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## Races develop in Hertford, Winfall

Three candidates file; one Winfall seat left open

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The Daily Advance

Mayor Fred Yates of Winfall, and incumbent council members Horace C. Reid Jr. and Daniel F. Daneker of Hertford will be challenged for their seats in the fall town council elections.

On Friday, the last day individuals interested in appearing on the Nov. 6 bal-

lot could file, Johnny Webb officially declared his candidacy for Winfall mayor, while Marvin Hunter and Elaine V. Yarborough jumped into the Hertford council race.

The last-minute filing sets up a four-way race for the two seats available on the Hertford council. In Winfall, there will be only one candidate — incumbent Clifford Towe — running for the two seats up for grabs. Incumbent Joan Mansfield is not seeking reelection to another term.

Mansfield's seat will most likely be filled by a write-in

candidate, said Eula Forbes, director of the Perquimans County Board of Elections. If a write-in fails, the council will eventually have to appoint someone to fill the position.

The filing periods for both town council elections, which opened July 6, started at a snail's pace. It wasn't until last Tuesday, only three days until the end of the filing period, that the first three of the six candidates — Towe, Reid and Yates — entered the race.

Waiting until the last day to file is nothing unusual in town elections, according

to Forbes, who said that everyone waits to see who their opponents will be if he or she decides to run.

In both towns, council members serve four-year terms and are elected at-large. The mayor of Winfall is elected at large and serves only a two-year term.

In Winfall, Yates is currently serving his third term as mayor, and Towe — a former 12-year member of the Perquimans County School Board — is currently completing the unexpired term of the late Willie B. Moore.

"I have no specific goal in mind," Towe said earlier this week. "I just want to be there to help and do what I can for the community."

Webb said Friday he is looking forward to running against Yates for mayor. "I just want to give people a choice," he said.

Repeated attempts throughout the week to reach Yates for comment were unsuccessful.

In Hertford, incumbent Dan Daneker was surprised Friday that he would be facing a challenge for his seat.

"It's unusual. Usually

nobody wants to run," the councilman said. "It's a thankless job."

Daneker is currently filling the unexpired council term of Sid Eley, who resigned from council after being elected Hertford's mayor.

Marvin Hunter said Friday that he entered the race because he believes his past experience in town government can benefit the community. Hunter, a lifelong Perquimans County resident, served as Hertford's town clerk and

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## County social services may need more space

MARIEL BETANCOURT  
The Daily Advance

In the next two or three weeks, Perquimans County Manager Paul Gregory expects to receive a certificate of occupancy for the town's new health department.

But the old health department, which will become the new home of social services personnel, may not be large enough to hold the staff of 24.

Currently, social services uses 6,000 square feet of space in two buildings, and the old health department has only 3,920 square feet of space available, Gregory told the Board of County Commissioners at its meeting Monday.

"This building comes up short," Gregory said. "Even utilizing all the space, we

still need a conference room, a space for two secretaries ... and five other employees."

With so little space, social services staff will have difficulty conducting interviews in private, and this could pose problems, Gregory told commissioners.

Commissioners will consider constructing an addition to the old health department building. They also discussed the possibility of reducing the social services staff by at least one position, as Chowan County recently did. However, commissioners took no action Monday.

"I'm not looking for any decision today," Gregory said. "I'm just giving you this information so we can look toward the future."

## Three teaching slots open in county schools

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Perquimans County Schools Personnel Director Brenda Dail had three more business days to fill three spots before students returned to the classrooms. But Dail wasn't too anxious. With 145 certified staff slots, having three empties was not bad.

"We're still not in bad shape," an optimistic Dail said Friday afternoon. "I may fill one of the three

today. Having only three openings at this point is really good."

Dail said the board has hired 30 people this summer, 15 of them certified teachers.

"We've found some really good quality people to fill our positions," Dail said. "I'm delighted that we have such a good mix of people from in the county, in the area and out of state. Each

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### READY FOR SCHOOL



STAFF PHOTO BY SAM WOLFE

Jessica White (left) talks with keyboarding and business law teacher Mary Lyons at the Perquimans High School open house Monday evening.

## Indian Summer Festival slated for Sept. 8

SUSAN R. HARRIS

The 20th annual Indian Summer Festival will feature additional venues and activities for all ages.

The festival, sponsored by the Historic Hertford Association, is set for Saturday, Sept. 8.

Special events set for the 2001 gala will be an Anything That Floats but A Boat contest, talent show, farmer's market, one-on-one basketball tournament and strong man competition and truck pull.

Mary White, a representative of HHBA, said this year's festival will expand with activities downtown, at the municipal park behind the town offices and at Missing Mill Park.

The traditional arts, crafts, information, food and entertainment will fill downtown. Fresh produce will be available at the farmer's market and there will be a Freshwater Region Antique Car Show and Competition.

A mixture of new and traditional favorite events

is set for the municipal park. An Anything That Floats but a Boat contest, boat show and nautical vendors will showcase Hertford's beautiful waterfront. A talent show, food and dunking booth round out attractions at the municipal park.

Missing Mill Park will be the scene of fun and games for all ages. The Governor's One-on-One Basketball Tournament, Strong Man Competition and Truck Pull, games and rides are on tap for that

site. Entertainment and food will also be available at the park.

Food vendors signed up so far will offer a wide array of taste treats from pizza to seafood.

Entertainment should please a variety of tastes. Both the Perquimans high and middle school bands will perform, along with Rockin' Willie, Silver Spurs, Double Eagle Band, Bill Darrow, gospel singers, Brittany Perry, Cribsoog, ButerandStein, The Beach Club and more.

### WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 89  
LOW: 70  
SCATTERED T'STORMS

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 87  
LOW: 71  
ISOLATED T'STORMS

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 86  
LOW: 69  
ISOLATED T'STORMS



STAFF PHOTO BY SAM WOLFE

A \$10K grant will allow scholars to discuss Newbold-White House history and family life.

## Newbold-White receives grant

MARIEL BETANCOURT  
The Daily Advance

The Newbold-White House has plenty of stories to tell — and officials are hoping a \$10,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities will help bring these stories to light.

The grant, awarded Tuesday, will pay for a three-day colloquium that will gather 10 scholars at the house to discuss its history and the life of the Quaker family that once called it home. The colloquium will help Newbold-

White staff create a long-range plan for the house, the oldest brick home in the state.

"The staff has a good idea of where we want to take the Newbold-White House," said LuAnne Pendergraft, development officer for the Perquimans County Restoration Association. "But we wanted that grounding in scholarship."

The colloquium will bring the scholars to the house for discussion sessions with Newbold-White staff and members of the PCRA, the owners and

operators of the house. Each scholar will interpret one piece of history — such as women's history, African-American history and maritime history — as it applies to the house.

The invited scholars will include Raymond Winslow, Perquimans County native and historian; Lawrence Babits, East Carolina University professor of maritime history and nautical archaeology; Carl Lounsbury, architectural historian at Colonial Williamsburg; and Gwen

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