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One killed, one injured in wreck

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One man was killed and another gravely injured after their vehicle pulled into the path of a motor home at a dangerous intersection on U.S. Highway 17 in Hertford Monday.

Charlie E. Jordan Jr., 45, of Harvey Point Road, Hertford, died of "mass trauma" suffered in the accident, Hertford Police Chief Dale Vanscoy said.

Jordan was a passenger in a 1991 Buick driven by Joseph D. Lightfoot Jr., Vanscoy said. Lightfoot, 43, of P.O. Box 1331, Hertford, was being treated at Norfolk (Va.) Sentara Hospital Monday evening with internal injuries Vanscoy described as "life threatening."

The accident occurred

when Lightfoot, crossing U.S. 17 at Wynne Fork Road, pulled directly into the path of a northbound motor home driven by Ralph D. Hutchins, 72, of 1025 Dakota Ave., St. Cloud, Fla.

"We haven't determined whether the Buick failed to stop at the stop sign, but it is clear it failed to yield to northbound traffic," Vanscoy said.

Hutchins' motor home plowed into Lightfoot's vehicle near the front passenger door, pushing it north on U.S. 17 approximately 160 feet before both vehicles ended up in a ditch on the right side of the road, Vanscoy said.

The force of the crash pushed the passenger side of the Buick into the edge of the driver's seat and left the motor home embedded

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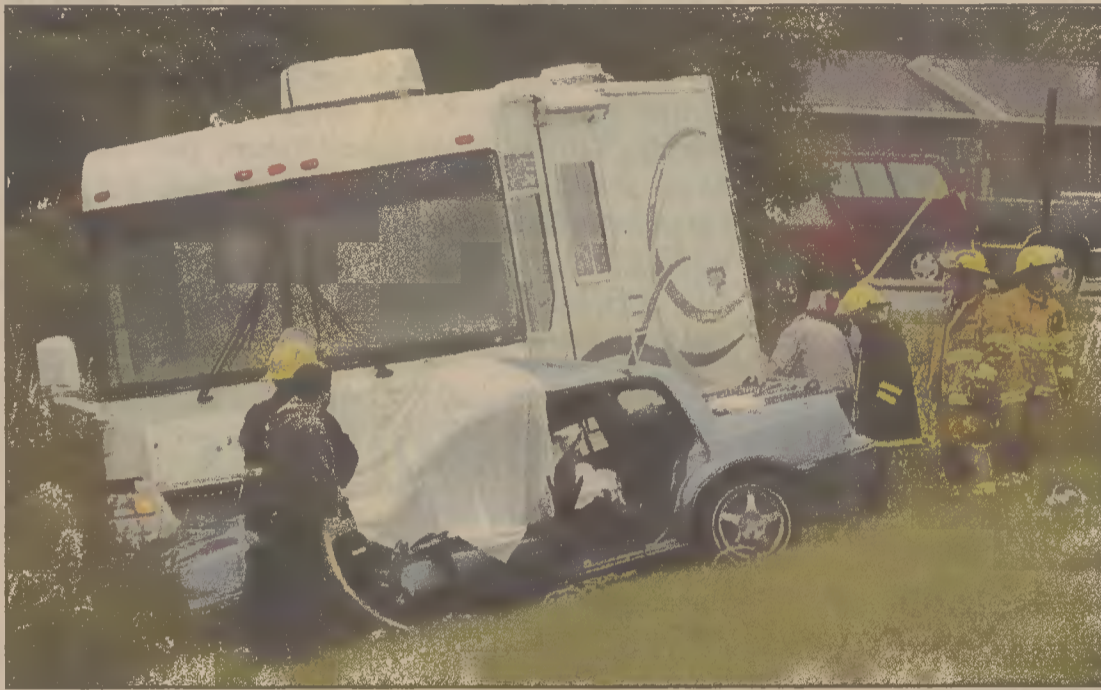


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Emergency personnel respond to a fatal accident near the intersection of Wynne Fork Road and U.S. Highway 17 Monday. One man was killed and another gravely injured when their car pulled into the path of a motor home on U.S. 17, police said.

Elections set for Tuesday

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Poll workers in Perquimans will have voting machines ready for voters on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 a.m. Polls close at 7:30 p.m.

There will be four local offices on the ballot; however, there are races in only two areas.

Democrat Eric Tilley, the incumbent, is challenged by David Shaffer for sheriff. Shaffer earned the right to appear on the ballot by petition.

Voters may choose two of three candidates for the Soil and Water Conservation Committee. Candidates are Burt Eure, Charles Mathews and Ginger O'Neal.

Incumbent L. Gail Godwin is running unopposed for Clerk of Superior Court.

Incumbents Benjamin Hobbs, a Republican, and Charles H. Ward, a Democrat are joined by Democrat Tammy Miller-White on the ballot for county commissioner. Each voter may choose only one candidate; however, all will be elected because there are three candidates for three available seats, barring a successful write-in campaign.

Polling places are: New Hope Township - Durants Neck Ruritan Building, Parksville Township - Parksville Ruritan (Winfall Community) Building, Hertford Township - courthouse, East Hertford and Hertford Grammar School, West Hertford, Bethel Township - Bethel Ruritan Building,

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Halloween is Thursday

Hertford Police Chief Dale Vanscoy announced that trick-or-treat hours in Hertford are Thursday, 5-8 p.m.

There will be trick-or-treating in participating downtown businesses from 3-5:30.

Vanscoy said trick-or-treaters should put safety first, obeying traffic rules, wearing reflective clothing, making sure costumes don't block vision or trip wearers, accepting candy only from people you know, and making sure there is an adult along.

Motorists should move slowly through areas participating in trick-or-treating, watching for darting children.

Mummert on Winfall board

Donna H. Mummert is the newest face on the Winfall Town Council.

Mummert was selected by Council to fill the seat held by the late Alice Rowland. She took the oath of office at the board's October meeting.

Candidates for the seat were asked to complete an application. In part, Mummert's reads, "I appreciate the benefit of a hard-working team and accept challenges that will benefit our public. I believe that past experiences, career choices and public involvement will enable me to meet the standards our current Town Council represents."

Mummert has been extremely active in town activities. She served as chair of the town's Beautification Committee and headed the move to organize the Winfall

Citizens' Advisory Committee. It was through her efforts that Winfall Landing Park became a venue for the Indian Summer Festival in September.

As a council member, Mummert will serve as an ad hoc member on both the Beautification and Citizens' Advisory committees.

Mummert has lived on Main Street in Winfall with her husband, Scott, and son, Benjamin, since 1991. She is a nurse in Elizabeth City.

Charles H. Stanley has been appointed by Mayor Fred Yates to replace Mummert as chair of the Citizens' Advisory Committee. He will lead the committee in completing its structure and purpose.

The committee is composed of volunteers seeking an opportunity to serve



Donna Mummert was inducted to the Winfall Town Council earlier this month. She fills the unexpired term of Alice Rowland.

the community. Their input, comments and suggestions will be used by the mayor and town council in making decisions for the town. In addition to Stanley, Robert Rowland, James White, Arlene White and Larry Johnson serve on the committee.

Stanley retired to

Winfall following a 30-year career in healthcare management, consulting, teaching and program development. Yates believes his extensive experience with public relations, resolving complaints and improving the perception of organizational performance will be an asset to the town.

Tilley, Shaffer face off in county sheriff's race Tuesday

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SUSAN R. HARRIS

Perquimans residents have few choices in local races Tuesday, but one choice they will make is for sheriff.

Democratic incumbent Eric Tilley is being challenged by Winfall Police Chief David Shaffer, who earned the right to appear on the ballot by petition. Tilley, who served as chief deputy under Ralph Robinson, was appointed to fill Robinson's unexpired term upon his death in office.

Each candidate was given a written questionnaire and asked to respond in writing. Their answers appear exactly as submitted.

Why are you running for sheriff?

Tilley: I have made law enforcement my career. Through my work experience in sheriff offices, police department and state probation, I bring



David Shaffer

knowledge and skills to the table. Perquimans County is my home and that is where I want to use my ability to serve and protect this county.

Shaffer: There are several reasons why I am running for the office of Sheriff of Perquimans County. First of all, I have had an overwhelming number of citizens who have asked me to run. The Interim Sheriff Eric Tilley was not elected by the people of this county but was appointed by the commissioners to complete the late Sheriff Robinson's



Eric Tilley

term of office. The Sheriff of this County needs to be elected by the citizens of the county. I also believe that the People need to have a choice as to who will represent them and look after their interest and safety. I believe the Sheriff must be available to the citizens and be able to have an open door to ALL the citizens of the county in order to be effective. Professionalism is the key, and that starts at the top. As a citizen of this county I see the need for change and the only way that can happen is to let the

people make that choice on November 5th.

What qualifications would you bring to the position?

Shaffer: I will bring 20+ years of varied law enforcement experience to this office as well as my Extensive military background. I have been managing personnel and materials for over 20 years. I will bring a balance of compassion, integrity and firmness to ensure that all citizens are treated fairly. My years of experience in youth mentoring will help to close the gap between our young folks and the law enforcement community, which will help to reduce youth crimes.

Tilley: Fourteen years of law enforcement experience ranging from patrol deputy to shift supervisor to chief deputy and serving as sheriff for the past three years has given me the knowledge of all aspects that the job requires and having the ability to use

state laws, resources and good common sense to rationally solve problems that law enforcement officials face today.

What is the major challenge facing county law enforcement today?

Tilley: Drugs and youth crime.

Shaffer: Drugs and community perception of law enforcement. I cite two major challenges because I believe that they are equally important and are directly related. The drug problem in this county is a disease that needs to be eradicated. A good percentage of crimes committed in this county are a result of drugs. Like any other disease, you must stop it at its source. Simply treating the symptoms won't cure the problem. Part of the cure is to re-ignite the citizen's confidence in the sheriff's department. The citizens need to know that they have something to offer, and that they are the

key to cleaning this county up, and the sheriff's office is there to help. It is important to develop a partnership between law enforcement and the communities.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
High: 66
Low: 42
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
High: 59
Low: 46
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
High: 55
Low: 33
MOSTLY CLOUDY