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Attorney T.C. Morphis Jr. (right) speaks to the audience about the process of removing a town board member on Wednesday at a special meeting of the Hertford board.



## Board looks at ousting Eley

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
 News Editor

Hertford Town Board members seemed to back off on the idea of removing Councilman Sid Eley from the board after hearing the advice from a Chapel Hill attorney at an emergency meeting of the town board Wednesday. Instead of the usual town attorneys, John

Leidy or Ben Gallop, T.C. Morphis Jr. came from the office of The Brough Law Firm in Chapel Hill. Morphis explained Gallop asked him to come because Gallop has done legal work with some town board members as individuals, not as board members, and he didn't want there to appear to be a conflict.

At issue is the question of is Eley accepting a town Christmas bonus as a member of the fire department a violation of state law or the town's laws? The bonuses are based on the number of calls a volunteer firefighter answers. The more calls, the more the money, but it typically amounts to less than \$1,000 a year even for Eley, who has been answering the most

number of fire calls in recent years. Eley is also the only town firefighter who is also on the town council.

Both town and state law say elected officials aren't supposed to get paid by the government bodies they are elected to aside from their board salary, so the question was

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## Jolly captures Biggs Classic

BY MALCOLM SHIELDS  
 The Daily Advance

Stewart Jolly shot 4-under-par 67 during the third and final round of the 2019 Biggs Golf Classic to win the tournament Saturday afternoon on the Sound Golf Links at Albemarle Plantation.

Jolly shot 15-under-par for the tournament to edge Joshua Brock, who finished tied for second with Carson Young at -13.

Young along with Isaiah Logue and Kelby Burton had strong final rounds as they shot 5-under-par 66 Saturday.

Logue finished the tournament tied for sixth place at -9, while Burton finished tied for 13th at -7.

Ryan Sullivan was fourth at -11 and Charles Neel White III rounded out the top five at -10.

The win not only banks Jolly a payout of \$15,000, but the former member of the Louisiana State University men's golf team earns the unrestricted sponsor's exemption to play in the Web.com Tour's Rex Hospital Open, which is coming up this week in Raleigh.

Instead of going through a qualifying round to earn a spot in the tournament, Jolly will be in the field for the

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A crowd of nearly 300 assemble on the Perquimans County Courthouse lawn for a Memorial Day service on Monday.

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## Speaker: Sacrifices protect freedom

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
 News Editor

Memorial Day, perhaps more than any holiday, is special because without it Americans wouldn't have the other freedoms they enjoy, a speaker told a crowd in Hertford on Monday.

Retired U.S. Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer Phil R. Grasty spoke of the sacrifices men and women have made and continue to make in the name of freedom.

"Without Memorial Day we would not have a chance to celebrate our Independence Day," he said. "We would not have the opportunity to have Christmas or other religious holidays. In so many places in the world you do not have the right or privilege to do so. But we stand here in this place free men and women because of the sacrifice of so many. "Memorial Day is a day to remem-



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Retired U.S. Marine Corps Chief Warrant Officer Phil R. Grasty speaks to a Memorial Day crowd in Hertford on Monday.

ber what it means to be a hero. Heroism is deeply rooted in the men and women who say goodbye to deploy to parts unknown and those we welcome home. But Memorial Day is the

day we thank those who did not get the joyous homecoming, who have given the ultimate sacrifice and been laid to rest."

Grasty shared stories of his uncle, Howard Tinsley, who was captured by the Germans in North Africa during World War II and held as a POW for 800 days.

When he was caught he weighed 189 pounds and when he was finally released he was down to 75.

His captors would wait until after they ate supper and toss out potato peelings on the ground for the prisoners to eat. But they constructed a barbed wire enclosure that meant the allied prisoners had to crawl on their hands and knees to get to the scraps. Often men were too weak to go in and their fellow prisoners would bring some back for the

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## Plymouth lawman facing charges

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
 News Editor

A former Hertford police officer was charged with three counts of assault with a deadly weapon for driving through a back yard while chasing juveniles who took a bike from his home earlier this month.

Pryce Hohenstein, 50, was released on a written promise to appear. He is scheduled to appear in court on June 12 and will be represented by a court appointed attorney. Juvenile petitions were taken out against the two children who admitted to stealing the bikes.

Hohenstein worked for Hertford from April 2009 through April 2013. He was a detective with the Plymouth Police Department, but it's unclear if he is still employed there. A phone message left at his extension at the Plymouth Police Department was not returned. Likewise a message left for Plymouth Police Chief Willie Williams was not returned.

According to police reports the incident started on May 4 when two juveniles were walking home from the Riverbash Festival. They said they tried to take a bike from a house in the 200 block of Crescent Drive but didn't get it, then walked

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## Teacher, 48, loses two-year fight with cervical cancer

BY PETER WILLIAMS  
 News Editor

A Perquimans County teacher who battled cancer for two years, died on May 16 at Sentara Albemarle Medical Center.

Amy Woodard was 48 years old.

Woodard talked about her fight and her will to beat the disease in a story published



WOODARD

someone tells you," she said in the March story. "Your life

in The Perquimans Weekly on March 20.

"What I want people to know is it doesn't matter what

doesn't just stop. None of us knows when the end is and I just decided 'so what, I have cancer.'

"I'm stubborn and it's not the boss of me. Don't get me wrong, occasionally I feel sorry for myself, about all I have lost but then I remember if today is my last day I don't want to spend it that way."

She tried to hold on to

something she lived for, horses. In the end she couldn't.

A friend wrote on Facebook after her death.

"Amy never knew a stranger and no matter how busy she was she always had a welcoming smile on her face, she was so dedicated to caring for any animal that needed help but mostly loved the horses and

the good Lord above."

Another friend wrote "such a special person to me due to her teaching ability, her kindness, her love for animals and her laugh."

In March Woodard owned up to the fact that she is partially to blame. She knew women should get annual checkups that would catch cancer in time, but she just didn't go to the doctor. She

figured it might have been 10 years since her last check-up. She was diagnosed with Stage III metastatic cervical cancer.

"I was busy living my life," Woodard said. "I was married. I didn't have any symptoms. I always figured I'd wait and do it in the summer when school was out,

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## Chowan, Perquimans to hold joint drill

From Staff Reports

Chowan and Perquimans County Public Safety personnel will be joining together to conduct a hazardous materials exercise located on Burnt Mill Road

at the Chowan-Perquimans county line on Friday.

The training will consist of a motor vehicle collision at the county line and then a separate incident containing a hazardous materials leak just inside the Chowan County line. It is being held in an effort to refine the working relationships between the two counties as well as between the re-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Emergency responders from Perquimans and Chowan counties meet for a tabletop drill at the Edenton Fire Department recently. The two groups will be doing a joint drill Friday on Burnt Mill Road at the county line to simulate a hazardous materials accident.

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## SENIOR WALK



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Perquimans County Middle School students applaud the 2019 class of Perquimans County High School as they walk the halls last week. More pictures will be published in the next edition of the paper.

