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ing, so I'll respectfully vote against it."

As of October, the state was showing Perquimans had \$389,447 in its lottery construction account. But an official said that didn't include the first quarter transfer for this year. The school system gets about \$116,000 in lottery money for capital, so the first quarter revenue would amount to \$29,000.

The last time the school system used lottery money for construction was in August when it asked for \$61,000 for upgrading lighting and audio at the Perquimans County High school auditorium. In 2014 the system used \$338,368 to make renovations to improve security at Hertford Grammar School. The largest amount ever used for one project was in 2008 when \$935,000 was spent to replace heating and air conditioning systems at Perquimans County Middle School.

Davison said the schools are asking for the bleacher money first because it's certain about the cost of that part of the project. The state won't release money until it knows just what it will be

used for.

The schools can't start actual construction on the site until it gets the property rezoned. The Nixon family has not yet signed over the property.

Davison said he hopes actual earth moving can start in mid-January or the first of February. The plan is to have the project complete in time for the start of the 2018 football season next August.

The timing of the start of earth moving is critical, Davison said.

"If we have to wait for earthmoving, it will never happen (by August)," Davison said.

There is also the issue of utilities. There are water and sewer lines to the site, but they're not large enough to handle the needs of an athletic complex that can seat 1,000 people.

Davison said he's met with Hertford Town Manager about the issue.

Another issue could be the site was once home to a gas station. It closed in 1996 and it's unclear if the gas tanks were above or below ground. If they are below ground, Davison said the school system would simply not build above the tanks.



Colton Meads and his prize winning barrow at the State Fair this year.



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Hayden Dail (center) with his Grand Champion Purebred Barrow which also won Got To Be NC champion at the State Fair, Also pictured is Jeff Copeland (left) of Copeland Show Pigs.

## Man arrested for shooting man's tire after argument

From Staff Reports

A 66-year-old Perquimans County man was arrested Nov. 13 for shooting the tire on the vehicle of another man after an argument.

Jarvis Miller of the 600 block of Swamp Road was charged with assault by pointing a gun and discharge of a weapon into occupied property. Bond was

set at \$43,000.

Perquimans County Sheriff Shelby White said Miller and Troy Jackson were having a verbal argument on Fowler Fork Road. When Miller was pulling away he shot the tire on Jackson's vehicle. The incident happened about 4 p.m.

White said he didn't know what the argument was about.

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competitors is all year long.

Once the state fair ends, the kids take a few weeks off and then get another one to prepare for a show in April.

Competitors can be judged on the quality of their swine as well their own showmanship on how they can present them.

Kids learn more than just about pigs.

"It teaches them that you have a budget, and it teaches them about money," Meads said.

Colton has three pigs of his own.

"You have to feed them, worm them, give them medication if they get sick. Pigs need about five pounds of food a day. They also have to be weighed weekly.

"There is a weight range. They can't be under or over."

His son works hard at what he does, Meads said.

"It's basically his whole summer," he said.

Clay Estes said it's LileeAnn's fifth year showing. She is 9-years-old now.

Estes said kids need to get over "the fear thing" in showing. The pig may weigh 250 pounds or more. The child might weigh 80 pounds or less.

He agrees that showing livestock is a yearlong event.

She showed in April, and went to another sale in June. There were six different shows before the state fair, he said.

"It teaches her responsibility. These kids now days don't know it. She's been at hog killings. Most kids think



SUBMITTED PHOTO

LileeAnn Estes (second from left) and her prize winning pig at the State Fair.

pork chops come from the pork chop tree. I was raised with horses and my wife she was raised around cattle her whole life."

"We get up every morning about 5 a.m. or 5:30 a.m. The pigs have to be weighed every week."

The pigs are fed twice a day.

"It's not just dipping a scoop into a feed barrel and throwing it into a bucket."

When she's not taking care of live-

stock, Estes said his daughter also enjoys softball.

"She has five pigs. She's a trooper," her father said. "Our kids are doing an exceptional job and getting more and more competitive."

But it takes work. During warmer months there are Jackpot Shows where they practice every weekend.

"I think it's a big deal to let folks know we have champions from our county," Lee Dail said.

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where his family had settled down after his father's retirement.

He served 10 years on the Suffolk Police Department between 1996 and 2006 and moved to North Carolina where he worked for the Elizabeth City Police Department from 2006 through 2016.

Mitchell said he really

wasn't looking for another job, but a good friend of his was working for the Hertford police.

"It was just a twist of fate I guess," he said.

He had a conversation with Chief Freeman and "one thing led to another" and he joined the Hertford department.

The Hertford department has six fulltime officers on staff, and three vacancies. Mitchell said they were supplementing the staff

with five sworn part-time officers.

He hopes to hire a female officer for a full-time slot in December.

He admits at a small department, it's a matter of constantly recruiting for officers. But he said it's more important to get the right individuals vs. just hiring people.

"Your police department should always reflect on the community they serve. We would love to have a more diverse workforce. In

a small department everybody draws on their own experiences. But it's a matter of finding the right fit.

"Some officers are better suited for larger jurisdictions. I would never fault another officer for wanting to go to a different department to better their lives and their family."

He said it would be up to Town Manager Brandon Shoaf and the town council to look for a permanent replacement for chief.

## BRIDGES

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mit their price for building the bridge along with their estimates for how long the link between Hertford and Winfall will be down.

Abel said both would be considered by DOT.

"We're pushing contrac-

tors to think outside the box," Abel said. "Somebody with a higher dollar value, but a shorter closure time could be picked. It's not your typical project."

One estimate shows the S-Bridge project would cost \$44.03 million. Utility relocation (\$130,000) and right of way acquisition (\$900,000) are included.

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## Minzies Creek Sanitary District

Monthly meeting will be held on

SATURDAY, November 25, 2017

AT 10:00am

The Meeting Will Be Held at 139 Treasure Lane, Hertford



### Town of Hertford Board Vacancy Notice

The Hertford Town Council is seeking residents of the Town of Hertford interested in serving on the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustment. This Board serves in the dual capacities of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Board makes recommendations to, and advises the Town Council on issues related to Land Use within the Town of Hertford Corporate Limits and within the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction. Interested parties must be legal residents of the Town of Hertford and are asked to send a letter of interest and resume to the Town Manager, Brandon Shoaf at PO Box 32, Hertford, NC 27944. For further information, please call 426- 1969, x. 9. Letters and resumes will be accepted with a post mark no later than Friday, December, 1st, 2017.

## PERQUIMANS COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

Except for the Sheriff's Department, Dispatch Office and Emergency Medical Services, all County Offices in the Perquimans County Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Social Services, Agricultural Extension Service, Perquimans County Library and the Perquimans County Recreation Department will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 23 & 24, 2017 for Thanksgiving. In addition, the Perquimans County Library will be closed on November 25, 2017. The Water Department will be closed but emergencies may be reported to the Dispatch Office by calling 426-5751.



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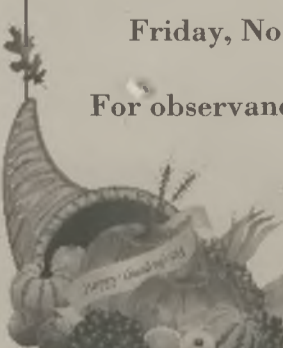
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## TOWN OF WINFALL OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Thursday, November 23, 2017 and Friday, November 24, 2017

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