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HOW PERQUIMANS VOTED

LOCAL

County Commissioner

Bert Hayes	1,103
Wayne Howell	611
Archie Miller	1,002
Shirley Yates	1,229

Soil Conservation Supervisors

Elmer C. Lassiter	3,612
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Register of Deeds

Deborah S. Reed	3,114
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STATE

Senate

Marc Basnight	3,127
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House

W.C. (Bill) Owens Jr. (1st district)	559
Bill Culpepper (86th district)	2,464

Governor

Jim Hunt	2,795
Robin Hayes	1,210
Scott D. Yost	22
Julia Van Witt	19

Lieutenant Governor

Dennis A. Wicker	2,511
Steve Arnold	1,099
John Dainotto	17

Attorney General

Mike Easley	2,493
Robert H. Edmunds Jr.	1,206

Auditor

Ralph Campbell	2,423
Jack Daly	1,200
Robert J. Dorsley	29
Theodore Janowski	22

Agriculture Commissioner

Jim Graham	2,588
Tom Davidson	1,013
Eugene Paczelt	17
R. Gaines Steer	20

Insurance Commissioner

Jim Long	2,535
Mike Causey	1,150
Sean Haugh	18
Stephen Wolfe	13

Labor Commissioner

Harry E. Payne Jr.	2,449
R. Tracy Walker	1,169
Seth Fehrs	22
Mary Ann Cooke	39

Secretary of State

Elaine Marshall	2,398
Richard Petty	1,385
Lewis B. Guignard	17
Stephen Richter	15

Supt. of Public Instruction

Mike Ward	2,469
Vernon Robinson	1,174
Chris Spruyt	25
Starr Von Stade	19

Treasurer

Harland E. Boyes	2,496
Ann Q. Duncan	1,167
Lewis B. Hunter	39
Peter Lyda	15

Referendum/Amendment

Gubernatorial veto	yes 2,689; no 937
Criminal conviction restraints	yes 3,108; no 514
Victims' Rights Amendment	yes 2,681; no 939
School Building Bonds	yes 2,777; no 844
Highway Bonds	yes 2,364; no 994

FEDERAL

President

Bill Clinton	2,069
Bob Dole	1,561
Harry Browne	12
John Hagelin	3
Ross Perot	369

Congress

Harvey B. Gantt	1,873
Jesse Helms	1,985
Ray Ubinger	25
J. Victor Pardo	19

Senate

Eva M. Clayton	1,956
Ted Tyler	1,807
Todd Murphrey	23
Joseph Boxerman	19

Halloween accident leaves child in critical condition

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

The fun of trick-or-treating turned traffic for a 9-year-old boy in Hertford last Thursday night when he was injured after being struck by a vehicle.

The child, whose name is not being released by law enforcement officials, was in critical condition at Pitt Memorial Hospital Monday afternoon. Hertford Police Chief Bennie Murphy said doctors told him Monday that the child had been taken off a respirator and was breathing on his own. He was scheduled for

surgery on his broken legs Tuesday. Doctors were unable to tell at press time what the long-term outlook is for the boy. His condition was termed "guarded."

The child allegedly ran into the path of a vehicle operated by Christopher Lee Dail, 16, of Route 1, Tyner at the intersection of Grubb and Carolina streets around 8:12 p.m. Thursday.

"The trick-or-treater just ran out in front of the truck the best we can tell at this time," Murphy said last week. The chief said the child was wearing dark clothing and was

not supervised by an adult.

The boy was transported by ambulance to Chowan Hospital and was then flown by air ambulance to Pitt Memorial Hospital in Greenville.

No charges have been filed by investigating officer D.C. Richards, Murphy said.

"Preliminary reports show that the driver did everything he could (to avoid the accident)," Murphy said.

Additional investigation was done the day after the accident by Richards and N.C. Highway Patrol Trooper K. L. Morgan who also assisted with

the initial investigation. Murphy said Morgan recently completed accident reconstruction school.

While on his way to the accident scene, Hertford officer Brad Krause had the front passenger window of his police cruiser shattered by an object thrown at the car. Murphy said the incident occurred at the intersection of Edenton Road and Dobbs streets.

A cash reward is being offered for information in that case. Anyone with information should call the HPD at 426-5587.

HALLOWEEN/NOT JUST FOR KIDS!



PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS

The staff at Frankie's Hertford Cafe dressed for the occasion Thursday, proving that the fun of Halloween is not just for children. Everyone said they had a good time with the costumes and the customers responded well.

2020 gets incubator grant

By SUSAN R. HARRIS
Editor

After months of waiting, leaders of Perquimans County's economic development campaign got word Monday that a grant to establish a business incubator in Hertford was approved.

The \$200,000 financing award was approved by the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Technological Development Authority, Inc. on Oct. 25. The funds will be used to build a 10,000 square foot facility to house and support emerging manufacturing and technology businesses. The incubator will serve Perquimans, Chowan, Pasquotank and Gates counties. It will serve as a catalyst for start-up and expansion of small industries.

The Perquimans County Business Incubator will be managed by the Perquimans 2020 Vision Coalition, a non-profit organization incorporated in 1992. Perquimans 2020's mission is to improve the quality of life in Perquimans County. The incubator project will focus on improving economic conditions.

The plan is to build a facility in the developing Perquimans Commerce Centre

to house several small new or expanding businesses. Professional support and equipment will be shared by the businesses, decreasing initial capital investment. Tenants will pay rent.

"It's not going to be a free ride," said Perquimans 2020 Director Leo Higgins. "Businesses will pay their share of the costs. The incubator will give them support by allowing them to take advantage of shared services and equipment until they are able to move out on their own."

Perquimans 2020 Chairman Fred Yates said the small businesses that get a start in the incubator will help spur economic growth in the region.

"We believe in the perception that small business is the backbone of the country and our local economies and we recognize small businesses as strong and viable contributors to our community," Yates said.

The Technological Development Authority is a non-profit corporation with a mission to create jobs across the state by stimulating the development and commercialization of scientific and technological innovations in the state's entrepreneurial companies.

Hayes to join board

Challenger Bert Hayes will join incumbents Archie Miller and Shirley Yates on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners in December.

Hayes, who ran a door-to-door campaign, received 1,103 votes, the second highest of any county commissioner candidate. The unaffiliated candidate ran with the support of the local Republican Party.

Yates was the top vote-taker with 1,229 votes. Miller collected 1,002, and challenger Wayne Howell

received 611. A total of 3,945 votes were cast for county commissioner.

The higher-than-average voter turnout kept election officials counting votes and collecting results until after 5 a.m. Wednesday.

Preliminary figures indicate that around 50 percent of the registered voters in Perquimans County showed up at the polls.

The state school bond referendum also got support in Perquimans, with 2,777 voters in favor of its passage and 844 against.

Outside

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
High: 70s Low: 50s MOSTLY CLOUDY	High: 70s Low: 50s SHOWERS	High: 50s Low: 40s DRY