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Two men injured in shooting on Dobbs Street

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One of two men shot this weekend in the Dobbs Street area of Hertford remains hospitalized while the other has been treated and released, state authorities said.

Al Ortiz, 41, and Chris-

topher Mansfield, 26, were injured in the incident, N.C. State Bureau of Investigation spokeswoman Patty McQuillan said on Monday.

Citing security reasons, McQuillan said the SBI can't be more specific about which man remains hospitalized and where and which man

was treated and released.

Hertford town officials have said town police officers at approximately 12:26 a.m. on Sunday were dispatched to the area of 225 Dobbs Street in response to two people being shot. The town officials said one was transported to Vidant

Chowan Hospital in Edenton and the other to Sentara Albemarle Medical Center in Elizabeth City.

Town Manager Brandon Shoaf, in a news release Sunday, said the initial probe by town police indicated the shootings weren't a random act and that the residence

was specifically targeted.

Shoaf said although there weren't any suspects, a dark-colored, possibly black vehicle was seen leaving the area.

Hertford police Chief Douglas Freeman referred further questions about the case to the N.C. State Bureau

of Investigation.

Other than providing the victim's names, SBI spokeswoman McQuillan declined to release further information on Monday beyond the town of Hertford's press release, other than to say no one has been arrested and the probe is continuing.

Election season starts

BY PETER WILLIAMS
News Editor

Voters in Hertford and Winfall can start casting ballots on Oct. 19.

Only the two incumbents are on the ballot in Winfall, but both incumbents and two challengers are on the ballot in Hertford.

One stop voting for Perquimans County's municipal elections will start Oct. 19 and run through Nov. 5. The hours are Oct. 19-Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Nov. 2-3 from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Election day is Nov. 7. Hours are 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. A canvass will be held Nov. 17 at 11 a.m. All early voting takes place at the county's election office, 601 S. Edenton Road St.

The deadline for voters to register is Oct. 13. Voters who are not registered in the county by that deadline may register to vote during one-stop voting only and will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residency.

There will be a change in one precinct location starting this election. West Hertford voters will now cast ballots at Louise's Event Center, 1132 Don Juan Road, not Hertford Grammar School.

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Man, 57, dies from accident

From Staff Reports

A 57-year-old Elizabeth City man died after accidentally being shot on Sunday afternoon by his young grandson near the Pasquotank County-Perquimans County line, the Pasquotank sheriff said.

Danny Robin Patrick and the grandson had been off Sandy Road, on what's referred to as South Desert Road, when the grandson, who is 4 years old, inadvertently discharged a rifle, Sheriff Randy Cartwright said.

According to Cartwright, Patrick and the grandson had been out together with the rifle engaging in target practice prior to the accident. Cartwright said the rifle is believed to be a .22 caliber.

Perquimans County Sheriff Shelby White said his deputies first responded to

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PAL Hosts CRAFTS FAIR



Johnnie Brown (right) shows off a bowl at Saturday's the Perquimans Arts League arts and crafts show at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.

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TOPS founder remembered

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The woman who founded a support group to help people lose weight and keep it off was honored last week with a ceremony at the Perquimans County Senior Center.

A tree was planted in her honor.



FELTON

Joe Felton, her husband, recalled how it happened.

They moved back to Hertford in 2001 from New York. He was raised in Hertford and she was raised in Gates County. In her working life, Clem was a supervisor at Abraham & Straus, a department store in Brooklyn, N.Y.

"Clem" as she was known saw where there was a TOPS Chapter in Elizabeth City. Friend and TOPS member Janet Spencer said Clem didn't want to have to drive to Elizabeth City for the program, so she called and found out what it would



Friends and family of the late Clementine Felton gather at the Perquimans County Senior Center around a tree dedicated in her honor last week.

STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

take to get one in Hertford.

Then Felton met with Delphine Madre, the director of the Perquimans County Senior Center. It was then located on Grubb Street.

Spencer said Felton explained she wanted a place to meet, and Madre asked how many people were in the group.

"Well it's just me right now," Clem told Madre, Spencer said.

Madre said that's pretty much how

the conversation went.

"She (Clem) was always so upbeat. You know how you meet people and you just click? That's the way we were."

Clem Felton died Oct. 19, 2016.

Joe Felton said he appreciates how his wife of 51 years was remembered last Thursday.

"I didn't expect this much," Felton

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Students plan prayer event

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Perquimans County students will gather together Sunday at the high school football field to pray, share their religious beliefs and challenge their peers to follow Jesus Christ.

In the U.S., school-sponsored prayers in public schools

has been found unconstitutional, but prayers organized by students themselves are allowed and protected by free speech rights. And that is what is happening in the local school system, said Lynette Baker, a science teacher at the county's high school.



COPELAND

The local observance of the 14th annual national "Fields of Faith" event was started by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Some adults will speak, but the event is being planned and organized by students, Baker said. The event starts at 5 p.m.

Students like Alli Copeland and Morgan Decastillia say sharing their Christian faith is something they believe in.

"FCA is important to me, because it is a way for me to share my faith with my peers. It is also a way to teach my peers about God and a way to help them develop their own relationship with him," Decastillia said last week.

On Sunday students will invite their classmates and teammates to hear other



DECASTILLIA

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Relief supplies help small town in Florida

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The small Florida community that received more than 20 tons of supplies from a Perquimans County effort last month will have a way to go before it recovers from Hurricane Irma, predicts a relief coordinator on the ground there.

Steve Adams, a disaster coordinator from Michigan, was on the ground in Alva. Adams was two days after the hurricane passed through. He's a volunteer with "Poured Out" a non-profit relief organization.

When he's not helping disaster victims, Adams

works as a heavy equipment operator hauling gravel. His employer gives him a leave of absence to do the volunteer work.

Adams expects he'll remain on the ground in Alva until sometime in November.

The relief effort was started by Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church, but Pastor James Spaugh was quick to say the vast majority of the donations came from others outside his church.

The supplies from Perquimans went to Countryside Wesleyan Church. At first Adams parked in the lot of an empty strip mall. There was no way to get to the

church because of all the fallen trees.

Adams knew a truck from North Carolina was coming, but he didn't appreciate just how much was coming until it got there.

The 52-foot trailer provided by Michael Stallings of Stallings Farms Trucking was packed to the gills, he said. Even with a skid loader, Adams said it took him three hours to unload it.

"I'm not exaggerating the thing was double-stacked overweight and we had 30 pallets on the ground or more," he said.

"It was crazy," Adams

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Volunteers including Pastor James Spaugh and his wife, Amy, sit on the back of a truck as it was being loaded for the Florida trip.