

PRAYER

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ferences, and God hear the prayers of our hearts.”

Bishop Landon Mason prayed for the nation.

“We bless you God and pray now for our nation at large. We thank you God for our nation, founded on your principles.”

Winfall Mayor Fred Yates called on God to “bless our federal leaders with wisdom and knowledge. We also pray you bless our state and local leaders in Raleigh, Perquimans County, Hertford and Winfall.”

Apostle Gwayland McCleney prayed that God embrace families.

“Please bless marriages,” he said. “We bind that spirit of divorce. You have given us the authority over it. The church can only be as strong as the families.”

Pastor Greg Owenby urged prayer for schools.

“We pray that our students gain knowledge and turn that into wisdom.”

Pastor Todd Kemp said people can come together



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

The Perquimans County High School band performs at the National Day of Prayer event on the courthouse lawn last week.

and pray over the same thing. On the topic of youth, he prayed, “they can come together and turn to you.”

Pastor Chuck Hartman focused on the military and emergency responders like firefighters and law enforcement.

“Father I lift up our military to you Father God. You know each one by name and we ask for your protection.”

At the Holiday Island

event the evening began with HIPOA President Charles Saje welcoming speakers and guests. Each speaker and prayer person was limited to two minutes each.

Dr. William Sawyer, Pastor New Bethel Baptist Church, opened the program with prayer.

Nora Crouch, Danny Lassiter, and Ellen Lassiter sang “To You Alone Belongs the Praise” composed by

Danny Lassiter. Parrish Register prayed a prayer for America.

Prayers for the executive branch, Congressional and state needs were requested by Rep. Bob Steinburg. His prayer was delivered by Honorable Edgar Barnes, Chief Judge General District Court, District 1.

A prayer for the needs of the judicial branch and law enforcement needs was re-

quested by Sheriff Shelby White. His prayer was delivered by Jonathan Nixon, director of Perquimans County EMS.

A prayer for military deeds was requested by Mike Coleman, US Navy, Ret. His prayer was delivered by Bob Jenkins, USAF, Ret.

A prayer for the needs of those incarcerated was requested by Mark Futrell. His prayer was delivered by Karen Clarke.

A prayer for financial needs was requested by Hertford Town Manager Brandon Shoaf. His prayer request was delivered by Assistant District Attorney Kyle Jones.

A prayer for social media/entertainment needs was requested by Keith Throckmorton. His prayer request was delivered by Rev. Troy Holland, Pastor of Island Christian Fellowship in Holiday Island.

A prayer for education needs was requested by James Bunch, assistant superintendent of Perquimans County Schools. His prayer was delivered by Cheryl Booten.

A prayer for environmental needs was requested by Sam Pollock, a marine biologist at Edenton Fisheries. His prayer request was delivered by Harold Owsley, a deacon at Bethlehem Church.

A prayer request for church needs was requested by Bishop Ernest Sutton, Faithway Apostolic Church. His prayer was delivered by Missionary Valeria Sutton.

A prayer request for community/family needs was requested by Carroll Bundy, pastor New Hope United Methodist Church. His prayer was delivered by Rev. Eddie Clark, pastor of Berea Church of Christ.

After all requests and prayers, Keith Throckmorton led the speakers and guests in singing in unison, “Faith of Our Fathers”, accompanied by JoAnn Hanson on piano. The benediction was performed by Rev. Tom Culver, Pastor of Chapel on the Sound, Holiday Island.

Coordinators of the event were Keith and Pat Throckmorton with help from volunteers.

NORMAN

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However, Sermons waived that sentence since Norman had already served three days in jail following his arrest on the failure-to-appear charge.

On Wednesday, Norman said he hasn't decided if he will appeal his conviction to the N.C. Court of Appeals. His attorney, Johnnie Finch, could not be reached for comment.

Norman, who was elected to the Hertford Town Council last November, said he doesn't regret his actions in the fall 2016 incident that led to his arrest and conviction.

In a prior interview, Norman claimed he was arrested while watching, along with 30 to 50 other people, law enforcement officers perform routine traffic stops along Wynne Fork

Road in Hertford. According to Norman, he was standing on a street curb watching officers inspect a car whose driver was suspected of smoking marijuana that was stopped at the Wynne Fork housing development near his house.

Norman said Trooper Buddy Davis told him to step back. Norman claimed last week he was 25 feet away and did not step back.

“He (the trooper) singled me out,” Norman claimed, adding the trooper told him his proximity to the scene made the officer uncomfortable.

Norman, who is active with the Perquimans Chapter of the NAACP, said he tried to comply with the trooper's directive but ultimately was arrested because he wouldn't go back to his apartment.

“I stuck my hands out and was cuffed,” he said.

Norman blamed his ar-

rest on the failure-to-appear charge on a mix-up. He said he thought his court date was Sept. 19, when in fact it was Sept. 18.

“I got my days mixed up when I entered it (the court date) into my phone,” he said.

When he discovered a warrant had been issued for him missing the court date, Norman went to the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office and turned himself in. He said he ended up spending three nights in jail because he believed the \$3,000 bond set in his case was excessive.

He said Finch, his attorney, tried to get the bond reduced, but Superior Court Judge J.C. Cole declined to do so.

Norman said he entered Albemarle District Jail about 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19 and wasn't released until about 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 22.



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

First Lady Kristin Cooper poses behind a turtle sign at the new Perquimans Arts League building in Hertford last week.

ELECTION

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Even without much to vote for, Democrats still came out for early voting. As of the close of the polls Saturday 152 had cast ballots as a Democrat in a non-partisan school board race.

The majority — 260 — of the votes cast were on the Republican ballot. Some of those could have been unaffiliated voters.

There were also two Libertarian voters and one unaffiliated that voted.

With more than 4,000, the Democratic party remains the largest block in Perquimans. There are 3,100 who are considered unaffiliated and 2,600 who register as Republican. There were only 31 libertarians regis-

tered as of March 7. One of those, Alan Lennon, is seeking a seat on the Perquimans County Commission when that comes to a vote in November. Like the school board race, there are three people running for three seats.

The races that should have been decided Tuesday are the Republican nominations for the state House and Senate seats and the Congressional race for the seat held by Rep. Walter Jones. Jones faced a challenge from Republicans Phil Law and Scott Dacey for the District 3 Seat. There is no Democrat in the race.

The GOP challengers for the House seat are Candice Hunter of Perquimans County and Eddy Goodwin of Chowan County. Hunter has never run for public office before. Goodwin held a

seat on the Chowan County Commission in 2008-12 and ran unsuccessfully for N.C. Secretary of State in 2012.

The winner of that House race will face Democrat Ron Wesson, a Bertie County commissioner, in November.

In the GOP race for N.C. Senate, it was Bob Steinburg and Clark Twiddy. Steinburg, a Chowan County resident, currently holds the N.C. House seat for this district. Twiddy is a Dare County businessman.

The winner of that race will face Democrat Cole Phelps in November.

In the school board race were incumbents Anne White and Amy Spaugh and challenger Matt Peeler. Peeler has served on the Perquimans County Commission before, but opted not to run again when his term expired two years ago.

JACKSON

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time of his court appearance in the resisting an officer and fictitious tag case. He had been convicted in Dare County in 2016 of accessing a computer without proper authority.

Reached Wednesday, Jackson said it's unheard of for someone to be charged with perjury. He said he believes he'll be found innocent of the charge because the question asked about his probation had nothing to do with the case being tried — displaying fictitious tags and failing to obey an officer.

And while Dare court officials say Jackson was on probation at the time of his arrest on Feb. 1, Jackson maintains he was never told he was on probation.

He claims the perjury charge is an example of him being targeted by the legal system. He also appeared to suggest the indictment is connected to alleged unhappiness with the Hertford Town Council, apparently because it now has its first African-American majority.

“It's the good ole boy system,” Jackson said. “They are trying to bring down the Hertford Town Council. The people in power want to bring the Hertford Town Council down. I talked to an attorney and he said he's never seen anything like it.”

“I know I will be acquitted of everything,” he continued. “It's the new Jim Crow, and you can sure quote me on that.”

District Attorney Andrew Womble said Thursday his office's policy is not to comment on pending cases.

“What I can tell you is that, in general, perjury cases are hard to prove because of the lack or insufficiency of the evidence,” he said in an email. “It is a rare instance when we have the sworn statement which forms the basis of the perjury charge recorded and preserved for use in a future trial.”

The perjury indictment isn't the only result of Jackson's testimony in the February District Court trial.

When prosecutors discovered Jackson had had a gun in his SUV when he was pulled over, they informed a judge that it violated the terms of his probation in the Dare County case. As a result, Superior Court Judge Jerry Tillett found Jackson guilty of violating probation in February and sentenced him to 16 months of supervised probation.

COOPER

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action,” Cooper said. “I was astonished by it,” Cooper said of the students' accomplishments. “I didn't read at all in kindergarten.”

Cooper grew up in Oklahoma as the daughter of an artist and a Vietnam

veteran and physician. She attended public schools, earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Oklahoma, and then attended Campbell Law School. After graduating law school, she worked as a staff attorney to the legislature in Oklahoma and in North Carolina.

Cooper has served as a

guardian ad litem for children in Wake County since 2003, to represent foster children in court. She also served two terms on the North Carolina Arts Council, and recently served on the Board of Directors at Raleigh Little Theatre, where she and her daughters have volunteered for many years.

COVERAGE

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N.C. League of Municipalities was \$566 per worker. The price from Aetna this year was \$750 per person.

“To me, it's a no-brainer,” Shoaf said. Not only is the monthly cost lower, the

benefits workers get are better.

“I think it's a good deal for the town and a good deal for employees,” Shoaf said.

The five-member town board agreed, and directed Shoaf to move forward with the shift.

Going ahead, insurance costs may rise, but Shoaf

said they would be capped at 8 percent a year.

The North Carolina League of Municipalities is a service and advocacy organization that represents nearly every city and town in North Carolina. It's designed to help them to more effectively and efficiently serve their residents.

Baseball, softball playoffs start this week

From Staff Reports

The matchups have been set.

The North Carolina High School Athletic Association released the state playoff brackets for baseball, softball and girls soccer on Monday.

Perquimans, which won the Class 1A Albemarle Athletic Conference regular-season baseball championship, has a bye into the second round.

The Pirates (18-5) are the No. 3 overall seed in the 1A East regional and will host a second-round game on Saturday.

John A. Holmes (14-9) is the No. 10 seed in the 1A East and will host No. 23 seed Pender (8-15) in the first round on Wednesday

at 6 p.m.

In the Class 1A softball tournament, Camden (18-2-1) earned the No. 4 seed in the East and has a bye into the second round.

The Lady Bruins, the Albemarle Athletic Conference champion, will host a second-round match on Saturday.

Perquimans (17-6) is the No. 11 seed in the region was scheduled to host No. 22 seed Tarboro in the first round Tuesday.

John A. Holmes (6-18) secured the No. 23 seed and travels to No. 10 seed Princeton (14-5) for a first-round matchup on Wednesday.

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