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Memorial Day Observance May 31

BY KEN ROMINGER
American Legion

American Legion Post 126 will conduct the annual Perquimans County Memorial Day Observance Monday, May 31, at the Veterans Monument on the County Courthouse Green.

Herford's American Legion Post 362 will assist in this observance which will begin at 11 a.m. In the event of inclement weather the observance will be moved to the Perquimans County Recreation Center off Harvey Point Road in the business park.

Post Commander Rick Caporale will conduct the program which will include the traditional roll call of Perquimans County veterans

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FILE PHOTO

American Legion Post 126 Commander Rick Caporale (left) and past post 126 commander and past NC Department of North Carolina Vice Commander Ken Rominger (right) paid tribute to the nation's fallen on Memorial Day in 2020. Perquimans County High School band member Nicholas Harris performed Taps at the monument by the courthouse.

Rev. Brunoehler to be Guest Speaker

BY KEN ROMINGER
American Legion

The Rev. Matthew Brunoehler [Pastor Matt], pastor of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Elizabeth City, will be the guest speaker at the Perquimans County Memorial Day Observance May 31.

American Legion Post 126, Hertford, conducts the annual Observance held on the County Courthouse Green at the Veterans Monument in Hertford.

The observance will begin at



REV. BRUNOEHLER

11 a.m. Pastor Matt is a former U.S. Marine Corps veteran and a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in 2004. He became an artillery officer with the 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune, NC. While there

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Study Suggests Dissolving Town Police

Study Says Town Can Save Money By Contracting with Sheriff's Office

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Hertford Town Council released a study Monday suggesting the cost of contracting law enforcement services through the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office could save the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars per year versus continuing to operate a separate police department.

During a forum Monday, Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Hodges presented the study that suggests that the sheriff's office can provide law enforcement protection for the town's 2,100 citizens.

The Hertford Police Department is down to two officers — a quarter the number of officers it employed during much of 2020.

The purpose of the forum was to update citizens on a proposal by town officials to study dissolving the Hertford Police Department and consolidating its operations with the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office.

According to a resolution adopted by Hertford Town Council on March 9, the consolidation study is needed because the town is struggling to find enough revenue to pay its expenses.

"Monday night I presented a detailed overview of the Town's financial position as well as the results of the law enforcement funding study chartered earlier this year," Hodges said. "I'd like to personally thank the citizens who attended in person and online for sharing both their time and opinions; the question and answer portion in particular provided a great opportunity to discuss the pros and cons of each option."

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Baccalaureate Tribute to Pirates' Seniors

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Perquimans High School Class of 2021 held a baccalaureate service Friday evening at Charles H. Ward Field at the Nixon Athletic Complex.

Pirates commencement takes place at 10 a.m. June 5 at the athletic complex.

Friday's baccalaureate service paid tribute to Pirates' seniors. Photos were compiled by Lynette Baker and Tanya Turner. See page A3 for additional photos.

Pirates' Guidance Counselor

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ROUND-UP

Roman and Woodley

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

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

As most folks know, a stretch of U.S. 17 Business in Perquimans County was closed to traffic Tuesday and will remain closed until next spring, according to Perquimans County Emergency Services.

Bye bye S-Bridge!

"So today she closed to traffic... forever! Many vehicles crossed her spans over the years. I remember well when she was the only Hwy 17 access. A huge part of Hertford's appeal gone," Sara Winslow posted to Facebook.

The N.C. Department of Transportation had planned to close the stretch of U.S. 17 Business between Hertford and Winfall in early July so they could construct a replacement bridge for the historic Hertford S Bridge.

However, officials discovered during a routine inspection Tuesday that a critical part of the steel truss bridge had been damaged during a vehicle crash. The decision was made the close the old bridge seven weeks earlier than planned for safety reasons.

U.S. 17 Business will be closed between Newby Street in downtown Hertford and the intersection of N.C. 37 in Winfall. Traffic will be detoured onto U.S. 17.

The current construction schedule calls for the replacement bridge to open to traffic in March 2022. As everyone knows, Hertford

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Missing Woman's Mother Seeks Answers

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

HERTFORD — Six years after Karen Bosta went missing, her mother, Arlene Murin, is still waiting for answers.

Bosta was 38 and living on Holiday Island in Perquimans County when she was last seen May 30, 2015, while visiting Edenton. Her car was found a few days later in the Gaslight Square parking lot off Broad Street.

Sunday will mark the sixth anniversary of her disappearance. "It has been six long years since

I have seen my daughter," Murin said. "Her disappearance has been shrouded with secrecy from the beginning."

She's convinced someone knows something about her daughter's disappearance. She pleaded with them to come forward and speak up, noting without their help, "I am as lost as Karen."

"People must help one another," Murin said. "Unburden yourself from this heavy weight. It is the right thing to do."

In the initial days after Bosta was reported missing, the Chowan

Sheriff's Office mounted a search for her on both land and water. Law enforcement agencies in both Perquimans and Chowan have worked together to solve the case with the Perquimans Sheriff's Office currently taking the lead because Bosta was a Perquimans resident.

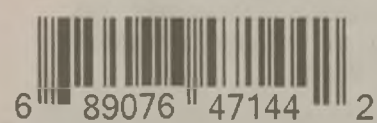
"The investigation remains active and ongoing," said Perquimans Sheriff Shelby White.

A source who's spoken with investigators said Bosta may have been with a woman whom she

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