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VFD Conducts Control Burn Exercise

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Belvidere-Chappell Hill Volunteer Fire Department conducted a live burn exercise Saturday at 649 Sandy Cross Road.

Nearly 50 volunteers from all six Perquimans fire departments participated with three firefighters who met their National Fire Protection Association 1403 burn training standard requirement.

"What a great day for a live burn mutual aid training! It's not every day you get an older house that's in good shape, so we took advantage and invited all the departments in Perquimans County," said Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire Chief Lee Dail.

Training and practicing firefighting on a controlled burn are essential for becoming a skilled

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Area firefighters conducted a control burn training exercise Saturday at an old home located at Sandy Cross Road.

Master Gardeners Celebrate Success

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Despite the challenges of 2020, the Chowan, Gates and Perquimans County Extension Master Gardener program continued the mission of helping gardeners put knowledge to work.

Over 60 volunteers were involved in the program and in 2020 there were 11 newly certified Extension Master Gardeners. To complete certification, volunteers must complete a 40-hour training program and a 40-hour volunteer internship through North Carolina State University.

To recertify, volunteers must complete a minimum of 10 hours of advanced training and 20 hours of volunteer service. The newly certified Extension Master Gardener volunteers are: Elizabeth Coleman, Cheryl Fultz-Messinger, Deanna Klingel, Kathy Miller, Rick Murphy, Julie Murphy, Susan Rothchild, Rita Rountree, Heidi Shoup,

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Linda Kruegel was the 2020 Chowan-Gates-Perquimans Extension Master Gardener of the Year.



Perquimans Pride



PHOTOS BY TANYA TURNER

Pirates Celebrate Homecoming

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Perquimans High School celebrated Homecoming at halftime during Friday's football game against Manteo High School. To read more about the Pirates' 54-6 victory, see the sports page on B1.

Natalie Corprew was crowned Homecoming Queen with Gage Heath as Homecoming King.

Homecoming Court from left to right: Natalie Corprew, Gage Heath, Tamia Mallory, Nicholas Harris, Lexi Williams, Dakota Mayo, and Harlee Hunter.



ROUND-UP

Turner and Brown

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

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

Perquimans County Schools Superintendent Tanya Turner was presented the 2021 Women's Champion Award by the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce at the recent Women in Business Conference held at the Camp Cale Conference Center on March 20. Congrats!

Hertford Police Chief Dennis Brown's last day was Tuesday. He was hired as Hamlet's police chief. Though there is no official word from Town Hall as to who is to lead the police department, word on the street suggests that a familiar face will serve as interim chief until council hires a new chief.

The Perquimans County Democratic Party will hold its County Convention starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 10 in the Perquimans County Courthouse in the J. Carlton Cole Courtroom.

Rotary Club of Hertford President Winfield Boyer stopped by the other day to say that the 2021 Biggs Classic golf tournament will be May 24-29 at Albemarle Plantation. More on this pro golf tournament will be coming as we move closer to the event.

Construction has begun so as to re-establish the Harvey Funeral Home. Located at the corner of Market Street and Edenton Road, the funeral home was owned and

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Courtroom Named for Retiring Judge Cole

BY REGGIE PONDER
For the Perquimans Weekly

The courtroom in the historic Perquimans County Courthouse is now officially known as the James Carlton Cole Courtroom.

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Fondella Leigh announced the courtroom's naming for Cole, better known as J.C., during a reception for Cole at Museum of the Albemarle on Saturday.

Cole, who is retiring from the 1st Judicial District bench on Wednesday, was also presented the N.C. Friend of the Court Award by retired Court of Appeals Judge Linda McGee during Saturday's event. The award has been presented only 61 times by the N.C. Supreme Court in recognition of outstanding service to the state's

Poem: The Last Days of Jesus

Poet's Note: The " " denotes someone talking, the () denotes my thoughts at that point, and the box at the end denotes a special message from Jesus!

BY SAMUEL SWINNEY

When Jesus and His disciples came near to Jerusalem, Jesus told two of them that He had a task for them.

"In the village opposite of you, a donkey and a colt you will see: Unloose them and bring them both back to Me.

If anyone says anything to you, this you must say, The Lord has need of them, and immediately bring them today."

They brought the animals to Jesus that very same day. Across the animals, the clothes of the dis-

ciples they did lay. As the parade began, multitudes of people lined the street.

And with loud voices the crowd shouts words so sweet

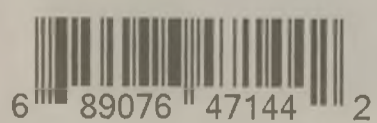
"Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest is the word. Blessed be the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

When they arrived at the Temple, the disciples were filled with amazement. Jesus said to them, "The stones will be torn down in not many days."

The chief priest, and the scribes, wanted to kill Jesus, the man, But not during the feast, lest an uproar break out and destroy Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, Judas Iscariot came to the chief priests with his own plan. "Will you pay me thirty pieces of silver if I deliver to you this man?"

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