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Town Council calls for probe

BY PETER WILLIAMS News Editor

The Hertford Town Council claims between 18 to 25 police department weapons were are missing or were improperly sold and called the N.C. Attorney's General's office to investigate. In a press conference

Friday, Hertford Mayor Proguns were ordered but not the State Bureau of Inves- but not returned to the mantigation has already con-ufacturer for repairs.

ducted an investigation and Womble but nothing ever said. "A lot of this has been did not say anything. happened.

"The DA has already proven he doesn't care to at the press conference beprosecute," Jackson said. cause Mayor Horace Reid, "We have no trust in DA An- Councilman Sid Eley and drew Womble.'

Tem Quentin Jackson said needed, or were defective

swept under the rug.

Jackson said he spoke nis Brown is the point per-Town Manager Pamela administration of the inves-Jackson said some of the Hurdle have all been recused from taking part in the investigation. Jackson he said some of those said that is not because they have been accused of

"People put a price on anything. Mayor Reid was turned it over to the office something and then sold sitting on the front row durof District Attorney Andrew it to themselves," Jackson ing the press conference but Jackson said Chief Den-

son for all contact on the matter and as Mayor Pro Tem, Jackson will head the tigation.

Without naming names,

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS Hertford Mayor Pro Tem Quentin Jackson speaks at a press conference Friday.

Firefighters battle cotton seed fire

BY PETER WILLIAMS News Editor

Some 40 firefighters along with EMS and Perquimans **Emergency** Management spent more than nine hours last week at a fire inside a building used to store cotton seed in Winfall.

The blaze at the Ward and Nixon Cotton Gin was reported at 1:15 p.m. on March 19. Firefighters from Winfall, Hertford, Bethel, Belvidere and Inter-County responded to the blaze.

The fire was inside a metal build that was 300 feet long, 100 feet wide and 40 feet tall. The seed was piled up nearly to the ceiling of the structure in some places.

The fire apparently was started by a small bulldozer used to carry seed.

"Nobody was hurt and everybody was able to go home that night, and that's what is important," said Winfall Fire Chief Thomas Roach.



BY PETER WILLIAMS News Editor

may be costly

Billing error

A billing error means Perquimans County may be on the hook for \$118,000 in landfill fees.

The county has an agreement with Chowan and Gates counties for waste disposal. Perquimans operates a central transfer station on Perry's Bridge Road, but the waste is ultimately taken to a landfill in Bertie County.

The error occurred over a nine-month period between November 2017 and July 2018. The billing mistake meant Perquimans was charged too little and Chowan and Gates counties were charged too much. Chowan may have been overcharged \$51,900 and Gates \$66,170 and Perquimans will be asked to reimburse them.

"This is a punch in the gut," said Perquimans County Manager Frank Heath. "PCG

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After cotton is ginned to remove the cotton fiber, some of the fiber still clings to the seed. It's the fiber that burns, Roach said.

"It's not a conventional fire. You have to think outside the box. You may not see much, because it's going to smolder and smoke.

The Hertford Fire Department ladder truck was used to allow firefighters to spray water down on the fire through holes that were burned through the roof. Roach said that was limited use because the roof was too unstable to support fire-

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is postponed

BY PETER WILLIAMS News Editor

The felony case against Hertford Mayor Pro Tem Quentin Jackson has been postponed until May at the request of his attorney.

A Perquimans County Grand Jury found cause to charge Jackson with perjury in April 2018 for statements he made in court. Jackson was in court for a number of things, but one was failing to obey a police officer.

Jackson was asked if he was on probation at the time of the Feb. 1, 2018 traffic

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The Rotary Club of Hertford was awarded NC Main Street Champion for Hertford at the NC Main Street Conference in Salisbury on Thursday.

Rotary wins state award

From Staff Reports

The Rotary Club of Hertford was awarded NC Main Street Champion for Hertford at the NC Main Street Conference in Salsibury on March 14. They were honored for the support of all activities in Hertford.

Most recently, Rotary

Hertford Inc to put on the first ever "Dine, Drink & Dance" event on the Hertford waterfront. They have also been very active in the annual car show sponsored by HHI, and "Toast the Perquimans", another HHI event.

Hertford Rotary actively toring participants.

partnered with Historic promotes the community by providing scholarships to college students, provides books to the elementary schools, and sponsoring a leadership program in the high school. They also sponsor essay contests for local students, as well as a speech competition, actively men-

Alexander wins big at NC Press Awards

BY PETER WILLIAMS News Editor

Advertising representative Bev Alexander won multiple N.C. Press Association awards last week for the three newspapers she represents.

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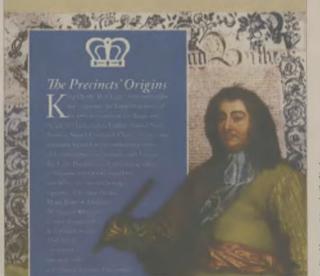
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caring sales representative, said Mike Goodman, the publisher of the The Daily

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

One of the panels in the historic Albemarle series talks about how the precincts were formed.

History exhibit to be displayed

BY PETER WILLIAMS News Editor

A traveling exhibit on the Albemarle region 350 years ago will be on display at the Newbold-White House Visitor's Center starting on Saturday.

ated by a 350th Anniversary Committee to mark the event. It has been traveling around the region and will be in Perquimans County through June 30.

By 1670, four precincts of Albemarle County had been formed: Shaftesbury, Currituck, Pasquotank, and Berkeley. In 1681, Berkeley was renamed Perquimans, and by 1685 Shaftesbury became Chowan.

The location of the ex-The exhibit was cre- hibit in the visitor's center place it near where some of the early history of the region was written. The Newbold-White House dates to

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