

CAR SAFETY



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The Perquimans County Senior Center hosted a CarFit event by the staff of Vidant Chowan Hospital recently. It included education on the best fit for the member and their personal car like mirrors, seat belts and flashers. Tire air pressure was checked as well.

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panies requesting last year's supply of seeds. These seeds were sorted out into packets and distributed by master gardener volunteers to interested food pantry clients during food bank hours in March and April. Information about how to care for the plants was also included. At the end of the growing season, feedback from the food pantry community, however, indicated that not many of these seeds actually made it into the soil.

Onufrak, determined to make fresh produce more accessible, again requested seeds from the seed companies, but recruited the master gardener community to also start growing tomato seeds indoors dur-

ing late winter. Interested food pantry clients now received seeds for lettuce, radish and peppers along with a seedling tomato. Growing instructions were also included. At the end of the growing season, master gardener volunteers made phone calls to people who participated to see how they fared. The results were still not what Betty had in mind. Although one hundred one families participated, only 26 percent of the respondents indicated they were gardening at home.

A change in the project was again implemented last spring. Interested food pantry patrons each received patio tomato, squash and cucumber seedlings along with a grow bag for each plant. The seedlings were again grown by master gardener volunteers, but the

grow bags (heavy plastic bags used to hold soil) were purchased by grant money provided by Vidant Chowan Hospital Foundation. Along with the planting materials, each client received a packet of information. This packet included not only growing information, but also recipe cards, the telephone number for the Ask a Master Gardener Hot Line and a bright pink postage prepaid/self-addressed response card. Participants were asked to return their pink cards at the end of the growing season to let the Master Gardeners know how they were doing. Returned cards were also eligible to take part in a grocery store raffle. Three hundred families took transplants and growing materials this year. And 96 percent of the people who responded indi-

cated they were successful in growing their vegetable seedlings at home.

Plans for next year are now in the works, again supported by a grant from the Vidant Chowan Hospital Foundation. This year's money will allow the project to buy pre-grown plants for next spring's distribution along with supplies needed to advertise and facilitate plant distribution. Next spring's food pantry participants will also receive the soil needed to fill the grow bags, donated by Wetlands Nursery. The Chowan Food Pantry is also in the talking stages with the Master Gardeners about the possibility of setting up a test garden, where food pantry clients could eventually have access to a community garden plot and be able to grow their own food.

AGING WITH GUSTO



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Members of the Perquimans County Senior Center recently attended the regional 'Aging With Gusto' event in Currituck County.

PETS OF THE WEEK



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Beatrice is a petite tri-color hound mix at the Tri-County Animal Shelter and Adoption Center. She needs lots of loving and understanding. For more information, call 221-8514. Below, Max, a gray and white male kitten, is available for adoption at the Tri-County Shelter, 138 Icaria Road in Tyner.

DAVISON

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said. In her new position she will work with the management staff, human resources, finance and administration on strategic planning.

"It's right up my alley," she said. "Roanoke is very innovative. They think outside the box."

Roanoke provides electric service to 14,500 members in Bertie, Hertford, Halifax, Northampton, Gates, Perquimans and Chowan counties.

"We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated public

servant as Cathy bring her track record of successes in local government, sound financial management expertise, and economic development proficiency to Roanoke Electric," said Curtis Wynn, co-op president and CEO in a press release. "Our members will be well-served by Cathy's years of experience leading municipal government human resources and finance functions, developing creative regional business solutions that strengthen communities, and delivering exceptional citizen services."

"I feel very fortunate to join such an innovative organization whose core values align with my own,"

Davison said.

During her tenure with the Albemarle Commission, Davison led economic and workforce development, senior nutrition and aging services and transportation and planning programs for the 10 counties and municipalities of northeastern North Carolina.

Davison also serves as vice chair to the North Carolina Regional Councils of Government Association, as well as on the Council of Peers for the Southeastern Regional Directors Institute. In May, she was appointed to the board of directors of the National Association of Development Organization,

an advocacy group which promotes partnerships and strategies to improve America's local communities and regions.

Davison lives with her husband and son in Albemarle Plantation. She is married to Jim Davison, the maintenance director for the Perquimans school system and has a son who attends Northeast Academy for Aerospace and Advanced Technologies in Elizabeth City.

She has no plans to move, and will commute to Aulander.

"The commute is about an hour," she said. "It takes me 15 minutes to get to work now."

JACKSON

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not attend town meetings so long as Eley was there as well.

"Since you are both elected officials, that does create a problem," Judge Bean said on Wednesday.

Assistant District Attorney Holly Metzger pointed out the assault happened after a town board meeting.

But Judge Bean said he didn't think he could stop Jackson from attending the meetings.

"I don't know that I can bar him from attending

meetings," Bean said.

Even the issue of conducting town business via e-mail was discussed.

Judge Bean added a sentence to Jackson's court order that says, "Attending town council meetings shall not constitute a violation."

Bean granted Jackson's request for a court appointed attorney and continued the case until Dec. 5.

District Attorney Andrew Womble said it is up to a judge to decide the issue, and his office will take no action.

"The decision to modify or alter conditions of pre-trial release is in the sole

discretion of the presiding judge and we will absolutely respect any and all decisions made after a full and fair hearing on the matters," Womble said last week. "We will not take any action to attempt to amend or alter the judge's order."

Jackson maintains he hit Eley because he was in fear. He said Eley "got in my face" after Jackson asked Eley if he was going to support the Perquimans Democratic Party since the party had supported both Jackson and Town Councilman Frank Norman. Both were elected in 2017, unseating two incumbents.

Jackson said he's tried to file charges against Eley, but no magistrate in Perquimans County would consider it. Under North Carolina law "simple assault" does not require physical contact.

Jackson called the actions of the District Attorney's office a "political attack" against him.

"They rushed to charge me and hadn't interviewed all the witnesses," Jackson said.

Eley was in court Wednesday along with fellow councilmen Mayor Horace Reid, Archie Aples and Norman. None spoke during the hearing.

ELEY

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gave Jackson clearance to approach a magistrate from outside the county to hear his claims, Jackson said. Jackson said he did that on Friday evening with a magistrate in Pasquotank County who is-

sued the assault warrant.

"My testimony has never changed," Jackson said. He called the charges against him "malarkey" and claims that he was in fear for his safety, because Eley had "got in my face."

Jackson said Womble should be found in contempt of court for rejecting

the charge against Eley.

Jackson said there are four witnesses to the situation and all have different stories. John Leidy, the town's attorney, Councilmen Frank Norman, Eley and Mayor Horace Reid.

Councilman Archie Aples also attended the meeting but was outside the room

when the alleged events happened. Town Manager Pamela Hurdle went to get Aples when the incident happened, Jackson said.

Jackson is scheduled to appear in court Dec. 5 on a charge of assaulting a government official. A guilty verdict could involve from one to 150 days in jail.

POLICE

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did in Hertford, they would undoubtedly seek damages from Elizabeth City.

As a relatively larger municipality, Olson said Elizabeth City has "deep pockets"

that Hertford doesn't.

Horton accepted Olson's explanation, and council moved on to other business.

Hertford's interim town manager, Pam Hurdle, did not respond to a request for an interview. A call to Hertford's Police Department on Wednesday also wasn't re-

turned.

Perquimans Sheriff Shelby White said his office has supplied deputies when it can. Typically he said the town gives him a list once a week and he tries to fill the slots that he can.

However, the sheriff's office doesn't have the staffing

to provide patrols to the level Hertford wants, he said.

White also said that Hertford's new police chief, Dennis Brown, is committed to rebuilding the town's police department. White noted the town department had shrunk at one point to just two officers.

VOTING

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mans County. The elections office is at 601A S. Edenton Road St.

The hours for voting on Nov. 6, election day, are 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

There is only one contested local race. Sheriff Shelby White is facing opposition from Jim Bray. White is a Democrat and Bray is a Republican.

There are three seats open for the Perquimans County Commission and there are three people run-

ning.

Two incumbents are running, Fondella Leigh and Wallace Nelson. Also running is Alan Lennon who is running as a Libertarian. Leigh is a Democrat and Nelson is a Republican.

Incumbent Todd Tilley

is running unopposed for Clerk of Superior Court.

In a race for the N.C. House, Republican Ed Goodwin is facing Democrat Ron Wesson.

In a race for N.C. Senate, Democrat Cole Phelps is facing Republican Bob Steinburg.

Chorale to perform in December

From Staff Reports

The Albemarle Chorale will perform two Christmas concerts in December.

The first performance of "Hark and Rejoice" will be Dec. 2 at 4 p.m. at Edenton United Methodist Church, 225 Virginia Road. The second will be Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. at First United Methodist

Church, 201 S. Road St. in Elizabeth City.

The concerts will feature sacred music for the Christmas season including Bach's "Magnificat" and new renditions of familiar carols. They will be directed by Lynwood Winslow and accompanied by Michael Morgan.

The concerts are free, but donations are appreciated.

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