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Town, county, schools see facility projects in 2023

Hertford also eyeing financial management improvements

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Local government officials see a number of economic development and facility improvement projects ahead for Perquimans County in the coming year.

In Hertford, town officials expect 2023 to be a year of continued improvement in fiscal management,

infrastructure upgrades and community development.

A high-speed ferry is scheduled to begin in the spring, offering visitors a new way to get to the town. And town officials are hoping to make continued strides in improving what people see when they arrive in Hertford.

Along with the launching of the ferry, Hertford and Perquimans County officials are working to continue growing tourism and visitation to the town and

county.

interim Town Manager Janice Cole said Hertford officials, as they look to 2023, hope to continue to show that the town is fiscally and financially responsible, with a goal of eventually coming off the N.C. Local Government Commission's Unit Assistance List.

The UAL is a state watchlist of towns and cities in some degree of fiscal distress.

At its regular meeting in December, the Hertford

Town Council voted to hire financial services firm First Tryon at a cost of \$35,000 to develop a model of town finances. The model will be designed to correlate the town's debt, fund balance, spending, revenues, interest, and other variables to determine short- and long-term impacts of purchasing, spending and borrowing decisions.

The model is expected to be ready by the time

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PHOTO COURTESY NICK DIDOW

The town of Hertford plans to use part of its \$725,000 Rural Transformation grant to improve access to the public docks where the Anticipation V, a dinner-excursion boat, will be moored when it starts visiting the town next spring.

All the buzz



PHOTO COURTESY BEEKEEPERS OF CHOWAN COUNTY

Beekeepers of Chowan County members (l-r) Marvin Hare, Stuart Morris and Ron Cummings build the club's centralized apiary on Brayhill Road in Edenton. Club members will be teaching an introductory beekeepers class at College of The Albemarle's Edenton-Chowan campus starting Jan. 31.

Chowan group to offer beekeeping course

5-week course at E-Chowan campus will start Jan. 31

BY JOHN FOLEY
Staff Writer

Even though the Beekeepers of Chowan County's apiary is located on

Brayhill Road in Edenton, beekeeping enthusiasts from around the area are invited to join the organization.

Hertford resident Elizabeth Towse, for example, is the group's current president.

"Our Beekeepers club

is dedicated to teach and encourage better methods among beekeepers of Chowan County to promote cooperation and sharing, to reach a common understanding regarding (club members' beekeeping) problems and their solution, said Towse. "We also aim to

maintain friendly and helpful relations with the North Carolina State Bee Association."

The club was formed in 2019 and maintained small apiaries at a variety of locations until 2021 when the

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Davis: Mandate is to seek solutions, bipartisanship

New congressman was sworn in for first term Tuesday

BY GINGER LIVINGSTON
The Daily Reflector

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Davis announces staff picks for offices in district, DC. Page A3.

GREENVILLE — The 1st District's new congressman-elect believes there is room for bipartisanship in the 118th Congress and is seeking it out at every opportunity.

U.S. Rep.-elect Don Davis spent the last seven weeks in orientation sessions, workshops and interviews prior to being

sworn in as a member of the 118th Congress on Tuesday.

He learned a month ago his office in the Longworth House Office Building once belonged to the late U.S. Sen. John McCain when McCain was first elected to Congress. Da-

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

New U.S. Congressman Don Davis poses on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. Davis, who was elected on Nov. 8, spent the last seven weeks in orientation sessions, workshops and interviews prior to being officially sworn in Tuesday as a member of the 118th U.S. Congress.

Gates woman died in Dec. 10 accident

Harvey's SUV collided with car on US 17 near Hertford

From staff reports

A Gates County woman was killed Dec. 10 after the vehicle she was driving was struck by another vehicle on U.S. Highway 17 near Hertford.

Marion Harvey, 75, was killed when the 2019 GMC

sport utility vehicle she was driving was struck by an oncoming vehicle just before noon, Saturday, Dec. 10, said Sgt. Beau Daniel, of the N.C. Highway Patrol.

Harvey failed to yield the right of way as she was turning right off Wiggins Road onto U.S. 17 when her vehicle was struck by a southbound 2013 Hyundai sedan driven by Gerena Thomas, 24, Daniel said.

Daniel, citing the responding trooper's accident report, said he was unsure of Thomas' place of residence.

Thomas was

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Local motorist cited for school bus collision



SUBMITTED PHOTO

This reader-submitted photo shows a 2008 white Suzuki station wagon after it collided with a Perquimans County Schools bus Wednesday, Dec. 21. The driver of the vehicle has been charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid a collision. The blue smudge on the vehicle was added by the reader who submitted the photo.

Mize cited for failure to reduce speed in Dec. 21 accident

BY CHRIS DAY
The Daily Advance

A Hertford woman has been charged with a traffic violation in connection with last week's accident involving a Perquimans County school bus carrying students home for their Christmas break.

Trinity I. Mize, of the 160 block of W. Island Trail, Hertford, was charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid a collision, said Sgt. Beau Daniel, of the N.C. Highway Patrol. Daniel was not sure of Mize's age and the N.C. Highway Patrol's collision report does not list it.

The accident occurred at around 12:57 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, as Perquimans County Schools Bus 129 was stopped in the right northbound lane of the 430 block of U.S. 17 to drop off a child, Daniel said.

Mize, who also was traveling north in a 2008 Suzuki station wagon, struck the left rear corner of the bus while she was moving to the left lane, Daniel said. The station wagon came a controlled stop in the median, the patrol's report states.

Reporters saw the station wagon being towed from the scene with extensive damage to the front right side.

At the time of the

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