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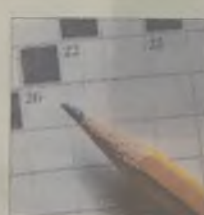
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Mayor Rejects Jackson's Disruption of Meeting

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Monday's four-hour Hertford Town Council meeting started off raw with Councilman Quentin Jackson and Mayor Earnell Brown engaged in verbal combat.

When Jackson started playing Sam Cooke's "A change is gonna come" over his microphone, Brown countered that the loud music was disrupting the meeting and she asked Jackson — again — to stop.



BROWN



JACKSON

When Jackson didn't stop, Brown asked Hertford Police Chief Edwin Roman to remove Jackson.

"Please respect this meeting," Brown said to Jackson. "I am the officiator of this meeting and we will not do that again, so if I have to ask a third time — according to the regulations..."

During these heated deliberations, Chief Roman escorted Jackson outside for a few minutes.

Later, Jackson cut Brown off as he said the rules from the UNC School of Government state that the mayor does not have the power to eject a councilman from a meeting. He said his music is not disrupting

the meeting.

Speaking over Brown, Jackson called the mayor an "Uncle Tom" twice. Brown countered that Jackson was completely disrupting the meeting.

Jackson responded by saying, "I'm not disrupting nothing."

Brown reminded Jackson that disrupting a council meeting is considered a Class 2 misdemeanor.

Mayor asked Jackson again if he could turn his music down or off.

When Jackson ignored her,

Brown asked councilors to turn up their microphones.

As council discussed approving the minutes from previous council meetings, Jackson's music stopped playing but that didn't dampen his resolve to disrupt the meeting.

Jackson asked if "racist" comments said about him would be included in the official record.

Jackson accused Brown of calling him a "special needs person" during

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Gas Prices on the Rise

BY STAFF, SUBMITTED REPORTS

Perquimans County residents waited at local gas stations Monday event to fill up on gasoline in light of a cyber-attack that shut-down a gas line.

The price of regular gas rose 10 cents over the course of 24 hours during the weekend, and was \$2.64 cents at the Duck-Thru in Edenton Sunday morning. At 6:22 p.m. Monday, the price of regular gas at the Exxon in downtown Edenton was \$2.79.

Meanwhile in Hertford around 7 p.m. Monday, gas was \$2.95 per gallon at the Exxon.

In response to the temporary shutdown of the Colonial Pipeline, Governor Roy Cooper Monday signed an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency in North Carolina and temporarily suspending motor vehicle fuel regulations to ensure adequate fuel supply supplies throughout the

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PHOTO BY CONNIE BROTHERS

Gas prices in Hertford, Edenton and in places near and far increased sharply over the weekend in the wake of a cyber-attack on a major pipeline.



PHOTOS BY MILES LAYTON/

Retired Major League Baseball star Darryl Strawberry (center/back row/red shirt) spoke to students and staff last week at Perquimans High School.

Major League Star shares inspiring faith journey

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Former MLB star Darryl Strawberry visited Perquimans High School and Piney Woods Friends to give spiritual advice that served to inspire and fortify the soul.

Strawberry spoke to Pirates' students and Fellowship of Christian Athletes during his speech Wednesday (May 5) at the high school. He gave them good life advice about how to make the right decisions instead of pursuing dead ends that can lead to ruin.

Wednesday evening, hundreds of people attended Strawberry's rally at Piney Woods Friends. He shared his spiritual journey; rich but poor in faith; then his rise to God's grace. Holding a Bible, Strawberry asked people to approach the front porch where he was speaking. Folks gathered to embrace the light and Christ's love; a moment of grace and salvation for many.



Pastor Strawberry asks people to approach the front porch and embrace Christ's love and salvation at Piney Woods Friends in Belvidere. Several hundred people from across northeastern North Carolina attended the spiritual revival.

For more about Strawberry's time in Perquimans County, see the newspaper's

web page at chowanherald.com and/or perquimansweekly.com

HPD's Future Discussed

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

The Hertford Police Department is down to two officers and the police chief — less than half the number of officers it employed during much of 2020.

Hertford town officials acknowledged the dramatic decrease in the police department's staffing during a community forum Friday organized by Town Councilor Frank Norman.

The purpose of the forum was to update citizens on a proposal by town officials to study dissolving the

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ROUND-UP

Turtles and Peter

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

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

Remember when there used to be a turtle log near the S-Bridge where the creatures would sun themselves while

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PHOTO BY CONNIE BROTHERS

Peter Williams, former editor of The Perquimans Weekly, died July 25. He was 63.

Mayor Pro Tem Cited for Trespassing

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

A Hertford town councilor has been cited by the town's police department for trespassing.

Councilor Ashley Hodges, the council's mayor pro tem,



HODGES

and his wife Sonya were cited April 13 for 2nd-degree trespassing, according to Perquimans court documents.

The citation written by Detective H.

Chitwood accuses the Hodgeses of trespassing on April 2 at 12:25 p.m. but doesn't state where the alleged trespassing took place.

Reached Thursday, Ashley Hodges said he doesn't com-

ment on pending legal matters.

Second-degree trespassing is classified as a Class 3 misdemeanor, according to state law. Convictions carry a maximum of 20 days in jail and a \$200 fine.

Hodges is the second Hertford councilor to be cited or charged by Hertford police with trespassing in the past three months.

On Jan. 28, Councilman Jerry Mimplitsch was charged with misdemeanor second-degree trespassing and breaking and

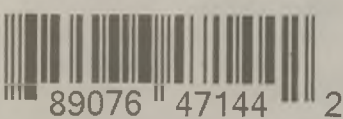
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FORMER EDITOR'S FUNERAL



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Former editor of the Perquimans Weekly, Peter Williams was beloved by all. His funeral was held Tuesday.



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