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Jackson charged in assault

From Staff Reports

Hertford Town Councilman Quentin Jackson is under investigation for assaulting another councilman Monday night at a work session.



JACKSON

Councilman Sid Eley, the victim of the alleged assault, would not comment Tuesday morning.

"I have been advised by law enforcement to only say that the matter is under investi-

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Hurdle tackles new job

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

As the new Hertford town manager, Pamela W. Hurdle, has plenty on her plate.



HURDLE

The 56-year-old Gates County native has been interim manager since June after Town Manager

Brandon Shoaf left to take a position with Chowan County. The board recently named Hurdle to manager job officially.

She said she's final stages of filling the vacant position of police chief. The vacancy was created last winter

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FIGHTING ALS



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Top, Helen Hunter (second from right) comforts Laura Tuttle on Saturday at the start of the Jim "Catfish" Hunter ALS Walk in Hertford. Tuttle lost her mother, Lynn Burnham, to ALS last Thursday. As of Saturday night, the ALS walk had raised \$26,000 to support local efforts to help residents who are suffering from the disease. Left, walkers dressed in purple represent Jan Freeman of Williamston Saturday during the annual ALS Walk in Hertford. Freeman has had ALS for the past 14 years and her mother and sister died from it.



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A player for "The Boomers" gets a hit Sunday morning during the annual ALS softball tournament in Winfall.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Walkers in the ALS event left flowers at the grave of the late Jim "Catfish" Hunter on Saturday.



Second school official leaves

From Staff Reports

A second Perquimans Schools administrator has left for another job.

On Thursday, the Tyrrell County Board of Education appointed Oliver A. Holley as their next superintendent. Since 2016, Holley has served as the Chief Human Resources Officer for the Perquimans County Schools System.

Earlier in the month Dexter Jackson-Heard, a former assistant principal at both Perquimans County High School and Perquimans Middle School, was named the new principal at P.W. Moore Elementary School in Elizabeth City. Holley has ties to Perquimans



JACKSON



HOLLEY

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Rhythm Run to help band

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Foundation Fitness is planning to put on a PQ Rhythm 5K Run on Nov. 17 at Perquimans County High School to raise money for the band program.

Amy Tinsley, the coordinator of the 5K, is currently lining up other sponsors.

The event will have a vendor exhibit starting at 9 a.m. and the 5K run starts at 10 a.m. With the start of the race, there will be a Dance-A-Thon.

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STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

C.W. Overton shows Hunter Overton (no relation) how to operate a 1953 Farmall tractor during the Week of the Young Child event at the Perquimans Recreation Center earlier this year. Overton is planning a tractor parade on Nov. 10.

Big tractor parade planned for Nov. 10

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

C.W. Overton has a special love for old tractors, veterans and the special needs of residents at "Benjamin House" in Elizabeth City.

All of that will come together on Nov. 10 when he plans to hold the "Wheels Of Times Past" tractor parade in Perquimans County.

It will snake its way from the Belvidere Ruritan Club to Missing Mill Park in Hert-

ford with a stop at Perquimans Central school to pick up special guests.

"I've been thinking about this for a good long while but I decided to go with it this year," Overton said. "Folks are desperate for something that is good, clean and acceptable for everyone. I've got three organizations working together on this, the Masons, the Albemarle Antique Power Association and the Ruritans, and I'm a member of all three."

Overton owns 50 tractors.

"There is no such thing as having too many," he said.

The oldest is a 1936 model. The newest would be a 1973.

He loves them because unlike modern tractors, "I can work on them."

Overton said he picked the route in part because the S-Bridge won't be around much longer. Construction on a replacement is expected to start in the summer of

2019.

A major benefactor of the event will be the Benjamin House, an assisted-living residence for the mentally challenged. It offers residents lifestyle options while bolstering ties with family, their church and the community.

Overton, 57, said he's never had a child who was mentally challenged, but his son, Trey did have a struggle

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Theater to present new play Oct. 12-14

From Staff Reports

The Carolina Moon Theater will present "The Ratcatcher's Daughter" on Oct. 12-14. The first two performances are at 7 p.m. and the Sunday performance is at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 and are available at Carolina Trophy and online at CarolinaMoonTheater.org.



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GREGORY

The story involves Auntie Hush (May Robertson) who is famous for her "Hush Mush." She runs an orphanage in an abandoned stagecoach stop, but is soon to be tossed out by the unscrupulous Whiplash Snivel (Ricky Austin), a city slicker. His arrival

has been preceded by the entrance of lovely Sweet Lotta Bliss (Lois Saunders) from London who plans to open a school.

Seeking her is the infamous Lady Pilfer (Ruth Goetz) who has been driven out of San Francisco for stealing ponies from the

Pony Express.

She brings news that Lotta's father, a ratcatcher, has been left a fortune by his deceased parent, a Russian nobleman. Lotta is unaware of her status as royalty and her good fortune. Whiplash asks her to marry him so that he can get to her money but when she refuses, he goes to plan B. He decides to get her money by hastening her marriage to her one true love, Jack Sunshine (Tom Loughlin), a salesman of wash-and-wear furs. Alas,

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ART SHOW SATURDAY



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Shoppers browse the items for sale at a past Arts on the Perquimans Show. The event is back Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Perquimans Recreation Center. Tickets are \$3.



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