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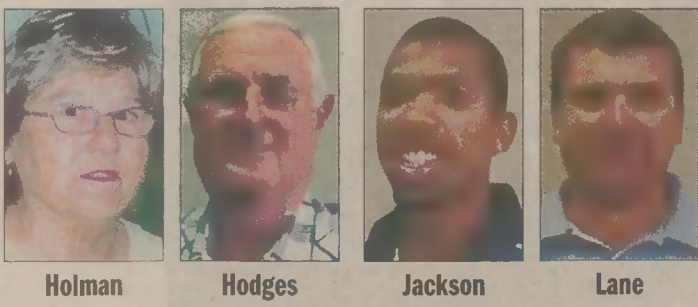
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Candidates address issues

By Cathy Wilson
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Four newcomers and one incumbent are vying for two seats on the Hertford Town Council in the Nov. 3 municipal elections.

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.

Since one-stop absentee voting begins Thursday, the five candidates were asked to comment on two issues facing the town today. Their responses follow.

Q. How would you improve



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economic development in Hertford?

Lillian Anne Holman: We have the infrastructure in place so we are prepared for at least

three subdivisions ready to go when the economy gets better. The North Carolina Seafood Authority is planning a marine park in the Commerce Center and that should bring other businesses to the area to compliment the boat-building industry. I would love to see our waterfront developed but

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Chief justice to swear-in Cole

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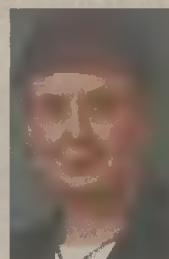
The sitting chief justice for the N.C. Supreme Court will swear in J.C. Cole of Hertford as a superior court judge for the First Judicial district Oct. 15.

Chief Justice Sarah Parker will do the honors during a noon ceremony on the lawn of the historic Perquimans County Courthouse.

Judge Cole, who serves as a district court judge, was appointed last month by Gov. Beverly Perdue to finish the unexpired term of Judge J. Richard Parker who retired Sept. 30.

Chief Justice Parker began her service as chief justice of the state's highest court in 2006 after joining the supreme court in 1993. She also served on the N.C. Court of Appeals and was an attorney in private practice. A native of Charlotte, she earned her undergraduate and law degrees at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Judge Cole was appointed as a district court judge in 1994. Prior to that, he was a private attorney in Hertford and a licensed private invest-



Parker

igator and U.S. postal inspector. As a district judge, he earned a reputation as a specialist in juvenile justice matters.

He attended undergraduate school at Livingston College and also received a master's degree in criminal justice. He received his law degree from North Carolina Central University School of Law.

Cole also serves on the Governor's Crime Commission and is active in the Perquimans County community. He is married to Janice McKenzie Cole, a former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of N.C., and a former district court judge.

The outdoor swearing-in ceremony is a tradition for the Cole family. Both Cole and his wife chose outdoor ceremonies when taking the oaths of office as district judges.

The first judicial district covers Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Gates and Dare counties.

A story to tell



PERQUIMANS WEEKLY PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

Ray Doyen, better known as Doc, writes his manuscripts in long hand while sitting at his desk in his Holiday Island home. He recently published a fictional book based on the true events surrounding the rape of his daughter years ago when she was a New York college freshman.

Doyen relives a father's anguish in book

By Cathy Wilson
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The father couldn't believe his eyes when he saw his precious daughter standing before him, face badly bruised and swollen after being violently beaten and raped during a leisurely walk near the college campus. He gently put his big strong arms around her to comfort her, love her, protect her.

But inside, he was screaming.

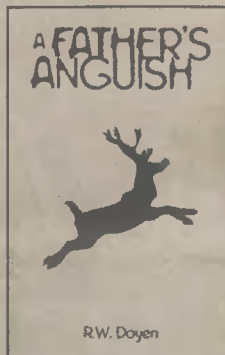
How could this have happened to his daughter? Who could have done the unspeakable to her? Why couldn't he have been there to protect his child like fathers are supposed to do?

For Ray Doyen of Holiday Island, these questions and more consumed every inch of his very being every single day for weeks, months, even years after the attack. Deep inside, he suffered a unique form of torment that eventually forced him to therapeutically express his frustrations and feelings into the written word.

His self-published book, "A Father's Anguish", is fiction based on a true event that impacted the Doyen family several years ago.

His now "40-ish" daughter, a high school graduate who also served in the military, was a New York college freshman at the time the attack occurred. She went for a walk off-campus when she was grabbed from behind, knocked unconscious, and carried to a house where the violent sexual attack continued. When the rapist was finished with her, he drove her back to where he first accosted her and dumped her on the sidewalk.

Like many rape victims, she never reported the attack to police. Instead, she sought help from the local Rape Crisis Center, and then went home to the safety and comfort of her parents in Pennsylv-



vania. They never found out who attacked her. But they tried to find the house where it occurred.

"She remembered some characteristics of the house," Doyen said. "For weeks, I would pick her up after school and

we'd drive around town trying to find the house, but we never found it. It almost drove me nuts!"

While his daughter eventually picked up the pieces of her life and moved forward, Doyen, a podiatrist at the time, still harbored an unresolved anguish deep inside his gut.

"It was an anguish I'd never felt before, a silent rage," he added.

For five years, he picked up a pen and note pad and wrote in long-hand his frustrations and feelings about the attack and attacker. He let his imagination be the guiding thrust of his ink pen with each stroke that eventually created a fascinating and intriguing read. His imagination deals with the rapist in a most unusual way. The book's startling climax is so smoothly written that it leaves the reader wondering where reality ends and fiction begins.

"Once I started writing, I let the story carry me," he said. "The book portrays the emotional aspect of rape as much as the circumstances surrounding it. No, I couldn't do to the attacker what I wanted to do, so I let my alter ego in the book take care of him."

His writing was therapy for him,

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Daughter moves forward after rape

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The day after she was violently raped, Stacey McGonigle made a conscious decision that she was going to be OK.

"I made up my mind that this was not going to consume my life," she said, even though the then New York college freshman, just 24 hours earlier, was grabbed from behind, beaten, taken to a house and raped.

Time, determination, and counseling over the years since the attack has helped her grow into the strong "40ish" woman, wife, and mother she is today.

She talks about the attack now with a strength and conviction that comes with healing and growth in moving forward.

"I don't consider myself a victim now," she said slowly, emphasizing the word now.

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WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY
HIGH: 68 LOW: 57
PARTLY CLOUDY

FRIDAY
HIGH: 76 LOW: 59
SHOWERS

SATURDAY
HIGH: 76 LOW: 56
SCATTERED SHOWERS



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Meiggs is head of the class

By Cathy Wilson
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Dianne Meiggs hangs out with a lot of short people, but the impact she makes in their everyday lives stands tall when it comes to future success.

The principal of Hertford Grammar School (HGS) was recently chosen as the 2009 Principal of the Year for Perquimans County Schools (PCS). The 26-year veteran educator has served as principal at HGS for the past three years.

The portfolio of her accomplishments will advance to the Northeast Regional competition as part of the 2010

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PERQUIMANS WEEKLY PHOTO BY CATHY WILSON

Dianne Meiggs communicates with students on their level at Hertford Grammar School. She is the school system's principal of the year.

Duck hunter dies in Chapel Creek

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A duck hunter apparently drowned in Chapel Creek near Winfall last Thursday while trying to retrieve his shotgun after the canoe he was in overturned.

Perquimans County Sheriff Eric Tilley said the body of Thomas Brock, 65, of Eligabeth City, was recovered around 1 p.m. by members of the Perquimans County Water Rescue (PCWR). Brock's body

has been sent to the state medical examiner's office in Greenville to determine cause of death.

Tilley said Brock and Belvidere resident Ernest Berry were sitting in fold-up chairs on the bank hunting ducks Thursday morning when they climbed into a canoe and paddled into the water to retrieve a downed duck. The canoe tipped over, spilling both men and their gear into the

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