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Jackson gets restraining order against woman

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Hertford Mayor Pro Tem Quentin Jackson has accused a 76-year-old Front Street resident of stalking him after she turned over pictures of Jackson driving the town's Chevy Tahoe to the mayor.

He also accused Murielle Harmon of being "very disruptive and aggressive



JACKSON

in council meetings." The temporary restraining order was granted by District Court Judge Amber Davis. It prohibits Harmon from attending town council meetings.

"I am getting a high lev-

el of support and I want to congratulate Mr. Jackson that he fears a 76-year-old, 4-foot-10 woman. It's unfortunate that we have to put the court system through such a frivolous thing."

In the court filing, Jackson accused Harmon of following him on Sept. 9, 10 and 21st and taking pictures of him with the SUV.

Harmon said that is simply not true.

"I did not take the pictures, I have an old flip phone and I don't even text."

She said she left the pictures for Mayor Horace Reid to see, but others took the actual pictures of Jackson in the SUV.

"I would have thought he would have checked that out first, but I didn't take the pictures. We're good. I am just sorry that this is coming just before an election."

While he still has two years left on his council term, Jackson is running for mayor this November. Reid opted not run again. Jackson is facing a challenge from Earnell Brown.

Harmon's original court date was Oct. 2, but she said she's asked for a continuance. She had already planned to be out of town on vacation at that point. Harmon maintains it is

Jackson who is confrontational at meetings.

"He's very aggressive at council meetings. If I were that confrontational, we have a police officer at every meeting and you would think they would have had me removed, which they haven't."

The town bought the SUV on May 21 from Perry

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ALS WALK



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Walkers head out from Perquimans County High School Saturday for the 20th annual Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Walk. More than 250 people took part in the event.

One dies in wreck

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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One person died after an accident Monday afternoon involving a passenger vehicle and a motorcycle on Harvey Point Road.

Emergency crews were dispatched to the 1500 block at 2:40 p.m.

EMS initiated command and then it was turned it over to Hertford's Assistant Fire Chief Robbie Reed after he arrived on the scene.

One occupant of the vehicle was transported by Perquimans EMS to the landing zone at Inter-County Fire Department where he was flown by Nightingale to Sentara Norfolk General, according to Julie M. Solesbee, the public information officer for EMS.

The person on the motorcycle was dead at the scene.

The Hertford Fire Department, Intercounty Fire Department, Perquimans County Sheriff's Office, Perquimans EMS, Nightingale and NC Highway Patrol assisted with the incident.

The NC Highway Patrol is investigating the accident but were unavailable at press time. No other details were available.

Plantation plans are proposed

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

The Perquimans County Planning Board will consider plans for a 1,500-acre second phase Albemarle Plantation next week.

The project will be located across the street from the original development, which was created in the 1990s. As the Plantation

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Moreland named Principal of the Year

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Laura Moreland is glad to be back in Perquimans County, and last month the school system showed they are glad to have her back.

Moreland was named Perquimans County's Principal of the Year even though she only returned to the school last summer.

In December she announced she would be leaving her post as principal at Perquimans County Middle School take a job as human resources director for the Dare County Schools.

She quickly discovered she was not cut out to work in an office.

"I am meant to work with kids and when I was sepa-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Perquimans County Middle School Principal Laura Moreland (center) has been named the school system's principal of the year.

rated from the kids, I lost my joy," Moreland said.

She doesn't regret accepting the Dare job.

"You have to try something to see if it's a good fit,

but as I said, I lost my joy.

"I love being a small town principal. I have really found myself in the past few years. The thought of leaving was an opportunity, but we all missed Perquimans County so much."

She doesn't mind that a trip to the Food Lion might take three hours because people will stop her and want to talk. She actually likes that part.

Moreland is the mother of three, and her son Kendyl is sixth grader at PCMS. In fact for the next few years, one of her children will always be at her school.

School officials sprung the surprise announcement on Moreland on Sept. 20.

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Belvidere Day to offer to new events this year

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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For a few hours in October the population of one small community in Perquimans County can be expected to swell from 45 people to upwards of 2,000 with celebration of Belvidere Day on Oct. 26.

"If we can get a pretty day, it will be good," said Doug Layden, the retired owner of Layden's Grocery and the man who started the event seven years ago.

Last it rained, but Layden estimates there were still about 1,000 people who attended the event. The year before the figure was closer to

1,500 to 2,000. Layden considers the larger Belvidere area has about 1,000 people, but the core area has only about 45.

"When I first started I never thought we'd have 1,000 people in Belvidere," he said.

The event runs from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. and any funds raised will go

to the Belvidere Ruritan Club. They use the money to help with community projects.

Admission is free and the event centers around Layden's store at 1478 Belvidere Road.

As it has for the past few years,

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PAL arts show is set for Saturday

From Staff Reports

The Perquimans Arts League will celebrate the ninth annual "Arts on the Perquimans" Saturday at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.

The juried show will

open at 10 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.

The show has grown to include outside exhibitors in addition to the full gym and kitchen inside. There will be nearly 20 new artists this year.

There will be exhibits in pottery, wood, painting, fiber arts, jewelry, photography, glass and literary offerings.

There will also be a bake sale, and breakfast and lunch foods will be avail-

able for purchase. This year it will have four food trucks on site.

The Perquimans County ornament and PAL cookbooks will be available and there will be a drawing for the winner of the 50/50 raffle. In previous years, the raffle winner has received over \$700. Raffle tickets can be purchased at the PAL gallery, 109 Church Street, in the Hall of Fame Building or the day of the

event. The winner need not be present.

For yarn enthusiasts, Geraldine, the yarn truck from Knitting Addiction, a yarn specialty shop in Kitty Hawk, will be in the Rec Center parking lot during the show.

Admission to the show is \$3. Guests can stop in at the PAL Gallery, 109 Church St., to pick up a postcard good for \$1 off the admission price.

JOLLIFICATION

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Mary Alice Brinn stands next to a portrait of herself in her home on Front Street Saturday. The home, built in 1913, was part of the Jollification tour sponsored by the Perquimans County Restoration Association.