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Citizens Share Concerns With Town Council

BY MILES LAYTON
Editor

Monday's Hertford Town Council meeting promised a lengthy agenda that could've lasted long after the midnight hour, but several items were taken off the agenda to allow those topics time to mature.

Mayor Pro Tem Ashley Hodges said if Monday's itinerary had moved forward as

planned, he computed that the meeting could've easily lasted 24 hours if every speaker used their fully allotted time limits for speaking.

Though the multi-hour meeting was shorter by the usual council standards, longtime council watchers still had a chance to see tempers flare, insults fly and parliamentary procedure brandished as Mayor

Earnell Brown moved the sometimes contentious meeting along. For a small taste of this bile, see Martha Border's letter to the editor on page A4.

One item that was stricken from the agenda for the time being was the Mayor Brown's written documentation on councilman Jackson's fitness for office and the Mayor's letter from former Mayor Sid Eley about

Jackson and Councilman Frank Norman.

Perquimans Weekly is making inquiries as to what this item is all about, so stay tuned.

Citizens' concerns is a portion of the meeting where John Q Public can voice his/her thoughts about Town Hall.

Among the highlights of citizens' concerns was a speech by Tim Brinn of

Front Street who spoke in glowing terms of the progress being made in Hertford. He said when new residents move into the community, they ask two questions - what's up with town council and what is being done to eliminate blight.

Brinn noted how Zachaeus Legal Services of Trenton is bearing down hard on those property owners who owe back

taxes. On that note, Brinn spoke about the longstanding need for code enforcement from Town Hall as a means to reduce blight.

A point echoed by Rhonda Waters of North Church Street who said citizens have a right to feel safe and know that the structures around the community are of a sound nature.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Word of Praise

Thank you to the Carolina Moon Theater (<http://carolinamoontheater.org/>) for returning in-person community theater to Hertford!

Along with 40 other area residents, I enjoyed being part of the mask-off audience for a close-in and often edgy performance of Dave Goss "Andy" and Lynne Raymond "Melissa".

The play, "Love Letters", is a timely look back at the humorous and humbling life choices of two characters who look back on a lifetime of letter correspondence.

Lynne's punchy and sometimes shocking delivery are complemented nicely by Dave's intonations and facial expressions. Keep the performances coming!

JENNIFER SPRING
Hertford

Editor's Note: "Love Letters" will be performed at 7 p.m. June 25 and June 26 at the Carolina Moon Theater. Tickets can be purchased online at carolinamoontheater.org or at Carolina Trophy at 109 N. Church Street, Hertford Tuesday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Rick Durren, general manager of Biggs Cadillac, Buick, and GMC Trucks (second on the left), is shown with Albemarle Railroad Club members (left to right) Karl Autrum, David Rigby, and Sam Monds with a banner announcing the Biggs organization as a sponsor of the railroad club.

Biggs Cadillac, Buick, and GMC Trucks Becomes Railroad Club Sponsor

BY DAVID RIGBY
For the Perquimans Weekly

The Biggs Cadillac, Buick, and GMC Trucks dealership in Elizabeth City has become the first sponsor of the Albemarle Railroad Club.

According to Richard "Rick" Durren, the general manager and vice president, "Biggs is proud to be the first local business to step up and support these serious hobbyists." Model railroading has interested Durren for years, including having an operating train set in the dealership showroom.

The Albemarle Railroad Club, located in Elizabeth City, is a



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HO scale model railroads are fun to build.

ROUND-UP

Pirates' Track Stars and Moore

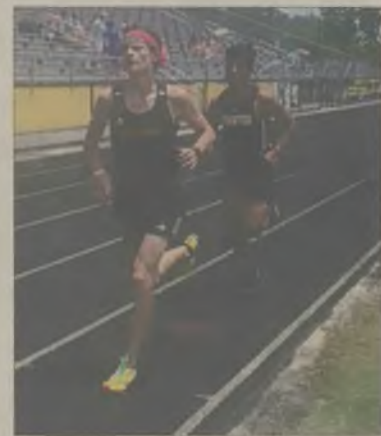
BY MILES LAYTON
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A round-up of all things Perquimans County...
Perquimans Chamber of Commerce building/property on West Market Street is for sale. Listed in late May, Long and Foster Real Estate has the property posted for sale at \$150,000.

When asked why the chamber is selling the property, Chamber Executive Director Katrina Leary Mann said because the chamber "needs a bigger area for conference room and to set up for classroom."

In other news, **Perquimans Arts League** is presenting

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JAYDEN WHITE

PERQUIMANS COUNTY SCHOOLS HONOR ROLLS

Hertford Grammar School

2020-21 A/AB Honor Roll
Quarter Four
Grade 3

A Honor Roll

Keira Abu-Zahra, Aubrey Ashley, Easton Conway, Andrew Davis, Colton Dickson, Brandon Hughes, Gavin Jones, Aurora McMahon, Noah Miller, Ryan Moreland, Olivia Ross, Krystal Tiemann, Hayden Ward, Rory White

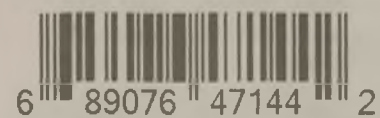


Brody Griffin, William Howell, Faith Jackson, Noah Lawson, Peyton Outlaw, Noah Pendergraft, Emily Russell, Ky'Miere Saunders, Trayvis Saunders, Bailey Sawyer, Brycen Stallings, Carter Stoop, Avery Walters, Lila West, Harris Winslow, Thad Woodard, Willow Woods

Grade 4
A Honor Roll

Farrah Adams, Makayla Bailey, Ronan Brown, James Cochran Jr., Hayley Colson, Kamarien Coulter, Carson Diamond, Breana Garvey,

Angelica Ainslie, Chase Baker, Jacob Brewer, Landon Brinkley, Marcus Byrum, Kayden Coulter, Brody Dail, Madison Davenport, Ethan Drew, Lacianna Hodges, Eliza Jethro, Mitchel Meads, Andrew Mountjoy, Jacob Quimby, Madilyn Rodriguez, Trevor Rountree, Lillie Stallings, Ellie Thomas, Alayna VanHorn, Kaylee Winslow



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Perquimans Middle School

20-21 Honor Roll
Quarter 4

6th Grade

Principal's List



TaNiyah Brothers, Hayden Dail, Mahalia Hodges, Scarlet Hooper, Eleanor Howell, Kelvin Linton, Mason Roberts, Brianna Ross, Jason Vanscoy, Chloe Ward, Jackson Ward, Dallas Williams, Nathaniel Williamson, Alyssa Winslow, Caden Winslow

A/B Honor Roll

Ja'Shasti Nelson, Benjamin Biter, Amber Boseman, Derrick Castillo, Bailey Cavanaugh, Tanner Chappell, Evan Clayton, Emily Copersmith, Alexander Crowley, Airiana Dean, Trevor Doman, Ariana Farrar, Sa'riyah Fletcher, Cheyenne Freeman, Gabriel Gomez, Za'erha

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Perquimans County High School

Q4 Honor roll
2020-2021
9th Grade
A Honor Roll

Kaylee Anderson, Morgan Baccus, Laura Bohn, Daven Brabble, Dawson Brickhouse, Marleigh Cooper, Waylon Davenport, Megan Forbes, Vivien Lane, Shavoris Lewis Jr., Celia Manning, Dakota Mayo, Nicholas Moxley, Justin Richardson, Bristyle Riddick, Holly Riddick, Collin Roberts, Ashleigh Russell, Breanne Shepherd, Kenley Stallings, Keralyn Stanley, Troy Sutton, Ashlynn Ward, Lucas Winslow



A/B Honor Roll

Tiffany Baxley, Camden Carroll, Kylie Cavanaugh, Brianna Gilbert, Harlee Hunter, Cassie Hurdle, James Hurdle, Jashad Kee, Haley Mathews, Brent Melton, Jacob Nixon, Jedediah Ray, Nicole Russell, Hailey Scott, Elizabeth Ward, Gary Weeks, Ky'ara Wilson

10th Grade

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