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## Remembering King



PHOTOS BY JOHN FOLEY/THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

A motorcade of vehicles led by Perquimans County Sheriff Shelby White crosses the new S-Bridge in Hertford, Monday, en route to Winfall Landing Park for a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. program.

## Residents honor civil rights leader's legacy with motorcade, program

Leigh: 'Uncuff' yourself in fight for civil, voting rights

BY JOHN FOLEY  
The Perquimans Weekly

WINFALL — As Keith Rouse rode across the new S-Bridge en route to a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. event on Monday, he remembered hearing as a boy how King himself crossed the bridge that it replaced more than half a century ago.

King was on his way to speak at the National Guard

Armory in Edenton in 1966, one of two trips the civil rights leader would make to the region in the 1960s, and just two years before he would be assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee.

"I thought of this today as I came over the new bridge," Rouse said. "Today my mind went back 51 years ago when Dr. King came through Hertford on the old bridge. And I thought, what would Dr. King think today if he was here driving across

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Fondella Leigh, a former county commissioner in Perquimans, speaks at the Perquimans County NAACP's annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day service at Winfall Landing Park, Monday. Leigh urged the audience to "uncuff" themselves in the continuing struggle for civil rights.

## Goodwill of ENC donates \$125K to Open Door

With grant, food pantry closer to starting renovations

BY CHRIS DAY  
The Daily Advance

The Open Door Food Pantry of Perquimans and Food Bank of the Albemarle are among the 33 North Carolina nonprofits and service organizations scheduled to receive a total of \$1.5 million in grants from Goodwill Industries of Eastern North Carolina.

Food Bank of the Albemarle's share of the money is \$25,000, while Open Door Food Pantry in Winfall has been awarded \$125,000, according to Goodwill spokesman Marston Roue.

GIENC announced the grants in a news release Thursday.

"Our goal is to provide opportunities that transform lives throughout the local and regional communities we serve," said GIENC President and CEO Christopher Hash. "These grants will act as a mission multiplier, providing needed resources to organizations and allowing them to expand their scope of service for the various populations they serve."

The \$1.5 million was shared among 33 nonprofits and service organizations in 51 of the state's 100 counties.

The Open Door Food

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IMAGE COURTESY THE OPEN DOOR FOOD PANTRY

Shown is an artist's rendering of what The Open Door Food Pantry of Perquimans County envisions its renovated facility will look like once renovations are complete.

## Hertford officials mull financing for 'demo' fire truck

Town expects to have financing plan to buy truck in year

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Staff Writer

Hertford Town Council plans to take the next few months exploring financing options for the purchase of a new fire truck about a year from now.

Interim Town Manager Janice Cole reminded councilors at their Jan. 9 meeting that the fire department expressed interest last year in acquiring

a "demo truck" as a new truck for the department.

"There was a demo truck that was available, and we hustled initially to see if it would be feasible to purchase that for our fire department," Cole said.

Another department was prepared to move more quickly than Hertford was, but Cole said the company has informed the town that it's already building another demo truck for sale.

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## Library to mark Black History Month

Cole, Brown, Sanford, Rouse to speak at Feb. 1 event

BY JOHN FOLEY  
Staff Writer

To celebrate Black History Month, the Friends of the Perquimans County Library has invited four Perquimans County community leaders to talk about their favorite books at an event next month.

Hertford Mayor Earnell



BROWN



COLE



ROUSE



SANFORD

Brown, interim Hertford Town Manager Janice Cole, visual artist Ed Sanford and storyteller-musician Keith Rouse will attend the event

at the library scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 1, at 3 p.m. Brown made history in 2019 when she became the first woman to win a mayor's

race in Hertford. She is retired from a 38-year career with the federal government and now lives on Front Street. Brown's daily agenda includes

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## Hertford seeking ideas for biz, events at forum

'Everyone Has a Voice' will be held at HHA Jan. 25

From staff reports

Have some ideas about how things in Hertford could be done better? How about the types of products and services that should be offered in

town?

If so, town officials want to hear from you.

They're hosting a public forum Wednesday, Jan. 25, they're calling "Everyone Has a Voice in the Town of Hertford."

"We want to share town accomplishments and hear ideas for making Hertford the place we are proud to call home," said Mayor Earnell Brown.

The forum will be from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and be held in the conference

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## Harbor Towns buys better dinner boat

Eagle 1 will accommodate 140 passengers when service begins

BY TYLER NEWMAN  
Chowan Herald

EDENTON — The bad news is Harbor Towns, Inc. officials weren't able to purchase the Anticipation V dinner-excursion boat from its Maryland-based owner.

The good news is they were able to purchase a different dinner-excursion vessel that's even more luxurious than the Anticipation V.

Nick Didow, who heads the Harbor Towns nonprofit, announced Wednesday the group was able to purchase the Eagle 1, a vessel he said will offer an "even more welcoming, spacious and enjoyable" experience on the water.

The Eagle 1 has a maximum draft of six feet and will have a signifi-



PHOTO COURTESY HARBOR TOWNS PROJECT

The Harbor Towns Project recently purchased the Eagle 1 to serve as a dinner-excursion vessel on the Albemarle Sound.

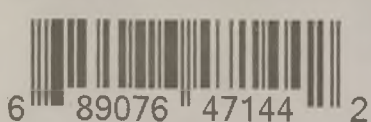
cantly larger guest capacity for both dinner and excursion cruises. It can accommodate up to 140 guests.

"Today has been a very good day indeed for the Albemarle Sound region in general and for the town of Edenton in particular," Didow told the Chowan Herald in announcing the boat's purchase.

Eagle 1 will spend the next few months in a New Jersey shipyard undergoing upgrades and renovations, Didow says.

By late April or early May, Eagle 1 is expected to be in service cruising the Albemarle Sound. The vessel's

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