AME Zion Church fed the community with free hot dogs & hamburgers. That's Elva "Mickey" Lee (left) and her sister Iris "Deeny" Lee, both long time members of St. Paul AME Zion Church, who were busy serving up hotdogs and snacks on MLK Jr. Day.

Local NSDAR Chapter Learns About Genetic Genealogy

BY SANDRA LANCASTER SPERRY
Edenton Tea Party NSDAR regent

Edenton Tea Party Chapter member Kathleen Carrow Ingram of Hertford, who is also a member of the International Society of Genetic Genealogy, presented a program about "Genetic Genealogy-Basic DNA" at the January 13, chapter meeting.

Genetic genealogy is the use of genealogical DNA tests, (DNA profiling and DNA testing in combination with tradition-



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al genealogical methods,) to infer biological relationships between individuals. And it involves the use of genealogical DNA testing to determine the level and type of the genetic relationship between individuals. This application of genetics came to be used by family historians in the 21st century,

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LEGION AUXILIARY DONATES



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Brenda Lassiter (L), Executive Director of Perquimans County Schools Foundation, is presented a \$300 donation from Barbara Rominger, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 126 treasurer. The donation was made towards the purchase of new band chairs or any other Foundation school efforts. One of the Legion Auxiliary's programs supports Community Children and Youth.

PERQUIMAS COUNTY HONOR ROLLS

EDITOR'S NOTE

These Perquimans County students deserve a round of applause for their academic high achievement, which is why schools' Honor Rolls start on the front page!

HGS

Hertford Grammar School
2020-21 A/AB Honor Roll
Quarter Two
Grade 3
A Honor Roll
Aubrey Ashley, Easton Conway,
Kamarien Coulter, Carson Diamond,

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PCMS

Perquimans County Middle School Honor Roll A/AB Honor Roll 2nd Quarter
6th Grade
Principal's List:
Derrick Castillo, Kierstyn Castle,
Emily Coppersmith, Hayden Dail,

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PCHS

Perquimans County High School Honor Roll A/AB Honor Roll
2nd 9 weeks
9th Grade
A Honor Roll
Mogan Baccus, Daven Brabble,

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