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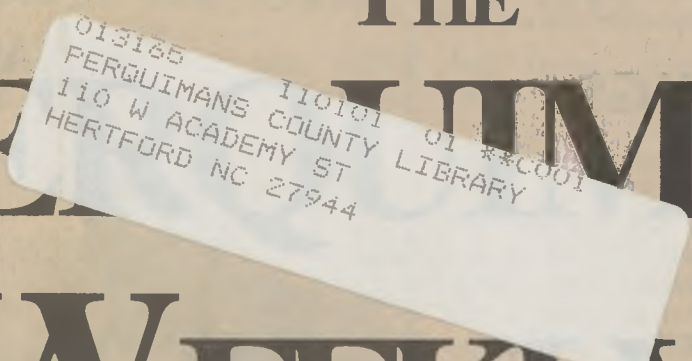
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Fred Yates

Yates honored by SEC Mayor is State Volunteer of Year

The Southern Economic Development Council, the oldest and largest regional economic development association in North America, named Frederick L. Yates North Carolina's Volunteer of the Year.

Yates, who is mayor of Winfall, has secured numerous grants for community improvements, including the construction of a town-wide sewer collection system and the construction of a new fire department. He serves on the boards of the NC Rural Economic Development Center and the Albemarle-Pamlico Energy Corporation, and also serves as president of the Perquimans County branch of the NAACP.

The Southern Economic Development Council is a 1,200 member non-profit organization composed of a broad cross-section of active and influential industrial and economic developers from business and industry, utilities, transportation, financial and education institutions, chambers of commerce, and local, regional and state development agencies.

Members in the 17-state area share a common interest: the promotion and enhancement of the economic development profession. The SEDC region includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland and the District of Columbia, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

Town elections Tuesday

Voters in Hertford and Winfall will choose new municipal representatives Tuesday.

In Winfall, the mayor's post and two council seats are up for election. Incumbent Fred Yates is challenged by Johnny Webb for the mayor's seat.

Two council positions are open, but only incumbent Clifford Towe regis-

tered for a seat. That means Winfall may have a write-in candidate earn a seat, although no one has advertised to ask for support. In the absence of a successful write-in campaign, the Winfall Council will appoint someone to fill the position.

Hertford voters may choose between incumbents Horace Reid Jr. and

Dan Daneker and challenger Marvin Hunter Sr. for seats on council.

The polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

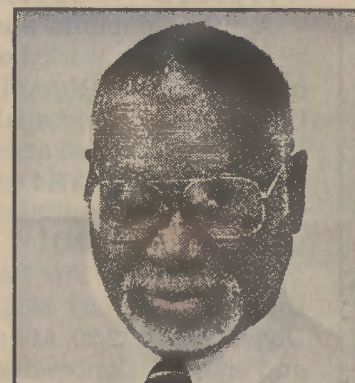
All voters in Winfall will cast ballots at the Parkville Ruritan Building, also known as the Winfall Community Building.

Voters in East Hertford

will vote at the courthouse, while those in West Hertford will make choices at Hertford Grammar School.

There are 1,363 registered voters in Hertford and 419 in Winfall.

The Perquimans Weekly will be distributed a day late next week so that election results can be published.



Horace Reid

Reid wants to keep seat

(Editor's note: Horace Reid Jr. brought his answers to the candidate questions in on Oct. 26. They were due in The Perquimans Weekly office on Oct. 15. In an effort to inform Hertford voters about the candidates for election on Nov. 6, the newspaper agreed to publish Reid's answers even though they were not submitted on time.)

Hertford voters will choose two councilmen on Nov. 6.

On the ballot will be challenger Marvin Hunter Sr. and incumbents Horace Reid Jr. and Dan Daneker. Elaine Yarborough withdrew from the race.

Reid, 59, is married to Louise T. Reid. The couple's children are grown. He has lived in Hertford all his life. Reid is Chairman of the Trustee board and treasurer of First Baptist Church. He is secretary of the Perquimans Credit Union, a board member of NENCBC, and a member of the Perquimans County NAACP and the Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

Have you held an elected position in the past?

Yes. Hertford Town Council 1997 to present.

Why are you seeking public office?

I want to continue to work with the council to make Hertford a better place for our citizens to live, continue the building process to improve the town, to help keep the tax rate low and continue the improvements that have been implemented to improve the town appearance.

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Cycle NC put Hertford in high gear

SUSAN R. HARRIS

It was lucky 13. When about a thousand bicyclists stopped in Hertford on the morning of Oct. 13, they left their kickstands down long enough to hear the ring of local cash registers.

According to Hertford Main Street Manager Belinda Washlesky, the group — as well as some family members who spent a night or two in the area — had some merchants running in high gear.

"I hope this will allow people to see the value of our efforts to promote our downtown and heritage tourism," Washlesky said. "These thousands of people visited, the vast majority for just a couple of hours, and our merchants benefitted greatly."

The first stop for the cyclists was at the Newbold-White House, where over \$600 was spent in the gift shop.

Once downtown, the continental breakfast set up on the courthouse lawn by Frankie's Hertford Cafe and Church Street Grille



Bicyclists who came through Perquimans County with Cycle North Carolina on Oct. 13 were a big boon to local businesses.

was swamped, and the two restaurants were also busy. Carolina Trophy, The Wishing Well, and White's Dress Shoppe also reported brisk sales to Washlesky. In addition, the Chamber sold novelties when the cyclists went to the Visitors Center. Most enjoyed a free ice cream cone from Woodard's Pharmacy

before leaving town. Several of the cyclists and family members stopped back in Hertford on Sunday to eat and browse.

"We hope and feel certain that many of the bicyclists will return to visit Historic Hertford again one day ... one night ... perhaps even to make Hertford

their home." Upon hearing that Cycle NC would be passing through Hertford, Washlesky collected business cards from downtown merchants and with help from David Webb and Ann Jones at the Newbold-White House, scanned and created discount coupons.

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Health officials help with mold problem

SUSAN R. HARRIS

Regional health officials were among those who met last week to deal with the mold and mildew problem at Central School.

Ralph Hollowell and Donna Gilbert of Albemarle Regional Health Services met with David Lipton of the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, Jack Claywell of Boney Architects, Bruce MacDonald of M.B. Kahn Construction, Jim Cheatham of Cheatham and Associates, school principal Billy Stallings,

Maintenance Director Richard O'Neal and Superintendent Kenneth Wells met to discuss the recurrent problem.

The health department became involved in the situation after being contacted by parents and others in the community concerned over the mold and mildew problems in the building which were initially discovered last spring. Wells said that Hollowell told him the health department knows the school system is trying to determine the problem and fix it, and that the health department wanted to help in that

process. In fact, a formal report will be made to the Regional Board of Health on Nov. 27.

Last Thursday, it was decided that five items need to be addressed to try to end the mold problem. The party responsible for taking care of each item was also decided.

A crack was discovered in the roof, which allows outside air to enter the building. M.B. Kahn will fix that problem.

Cheatham and Associates, the heating and air conditioning contractor who worked at Central

School, will reset several of the air handling systems that are not cycling effectively. The company will also reprogram exhaust fans in the restrooms that currently operate continuously. The fans will be programmed to run only when the building is occupied.

A new set of upgraded filters will be installed by the Perquimans County Schools Maintenance Department. The new filters will be more effective in removing particles from the air such as mold spores, dust and other items that allow mold to grow.

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Mills is new assistant principal

A new assistant principal assumed duties at Perquimans Middle School Monday.

Lisa Mills, who formerly taught seventh grade math in the Gates County School System, was appointed by the school board at its October meeting.

A Gates County native, Mills made it plain at her initial interview how committed she is to education.

"I cannot imagine being in any profession except education," she said. "It is my belief that all who are involved in education,

teachers, principals, bus drivers, custodians, cafeteria workers and most importantly, parents, are given the opportunity to have a direct impact on the children that God has entrusted in our care. Every child has the ability to learn given the right environment, proper motivation, and a caring mentor. It is our job as educators to tap into our resources and provide the necessary guidance and instruction to help our children succeed. Our goal should be to maximize

teaching and learning."

Mills graduated from Chowan College in 1983 with an A.S. in science. She then attended Wake Forest University where she earned her B.S. in Science Education in 1985. During her tenure with Gates County Schools, she continued her studies at East Carolina University and earned her MSA in school administration.

Prior to joining Gates County Schools in 1997, Mills taught at Great Bridge High School and Ryan Academy of Norfolk.



Lisa Mills meets members of the school board after being hired as the new assistant principal at Perquimans County Middle School effective Monday.

WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 75
LOW: 54
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
HIGH: 74
LOW: 53
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 74
LOW: 50
SCATTERED SHOWERS