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## Four seats up in Hertford, Winfall elections

By Cathy Wilson  
Staff Writer

As of Monday, only 34 people have voted so far for local municipal elections during the one-stop absentee voting period which ends on Saturday.

Eula Mae Forbes, director of the Perquimans Board of Elections, said early voter turnout in both Hertford and Winfall so far is slow.

"That's pretty normal for a municipal election," she added.

Five candidates seek two

seats on Hertford Town Council in the Nov. 3 election.

Political newcomers Lloyd Hodges, Lillian Holman, Quentin Jackson, and Ed Lane are challenging incumbent Horace Reid for two seats.

Current councilwoman JoAnn Morris is not seeking reelection.

In Winfall, incumbent Debbie Jean Whedbee and newcomer Steav Congdon are running for two seats on the Winfall Town Council. Cur-

### Decision 2009

rent councilwoman Donna Mummert did not file to seek reelection.

One-stop absentee voting began Oct. 15 and will end Oct. 31 at 1 p.m.

Voting is being conducted at the Board of Elections office.



Hodges



Holman



Jackson



Lane



Reid

On election day Nov. 3, polls in both towns will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

In both decisions, voters may cast their votes for two candidates. The two candidates with the highest num-

ber of votes win.

In Hertford, Hodges, Holman, Jackson and Lane are vying for the seat that Morris will give up Dec. 1.

Hodges

At age 70, Hodges dusted off his custom-made cowboy hat and threw it into the political ring because he loves Hertford, he said. Originally from Colorado, Hodges has lived in Hertford for the past six years.

He has retired three times, he said. He is a retired military man, retired from the Army Civil Service, and retired from his own construction company. He is also a former police officer.

"We kinda fell in love

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## Halloween choices here frightful, fun

By Cathy Wilson  
Staff Writer

To drive by 210 S. Church St., during Halloween season is like taking a trip through a haunted house.

Ghosts, vampires, witches, and even a gigantic scary-looking clown now make their home there amid make-shift cemeteries, cobwebs dripping from every corner, and a tub filled with "blood-spattered" fake body parts.

And, that's just the front porch. Victoria Austin and her family have also decorated the inside of their house for the scary season including the bathroom!

"We love Halloween," said Austin who has lived in Hertford for the past six years. "We do this every year. We add to it each year, but we only buy a couple of things. We just never throw anything away! It takes us a full day to put everything up...usually around the end of September. We make sure it stays up for a full 30 days till Halloween."

The clown hangs from the rafters and step ladders now form the stiff bodies of manikin witches and vampires that grace the porch. But beware!!! Those inhabitants of the Church Street house of horrors just might come alive on Halloween night when unsuspecting trick or treaters come calling.

"Some won't even come up the walkway," grinned Austin. "But, if parents call and let me know the child is scared, we won't scare them."

"Decorating is so much fun to do," she said. "It brings the whole family together. We all participate.

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This house at 210 S. Church St., in Hertford is believed to be haunted this time of year because of the scary decorations the owners display from Sept. 30 to Halloween. Owner Victoria Austin and family, originally from Texas, love Halloween and enjoy working a full day to decorate the home for Halloween.



One of two life-sized horror figures seen at the home at David and Jean Layne at 106 William Dr.

### Halloween safety tips

Hertford's local chapter of American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post 126 offers the following safety tips for trick or treating Halloween night:

- Parents, walk with the children and carry flashlights.
- Children know their phone number and address in case of separation.
- Do not go trick or treating with anyone they do not know and without their parent's permission.
- Stay in their own neighborhoods and stop only at homes that are well lighted.
- Never go inside a home no matter what the person says.
- Use sidewalks when possible or walk facing traffic.
- Never walk between parked cars and cross streets only on corners.
- Wear light colored costumes and use reflective tape.
- Costumes should be kept short to prevent tripping.
- When wearing masks, make sure child can see well.
- Only accept wrapped treats and never eat treats until parents have inspected them first.



## Rash of larcenies plagues Hertford

By Cathy Wilson  
Staff Writer

Thieves broke into a house and four vehicles last week during a rash of larcenies that netted nearly \$2,000 in goods.

*"Never leave anything of value in the vehicle, especially in sight."*

Joe Amos  
Hertford  
police chief

According to the Hertford Police Department, someone entered a home at Wynne Fork Court on Oct. 22 and took a rifle, a 27-inch television, and a cell phone while the occupant of the home was hospitalized for an extended stay. Police said the house was apparently left unlocked after the resident was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

That same evening, an unlocked vehicle located on Edenton Road Street was broken into while the owner was attending church, said Chief Joe Amos. Taken from the Chevrolet Tahoe were six gospel CD's, a GPS unit, a multi-pack of candy and some small coins.

Early Friday morning, police say a thief or thieves broke a window to get into a Volvo parked on the Perquimans Center service road. Items stolen included a CD radio, police said.

On Saturday, police say a battery was taken out of a service truck parked at Hertford Supply located on South Edenton Road Street.

And on Sunday, thieves broke a window and stole several items from a vehicle parked at 128 Market St. Amos said a telephone, telephone equipment and charger, a computer/GPS system, and checks were taken from a Ford F150.

Amos encouraged residents to lock their vehicles when unattended.

"Never leave anything of value in the vehicle, especially not in sight," he said. "If you have to leave it in the car, lock it in the glove compartment or put it in the trunk where it is out of sight."

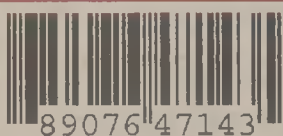
The investigation is still continuing.

### WEEKEND WEATHER

THURSDAY  
HIGH: 76 LOW: 55  
CLOUDY

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 73 LOW: 53  
SHOWERS

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 73 LOW: 49  
SHOWERS



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## Perry discusses public corruption

By Cathy Wilson  
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The man who investigated the FBI's investigation of Ruby Ridge 17 years ago says lessons learned then can be applied to public corruption matters today.

Frank Perry, director of investigations and public affairs for the Foundation for Ethics in Public Service, spoke recently to members of the Al-Pam Republican Club.

His investigation into the 1992 siege at Ruby Ridge and specialized work in law enforcement ethics as a former special agent and senior manager for the FBI showed Perry that people face at least three basic moral dilemmas while in public service. How the public servant responds to these basic questions can lead to problems with corruption, he said.

First, is truth more important than justice? Second, do we violate due process to control crime? And thirdly, honesty

*"Justice means nothing without truth."*

Frank Perry  
Foundation for Ethics  
in Public Service



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Frank Perry, director of investigations and public affairs for the Foundation for Ethics in Public Service, speaks on political corruption, recently. The foundation investigates tips of public corruption. Visit online at [www.reportpublic-corruption.org](http://www.reportpublic-corruption.org).

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