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One stop voting here starts Oct. 15

By Cathy Wilson
Staff Writer

One-stop absentee voting for the Nov. 3 municipal elections in Hertford and Winfall begins Oct. 15.

Both Hertford and Winfall have two council seats up for grabs. Five people are vying for the two seats in Hertford while only two people seek two seats in Winfall.

Voters already registered

may vote early between Oct. 15 and Oct. 31 at the office of the Perquimans County Board of Elections.

Those who wish to vote, but have not registered, may register and vote during that same time frame. The office will be open for one-stop absentee voting Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. except on the final day, Oct. 31, when voting will cease at 1 p.m.

In Hertford, newcomers

Lillian Anne Holman, Lloyd S. Hodges, Quentin Jackson, and William E. (Ed) Lane, will square off against incumbent Horace C. Reid Jr. for the two open seats. Councilwoman JoAnn Morris is not seeking re-election.

In Winfall, newcomer Steav F. Congdon and incumbent Debbie Jean Whedbee are seeking the two seats. Councilwoman Donna Mummert is not seeking re-election.

To register at a one-stop voting location, voters must provide identification. Acceptable forms of identification include: a North Carolina driver's license with current address or a utility bill with name and current address; a telephone or mobile phone bill; an electric or gas bill; a cable television bill; a water or sewage bill; a passport; a government-issued photo ID; a U.S. military ID; a license to

hunt, fish, own a gun, etc.; a property or other tax bill; automotive or vehicle registration; certified documentation of naturalization.

Also, a public housing or Social Service Agency document; a check, invoice or letter from a government agency; a birth certificate; a student photo ID along with a document from the school showing the student's name and current address; a paycheck or paycheck

stub from an employer or a W-2 statement; a bank statement or credit card statement.

If an acceptable form of identification for proof of residence is not given, the registration application can not be fully processed until the required information is provided. Registered voters may also update their address and change vital information in an existing registration record at the one-stop site.

PCHS Marching Pirates shine



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Sporting their new uniforms (above) are members of the Perquimans High School Marching Pirates. Below: Color guard member Savannah Black is framed in a swirl of purple flags during Friday night's half-time show.

New uniforms highlight new season

By Cathy Wilson
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This is an exciting time for the Perquimans County High School Marching Pirates.

Dressed in their new uniforms, band and color guard members recently kicked off their competition season in high style.

On Saturday, the band took several awards in Class 3A competition during the 34rd Annual

Peanut Festival in Edenton.

According to Chris Whitehurst, director of bands for the school, his marching Pirates captured first place in color guard, first in percussion and first for general effect. The band placed second in music and third in marching.

"Of special note, the band took the highest drum score for the entire competition as well as the highest general

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Fired town officer carrying badge, ID

By Cathy Wilson
Staff Writer

A former Hertford police officer is facing larceny charges after he was found to be in possession of his police badge and official identification after being dismissed from the force.

Hertford Police Chief Joe Amos said two misdemeanor larceny warrants have been issued for Clifton Johnson of Elizabeth City.

Johnson was fired from the Hertford Police Department by Amos two months ago. Amos has not made the reason for Johnson's termination public citing personnel matters.

According to a press release issued by Amos, Hert-

ford police were contacted on Oct. 2 by the Elizabeth City Police Department advising they were detaining a former Hertford police officer.

"While conducting a drug investigation, Johnson was found to be in possession of a Hertford Police Department badge and identification," the press release states. "Johnson was not charged with any drug violation by Elizabeth City police."

"At the time of his termination, it was believed that Johnson had turned in all the property that had been issued to him," Amos added.

Amos said Johnson's vehicle was stopped by police, and a passenger in the vehicle was charged in connection with a drug violation.

Student absentee rate is still climbing

By Cathy Wilson
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The number of sick students missing school here continued to climb last week.

Brenda Lassiter, public information officer for the Perquimans County Schools, said the number of absentees in all four schools rose to 209 last Friday. Usually the school system averages about 80 students absent on a given day. The school system has an enrollment of about 1,800 students.

"A high rate of absences are because of strep throat," Lassiter pointed out. Other ailments keeping kids home from school include flu, viruses, injuries, and deaths in families, she added.

Absenteeism jumped Friday at Perquimans Central School from 48 to 62. Hertford Grammar School counted 54 students out while absentees

at Perquimans Middle and Perquimans High each numbered 46 and 47 students respectively.

The number of students out sick with a variety of ailments, including flu, began rising over 100 on Sept. 24 and has continued to rise since then. Last Monday, more than half of the sick students sent home exhibited flu-like symptoms.

School nurses are monitoring attendance closely and are following up on illnesses in an effort to track the flu virus.

"We are staying in close contact with the Albemarle Regional Health Department so that they can help advise us," she added.

Local health department officials have indicated that 99 percent of all flu experienced in the country now is H1N1, more commonly known as Swine Flu.

Counterfeit cash being distributed in county

By Cathy Wilson
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Counterfeit money has been distributed in both Winfall and Hertford over the past two weeks.

On Oct. 1, three fake \$20 bills were found at Winfall Deli. In September, someone passed fake \$20 and \$100 bills at Food Lion and Hess in Hertford.

Local merchants are encouraged to pay close attention and examine any \$20 or

\$100 bills received.

"Be diligent about checking any money taken in," said Winfall Police Chief David Shaffer. "A lot of times, these folks will wait and try to pass fake money when the cashier is busy."

"Check the color of the ink, look for the holograms, and check for security strips on the money," added Hertford Police Chief Joe Amos. "If they are still not sure, call the police and we can

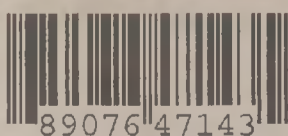
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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 74 LOW: 54
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
HIGH: 69 LOW: 58
SUNNY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 75 LOW: 61
SHOWERS



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Give to the local United Way chapter

By Diana Mazzella
The Daily Advance

Despite an economic slowdown that's kept local unemployment hovering near 10 percent for months, area business and civic leaders feel confident the Albemarle Area United Way

(AAUW) will meet its fundraising goal of \$400,000 this year. AAUW kicked off its annual capital campaign recently in Elizabeth City.

Ann Hoffman, AAUW board chairwoman and publisher of The Perquimans Weekly, encouraged attendees at the recent kickoff to give to the organization.

"... It's been a pretty rough year for everyone but especially for those who are less fortunate," Hoffman said. "You know there are signs of recovery, but unemployment is still very high, people are still losing their jobs and their homes and tragedy still strikes. It's ever important to live united."

Twenty-five nonprofit agencies are supported by the United Way in nine area counties including Perquimans. The groups include among others Chowan Perquimans Habitat for Humanity,

Food Bank of the Albemarle, Albemarle Hopeline, the Greater Albemarle Chapter of the American Red Cross, Catholic Charities, Boy Scouts of America; Tidewater Council,

Girl Scouts Council: Colonial Coast, The Salvation Army.

The local Habitat for Humanity is one local agency that receives support from the campaign. United Way has designated \$4,452 to the Chowan/Perquimans Habitat for Humanity this year.

Since the early 1990s, Chowan/Perquimans Habitat for Humanity has built seven houses for low-income residents.

For some of those residents it was their first home, said the organization's president Richard Vail.

"These people are absolutely elated," he said of the first-time homeowners.

The local Habitat for Humanity has built one house

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