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Early voters come out in strong numbers

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Voters came out in strong numbers in early voting to elect a sheriff in Perquimans County and play a role in deciding some key state races.

Results of Tuesday's election were not available by the time The Perquimans Weekly went to press this week.

Early voting ended on Saturday. Over a span of five hours, 239 people cast



SHELBY BRAY

ballots. Over the course of early voting, the total was 3,049.

There was only one contested local race. Sheriff Shelby White faced opposi-

tion from Jim Bray. White is a Democrat and Bray is a Republican.

There were three seats open for the Perquimans County Commission and three people running. Two incumbents were running, Fondella Leigh and Wallace Nelson. Also running was Alan Lennon who was running as a Libertarian. Leigh is a Democrat and Nelson is a Republican.

Incumbent Todd Tilley ran unopposed for Clerk of

Superior Court.

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

In a race for N.C. Senate, Democrat Cole Phelps ran against Republican Bob Steinburg.

In the sheriff's race, Bray held a slight edge in fundraising over White.

According to campaign finance reports for the period from July 1 through Oct. 20, Bray raised \$23,396 and

spent \$20,958 of it. Bray is a retired sergeant with the N.C. Highway Patrol.

White raised \$20,630 and spent \$20,120. White has worked for the sheriff's office for 18 years and was appointed sheriff when Eric Tilley retired in 2017.

Going into the final days, Bray had \$2,437 in cash on hand. White had \$509 according to the N.C. Board of Elections.

Bray's biggest donor this cycle was Ed Walker Sr., the

owner of Starlight Manufacturing. He gave \$1,000. Keith Nowell, the owner of Northwest Contractors, gave \$500. Scott Perry, the owner Albemarle Tradewinds magazine game in kind donations of \$400 this cycle for advertising. Robert Wayne Ward, the order of Wayne's Auto Supply gave \$250 along with David Dewald, a truck driver and Carl Lewis, owner of Central Insurance Agency.

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Veterans to be honored Monday

From Staff Reports

Hertford American Legion Post 126 will hold their annual Perquimans County Veterans Day observance on Monday at 11 a.m. on the Perquimans County Courthouse lawn at the Veterans Monument.



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In case of inclement weather, the observance will be moved to the recreation center located off Harvey

Point Road in Hertford.

The day is set aside to honor veterans who are currently serving and those who have served honorably in the past in the military in wartime or peacetime.

The observance also will include the American Legion's traditional POW/MIA remembrance. Participating in the observance will be members of Post 126

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Extra help sought for seniors

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The holiday season may not be so bright to some senior citizens who don't have family or friends to celebrate with, so the Albemarle Commission's Area Agency on Aging will be collecting items to help brighten their season.

"We do know there are some seniors that won't have any visitors over the holiday, they won't be going out to eat and they don't have family spending time with them," said Ashley Lamb, an aging specialist.

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HALLOWEEN



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

Perquimans County Right, Manager Frank Heath puts a crow back on a scarecrow after wind knocked it off during Halloween in downtown Hertford last week. Top, a young trick of treater doesn't quite know what to make of two dinosaurs on Church Street on Halloween.



STAFF PHOTO BY PETER WILLIAMS

A trio of trick or treaters check out the candy outside one store in Hertford last week. For more pictures from Halloween, see Page 9.



Jackson facing another charge

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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Hertford Town Councilman Quentin Jackson was served with a warrant Thursday for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

The incident happened on Wednesday and the complaint was filed the next day in Pasquotank County and the warrant was served. Jackson was not jailed and a court date has been set for Nov. 26.

Jackson, 35, had few words to say about the incident.

"No comment," he said. "It was a dispute between partners. It was business property. I will say I'm not the only one charged in this."

The warrant for arrest lists the vehicle as a 2003 GMC truck. The complainant was listed as Jeffrey Allen Keith and according to the warrant, the owner of the truck is Alex Sanchez.

One official in the Pasquotank Clerk Of Court's office confirmed the warrant had been issued and served on Thursday, but officials in the criminal division could not be reached for comment.

Jackson has been in court on other issues.

In October he was charged with assaulting a government official. Jackson admits hitting Councilman Sid Eley in the head with a closed fist after a town meeting in October. Jackson said he felt threatened and could not retreat because Eley was standing between him and the door.

The original restraining order against Jackson man-

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Youth jobs program wins award

BY PETER WILLIAMS
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The Albemarle Commission was honored last month with a national award for a program that helps young people learn job skills.

The Career Café are held about once a month in each of the 10 counties the Commission covers. It is part of the NEXTGEN program which is run through the Northeast Workforce Development Board and coordinated by Lora Aples. It targets people age 16 through 24.

The National Association of Development Organizations (NADO) awards ceremony was held in Charlotte

on Oct. 13-16.

"It was exciting for us to be recognized and rewarded," said Cathy Davison, the former executive director of the Commission. Davison, who has stepped down from the Commission, attended the ceremony.

Davison said the Career Café concept is much like some programs run in more urban areas, but is tailored to the needs of rural areas. About 180 people are par-

ticipating in the program, Davison said.

"It includes vision mapping, and resume assistance."

Sessions on computer programming are held.

The Career Cafes give young people the opportunity to network with other young people, local businesses and volunteers to learn essential things about



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Cathy Davison poses with Washington County Commissioner Tracey Johnson at the NADO conference in Charlotte last month.

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