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Primary sets stage for November election

Steinburg turns back challenge for Senate seat

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Rep. Bob Steinburg defeated Clark Twiddy to secure the Republican nomination for the N.C. Senate District 1 seat.

"We're in a very celebratory mood," said Rep. Steinburg, R-Chowan.

Steinburg thanked voters, and called their support both "gratifying" and



TWIDDY STEINBURG

"humbling." He won 58 percent of the vote to Twiddy's 42 percent, carrying every county in the district except Dare and Currituck,

losing the latter by only a few dozen votes.

Steinburg said he never took victory for granted, noting he campaigned hard in all 11 counties of the newly drawn district.

"I've got to tell you, I've never worked harder in my life; it didn't just come," Steinburg said of his win.

Steinburg will face Cole Phelps, a Washington

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Goodwin beats Hunter in House race

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Former Chowan County Commissioner Eddy Goodwin won the Republican nomination to represent N.C. House District 1 in November.

Goodwin gathered 1,980 votes, or 55 percent, in the six-county race Tuesday. Candice Hunter, a political newcomer, had 1,612 votes, or 45 percent.



HUNTER GOODWIN

Goodwin now faces Democrat Ron Wesson, a Bertie County commissioner, in November.

Hunter carried only one

county — Perquimans — but she ran close races in Bertie, Camden, and Tyrrell County. In those three, she lost, but only by a combined total of 102 votes.

"I'm so thankful for everyone who came out and voted for me, especially in Perquimans County, my home county," Hunter said.

"I am so proud of my team of volunteers. They

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Town video survey done

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

A survey shows some people would watch Hertford Town Council meetings on-line, but the response rate was small.

The town did an on-line poll as well as placing the same questionnaire in the envelopes they mail out to utility customers.

In all, there were 94 responses. Thirty-one of those were on-line and the rest were the questionnaires they could return when they made their utility payment. The town has more than 2,000 residents.

Of the total, 80 people (85 percent) said they don't regularly attend town board meetings and 60 (64 percent) said they don't regularly read the council minutes that are posted on line.

Of the total, 67 people (71 percent) said they would watch Hertford meetings on line. But on the flip side, 26 people (28 percent) said they would not.

Town Manager Brandon Shoaf presented the findings to the board earlier this month. The board took no immediate action.

Shoaf is leaving the town job on May 28 to become the planner in Chowan County.

Hertford Town Councilman Quentin Jackson asked for the survey because he said some residents want the town to broadcast the meetings.

Shoaf has estimated it would cost \$8,500 a year to broadcast the meetings. Some of that cost would include upgrading the wiring in town hall where the meetings are held.

For most meetings, there is enough space to handle people wanting to attend town meetings, Shoaf said. When larger issues do come up, Shoaf said the town can meet in the historic Perquimans Courthouse building.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

About 37 different vendors, live music and food will be available Saturday during the Coral Caravan in Hertford.

Coral Caravan coming Saturday

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

The Coral Caravan, a traveling vintage farm and flea market, will be in downtown Hertford this Saturday.

Emily Gentry, one of the vendors, said she is looking forward to attending the event in her 1963 Shasta camper named "Clementine."

Gentry lives in Pungo, Va. and takes to the road a few times a year. The Hertford event will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be 37 vendors, live music and food. The groups will set up on Church Street near the Perquimans County courthouse.

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Bundy to speak on Memorial Day

From Staff Reports

Carroll Bundy, a retired Sgt. First Class in the North Carolina Army National Guard and current pastor for New Hope United Methodist Church, will be the speaker for this year's annual Memorial Day Observance May 28 in Hertford. It starts at 11 a.m.

Bundy is also a past commander, vice commander and chaplain for Hertford's American Legion Post 126 which conducts this annual observance.

Bundy, a native and lifelong



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Reserve Component.

Bundy, then a U.S. Army staff sergeant, saw combat as an infantry squad leader with Alpha Company 1st of the 120th Infantry/Mecha-

nized, as part of North Carolina's 30th Brigade Combat unit during their 2004 deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He is a 1982 graduate of Perquimans County High School. Bundy has also been employed for the past 25 years as a boat builder. He is currently a manufacturing manager with Albemarle Boats in Edenton.

He has also served as part of many various ministries and committees in several churches he has

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Athletic complex moving forward

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first part of a two-part series on the progress of the new Perquimans County High School athletic complex. Next week we will focus on the decision to name the future running track after Shirley Wiggins.)

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

The new Perquimans County High School athletic complex is starting construction, and "Chicago" Eure will have a great view of it.

Eure, the owner of Eure and Sons Construction got the \$134,980 school board contract to build the restrooms and concession stand. That's about 1,000 square feet of space. He is also going to be building the privately funded 1,900 square-foot field house. The cost of that has not been disclosed.

For the first phase, the project only involves a football field and a practice field across the street from the high school on Edenton Road Street. When funding becomes available, it eventually will include a soccer field, practice fields, a track and tennis courts. The original estimate for all of it was \$6.2 million, but the football field budget is expected to be \$1.2 million. No county tax funds have been used so far on the project.

Eure will not be able to see it from his workshop on Cedar Stretch Road.

If he can't see it from his shop, he can clearly see it from his nearby deer stand.

Eure said he's basically worked in the five counties in the area, but he did do a job in Maryland with a faith-based group Orphan Grain Train. His mix of work varies but mostly it involves residential and commercial

See COMPLEX, 2

Marvin Woodard arrested, jailed on multiple gun charges

From Staff Reports

A Winfall man has been arrested and jailed under a \$90,600 bond for firing a

gun last week at the Wynne Fork Court housing development.

Hertford Police were advised by dispatch of a trespasser at the development on May 7. As they arrived about 4:13 p.m. there was a subsequent report of shots fired. The Perquimans Sheriff's Office also responded

to the scene. No one was hit by the gunfire and a small black vehicle left the scene and was identified as the one having the shooter.

Hertford Police Officer D. Smith and Chief A.D. Webb stopped the vehicle on Wynne Fork Court near Skinner Road.

The driver of the vehicle, Karen Erickson, 45, of Elizabeth City, and the passenger Marvin Woodard, 35, of Winfall were removed from the vehicle without incident.

Woodard was identified at the scene as the shooting suspect. The sheriff's office recovered a gun.

Woodard was charged with two counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, one count of possession of a firearm by a felon, two counts of assault by pointing a gun, one count of second degree trespass, one count of going armed to the terror of the people as well as outstanding child

support warrants.

He was placed in Albemarle District Jail under a \$90,600 secured bond.

Erickson was charged with felony accessory after the fact and careless and reckless driving. She was placed in Albemarle District Jail under an \$11,000 secured bond.

