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Nearly \$40,000 raised in sheriff's race

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Republican challenger Jim Bray has raised nearly \$20,000 in his race for Perquimans County sheriff so far. He's spent roughly \$16,100.

Sheriff Shelby White has raised about \$18,200 since the campaign started. He's spent \$16,200 of that.



WHITE



BRAY

Campaign reports were posted last week by the N.C. Board of Elections. It up-

dates the period from April 22 through June 30.

The two men will be attending at "Meet The Sheriff Candidates" event at 6:30 p.m. tonight at the Holiday Island Clubhouse.

This is the first election for both men. White was appointed to the post by the Perquimans County Commission after former Sheriff Eric Tilley stepped down in

the middle of his term.

Bray retired earlier this year as a sergeant on the N.C. Highway Patrol. If he wins, it will be the first time a Republican has held the sheriff's job in Perquimans.

Bray's campaign report shows during the period from April through June he took in \$6,446 and spent \$10,056. He received \$500 donations from Steven

Bembridge, Tim Corprew, D.A. Lane and Stephen McDonald during that period.

White's campaign report shows receipts of \$4,439 during the same period and expenses of \$4,423.

White's largest donor this period was Robin Copeland who gave \$250.

Both men have largely spent their money on signs, either yard signs or bill-

boards.

White's report shows two "in kind" contributions of \$234 from Cooke Communications, the parent company of the Perquimans Weekly. White clarified that it was an "in kind" contribution because he paid for the ads out of his own pocket, not the campaign. Cooke Com-

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Rock Autism Concert Coming Aug. 4

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The second annual Rock Autism Musical Festival is coming to the Crawfish Shack outside of Hertford on Aug. 4.

The event starts at noon and the music will continue until 10 p.m.

The effort started by the parents with a young autistic son named Jagger.

"We set out to use the platform of music to create an annual music festival to educate, advocate, and raise money for the cause near and dear to us," said DiAnna Jordan. Her husband, Daniel Jordan, came up with the idea of the concert. He plays in one of the bands that will be performing.

Despite a heavy downpour of rain, last year's concert still drew about 500 people and raised \$10,000.

This year Jordan hopes they can double those figures.

Last year, the money went to the group Autism Speaks. This year, proceeds will go to another group.

"The Autism Society of North Carolina regularly donates 89 cents of every dollar directly to help families affected by Autism," Jordan said.

Jagger was diagnosed with Autism at age two, Jordan said. He will turn 6-years-old in December.

He worked with specialists with the Children's De-



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Top, Daniel Jordan kisses his son Jagger during last year's Rock Autism event at The Crawfish Shack. Right, people play in the water at The Crawfish Shack during last year's Rock Autism event.



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Local man arrested for stabbing

From Staff Reports

A 31-year-old Perquimans County man with a prior criminal record that includes violence has been charged in the stabbing of a Hertford man last month.

Larry Eugene White, of the 1800 block of Harvey Point Road, is charged with first-degree attempted murder in the June 9 knife attack on Cleveland Sutton.



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According to a Perquimans magistrate's warrant, White is accused of stabbing Sutton in the chest with a knife. The warrant states Sutton suffered a collapsed lung as a result of the attack.

Interim Hertford Town Manager Pamela Hurdle told The Perquimans Weekly Sutton was stabbed at 1:48 a.m. in the 100 block of Wynne Fork Court. Sutton was treated at Vidant Health in Greenville, Hurdle said. A check for an update on his condition indicated Vidant has no record of Sutton as a patient.

White was arrested by Elizabeth City police on the Perquimans County warrant on July 5 and transported to Albemarle District Jail where he was held without bond. Besides the attempted murder charge, White was also charged with misdemeanor first-degree trespassing.

On July 11 White appeared before District Judge Meader Harriss III, who set a \$750,000 secured bond

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Extension rolls out 'Master Food' program

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The N.C. Master Gardener's program created in 1979 went on to train a statewide cadre of volunteers that can help people with garden issues.

The Extension Master Food Volunteer program aims to do the same thing, but with food and cooking.

Currituck acted as a pilot county for the program in 2016-17 and now N.C. Cooperative

Extension is reaching out to residents in Pasquotank, Perquimans and Chowan counties to participate starting Sept. 4.

"We're building off the success of Master Gardener's," said Jewel Winslow the extension director in Perquimans County. "It's a well respected program and the Master Food Volunteer will be a cousin to that program."

Like the Master's Gardener's program, participants in the food program will be trained, but asked to volunteer an equal

number of hours the following year.

To apply for the 2018 class, register online at the Perquimans Cooperative Extension Website at perquimans.ces.ncsu.edu or contact Winslow at Jewel—Winslow@ncsu.edu, or call 426-5428. There is a \$50 fee for the class.

Sue Mitchell, a Perquimans County resident, went through the program in Currituck in 2016 and will be helping put on the upcoming program.

Winslow said anytime she's mentioned the new program, people have been eager to sign up. The application process is now open to residents of Chowan, Perquimans, Pasquotank counties.

The deadline to sign up is Aug. 15, but spots are limited.

Volunteers with the EMFV program will receive a core curriculum of 30 hours of training and will then shadow the Fam-

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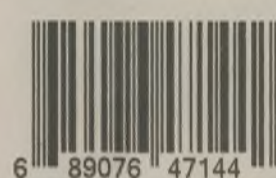
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Sue Mitchell demonstrates a dish recently.

Vidant Chowan Hospital working on program to be 'Dementia Friendly'

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Vidant Chowan Hospital should be a "Dementia Friendly Hospital" by the end of this year.



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That means everybody from the doctors on down to the custodians will get training on how help people in their care who have Dementia. Dementia is an umbrella term to include things like Alzheimer's. The chance of having it increases with age. The region already has a large number of people age 65 and over and 85 and over.

"We are in the process of phasing it in right now," said Jean Bunch, a registered nurse at the Edenton hospital. "There are environmental and cultural changes that will be need to be made. We've been working since December and 2018 is our goal to complete the project in 2018. It really is trailblazing."

By August, the hospital will be training all the nurses in the emergency department, including simulations. "It's very rigorous training. Bunch went through training herself last year. And training doesn't stop with the hospital. "We are in the wakening stage right now," she said. "Our attempt is to awake the community on Dementia and what it is. It is to increase awareness."

Vidant Chowan's main coverage area includes not only Chowan and Perquimans counties, but also Tyrrell and Washington counties.

"Our affirmation is we believe that while we fight to find a cure, our best hope is to improve Dementia best care practices," Bunch said. "We know there is no cure for Dementia, but while there is no cure, our cure is care."

A Sentara Albemarle Medical Center spokesman could not be reached for comment on their status on the Dementia Friendly program. Marjorie Rayburn, who has been holding the monthly Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group for caregivers and family members since 2010, welcomes any efforts

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