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Undercover drug sweep nets 10 people

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

The Perquimans County Sheriff's Office arrested 10 people Friday as the result of a 10-month long undercover drug operation.

The 10 were indicted by the Perquimans County Grand Jury earlier this month. All of the arrests involve the sale of narcotics. As part of an ongoing operation, Sheriff Shelby White said more arrests and more charges would be coming.

"It's been a while since we had done a roundup," the sheriff said. "We had our group, and we tried to arrest what we could. For us

to get 10 in a day, I thought it was very good."

The operation started at 9 a.m. and wrapped up by that afternoon.

White said the Hertford Police Department assisted in locating some of the individuals. The State Bureau of Investigation also helped with a case. As the arrests were being made, White said the Albemarle District Jail helped out by sending a van to transport the suspects there, freeing the sheriff's office from the job of traveling back and forth.

The majority of the charges were for selling cocaine, crack cocaine or heroin, the sheriff said.

Arrested were:
 Rebecca Grey, 54, Smith Acres Road, Belvidere: two counts of sell and deliver Schedule II controlled substance, sell and deliver marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana drug paraphernalia.

James Parker, 70, Bay Branch Road, Belvidere: Sell and deliver Schedule II controlled substance.

Kevin Guy, 28, Snug Harbor: Sell and deliver Schedule II controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Regina Hardee, 33, Oliver Street, Hertford: Delivery of



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National Night Out is Tuesday

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Perquimans County will observe National Night Out Tuesday from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Perquimans County Recreation Center.

"This has been something we wanted to do," said Sheriff Shelby White. "We've been working on it for a couple of months now."

The sheriff said there will be more than 30 groups or departments participating, including representatives and trucks from each of the county's fire departments, the sheriff's office, the Hertford Police Department, N.C. Wildlife, Camp Cale and local probation officers.

The Perquimans County Farm Bureau will be there with a 911 simulator for children.

Julie Solesbee, a spokesperson for Perquimans emergency services said the simulator will be a great experience.

It is important that children know

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Storm blamed for sewer spill

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

A heavy thunderstorm last week that dumped as much as five inches of rain was blamed for a sewer spill in Winfall that allowed the release of about 25,000 gallons of untreated waste to get into a swampy area near the Perquimans River.

The spill was from Pumping Station 1 at 216 W. Main St. The town reported the spill to state authorities.

The storm was also blamed for some power outages.

A blown transformer kept some customers in the Town of Hertford without electricity for four hours.

Albemarle Electric Membership Corp.

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PETER WILLIAMS/PERQUIMANS WEEKLY

The Landings of Albemarle, an assisted living facility, should be finished by April according to the company building it. It will feature 50 assisted living beds and 24 independent living apartments.

Senior project to open in 2020

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

A new 46,000 square-foot senior living community in Hertford is on schedule to be finished by April, if not earlier.

"Construction has moved very quickly," said Robin Waller,

the director of new business sales for Affinity Living Group.

The Landings of Albemarle will feature 50 assisted living beds as well as 24 independent living apartments. The facility, which is owned by ALG will bring 50 new jobs to the area.

Waller said the previous name

for the project - Hertford House - was just a working title for the property on South Church Street.

She said the project will fill a void for families who have a loved one who needs help with

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Jones files for Hertford seat

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

Orlean Jones, one of the four candidates for the two seats on the Hertford town board, said she wants to bring about change and deliver more things for young people to do.

"I'm not ashamed to say I am from Hertford," Jones said. "I attend the council meetings and I have to be part of the change, because



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if I'm not, I am part of the problem."

Jones, 48, is the mother of a 10-year-old boy. She graduated from Perquimans County High School and Elizabeth City State University where she earned a degree in music.

She is currently a sales associate at Dollar General and a gospel recording artist.

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Goodman steps down as editor, publisher

BY JULIAN EURE
 Managing Editor The Daily Advance

If there's one thing Mike Goodman knows after more than four decades in the newspaper business, it's that things don't stay the same very long. Every day there's something new.

Goodman's four decades at The Daily Advance are certainly a testament to that. How the newspaper is produced, how it looks, where it's printed, when and how it's delivered to read-

ers — all have changed significantly since he was first hired as a copyeditor at the paper in 1978.

And now Goodman — The Daily Advance's editor for the past 37 years and its publisher the past five — is preparing for what will likely be the last change he'll see at the paper. He announced recently to staff that he plans



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to retire at the end of August. Goodman is also publisher of both The Perquimans Weekly and The Chowan Herald.

"A lot of things aligned that just seemed to make retirement look right," Goodman said in an interview on Friday, explaining his decision. "The timing was good from the standpoint of my age — I'm 67 — and the fact I'm now in my 42nd year here. We're also moving to a new building. So my retiring now works out well because it allows a fresh start for the people who will be

working there."

Goodman was referring to The Daily Advance's planned move from its current building at the corner of Water and Church streets to the McPherson Center shopping plaza on Ehringhaus Street. The newspaper plans to be in its new office space by the middle of next month.

Goodman also noted that he and his wife, Martha, have been talking about finally getting to

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Local AAU basketball team claims national championship

BY PETER WILLIAMS
 News Editor

A team of 15 and 16-year-olds from Perquimans and three other counties claimed the national title in an AAU basketball tournament in Greensboro on July 21.

Nathan Downing, a Perquimans County High School graduate and former athlete, coached the team. Two of the N.C. Breakers players, Trevon Jones and Omarion Hunter, are Perquimans County residents. The other players came from Chowan, Currituck and Washington counties.

The Breakers won the AlwaysLive Division 3 national championship tournament by beating the Carolina Knicks 62-35 in the Gold Bracket at the Greensboro Sportsplex. The Breakers went 5-0 in the tournament. This is the third season for the N.C. Breakers.

Downing said he started the team as a way to give local players more exposure to college coaches who are recruiting plus a way to widen the players' understanding of the world outside of the Albemarle area.

Downing said the team has played in Washington D.C., Raleigh, Myrtle Beach, Durham, Charlotte and even Pennsylvania.

On AlwaysLive, the games are recorded and broadcast on sites like You-

Tube and Twitter.

The season starts in April and continues on through August. Some of the players who aren't involved in football will continue to play AAU ball into the fall. When the team plays at home, they play at John A. Holmes High School.

The other players are Carlos Raven, Malachi White, Teddy Wilson, Anthony Staten, Nashaun White, Carmilo Burton and coach Lonnie Wilson, Frederick Dre, Quamir Webb, Jewell Coston and Darren Saunders.

"It's a great experience for them," Downing said. "Many have never played outside of the area."

For now Downing works part-time at the recreation department in Edenton, but he has applied to be the basketball coach at Perquimans

County Middle School.

The team has to work hard to raise the money to travel.

"We sold raffle tickets, somebody donated a 50-inch TV and a 40-inch TV and we raffled them, and Nationwide Insurance has helped us as well as churches and individuals. Many of the parents don't have a lot of money, but they might give \$10 or \$20 and it all helps. It's really expensive, but we do what we can do."

Most of the players Downing has now were part of that first season, when they were 13 or 14 years old. Each year, Downing has moved the age group up a notch, and eventually the athletes will graduate high

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The North Carolina Breakers travel basketball team won the AlwaysLive Division 3 national championship tournament on July 21 in Greensboro. The NC Breakers defeated the Carolina Knicks 62-35 in the tournament championship game of the Gold Bracket at the Greensboro Sportsplex. The NC Breakers posted a 5-0 record during the tournament. Back row, left: Coach Nathan Downing, Carlos Raven, Malachi White, Teddy Wilson, Anthony Staten, Nashaun White, Trevon Jones, Carmilo Burton and coach Lonnie Wilson. Front row, left: Frederick Dre, Quamir Webb, Jewell Coston and Darren Saunders. Not pictured is Omarion Hunter.