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## Rotary Club's Efforts Assist Biggs Golf Tourney

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Rotary Club of Hertford plays a key role with assisting the Biggs Classic Golf Tournament.

This premier golf touney takes place between May 24 and May 29 at Albemarle Plantation.

"Our partnership with the GProTour has brought added professionalism to the tournament, and the players consider the BIGGS Classic one of the Majors' on their yearly schedule," said Lee Duncan, Albemarle Plantation Properties General Manager, also a Rotarian. "The added involvement of the HRC this year will enhance the visibility of not only Hertford and Perquimans County, but the entire Inner Banks region."

Duncan explained that Rotary's role is threefold:

■ Help the annual BIGGS Classic enhance the event presence in Hertford and Perquimans County.

■ Serve as a sponsorship sales team for the event.

■ Benefit from the tournament charitable giving opportunity to raise funds for the Hertford Rotary Club Foundation.

Duncan said Rotary endorses the tournament to provide a new and potentially ongoing service project for the club's membership within the local community. Also, the tournament replaces the annual concert fundraising project with a potentially lucrative means of funding local scholarship opportunities through the HRC Foundation.

This is a \$5,000 scholarship

awarded each year to a student from Perquimans, Pasquotank, or Chowan County accepted to attend East Carolina University – Mr. Biggs' alma mater.

The first of hopefully many years of involvement for the HRC, the touney puts Perquimans County on the map.

"The BIGGS Classic as established itself as one of the premier developmental tour events for professional golfers in the country," Duncan said. "The local community, with Biggs Cadillac-Buick-GMC at the top of the list, has provided incredible financial support to the event. The residents of Albemarle Plantation roll out the red carpet each year as volunteers and player hosts."

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FILE PHOTO/2019/ALBEMARLE PLANTATION

Full speed ahead to the Biggs Classic Golf Tournament that takes place between May 24 and May 29 at Albemarle Plantation.

## 3 Treated After Shooting

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The State Bureau of Investigation has been asked to step in and investigate a shooting incident in Hertford Monday that sent three people to the hospital.

Hertford police Chief Edwin Roman said he didn't have any details about the victims other than they were admitted to area hospitals. He said he asked for the SBI's assistance because of the Hertford department's low staffing. The department currently has three officers: Roman and two officers.

"Right now I don't have enough officers to investigate anything," he said Tuesday.

According to Perquimans Emergency Services, both the Hertford Police Department and the Perquimans Sheriff's Department were dispatched to the intersection of King Street and Stokes Street around 10:39 p.m. Monday following a report of multiple gunshots.

When officers arrived, they found two people with gunshot wounds, emergency services officials said. Both were transported to Vidant-Chowan Hospital in Edenton by Perquimans Emergency Medical Services. One was evaluated at the hospital while the other was airlifted to Vidant Medical Center in Greenville.

While officers were responding to Stokes and King streets, a Perquimans sheriff's deputy encountered a vehicle driving at an excessive speed in Hertford. The deputy attempted to stop the vehicle, but the vehicle's driver failed to stop. A high-speed chase ensued into Perquimans County and then into Pasquotank County, emergency services said.

The vehicle finally stopped at Sentara Albemarle Medical Center in Elizabeth City, where officials determined that a third gunshot victim was a passenger in the vehicle.

A spokeswoman for the SBI said Tuesday she did not immediately have details about the incident.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Community members gathered at The Landings of Albemarle, a new Independent and Assisted Living community in Perquimans County, for an official ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, May 6.

## Hertford Welcomes Landings of Albemarle

New Senior Living Facility Opens in Hertford

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

Seniors in Perquimans County have a brand new option for luxury independent living and assisted living care.

Located at 603 South Church Street, The Landings of Albe-

marle is ready to welcome its first senior living residents this month, and the team celebrated that milestone this week in partnership with the Perquimans County Chamber of Commerce by holding an official ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday, May 6.

"We would like to welcome all of the new citizens that will be residing here and we also welcome them into our com-

munity," said Hertford Mayor Earnell Brown, while speaking at the event.

Brown, joined by members of the chamber and local officials, expressed her excitement for the opening of The Landings of Albemarle. She also announced the city's upcoming plans to add a sidewalk for walkers to travel safely to

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## ROUND-UP

### Trio of Queens

BY MILES LAYTON  
Editor

A round-up of all things Perquimans County... Pirates' Class of 2020 alumnus **Alli Copeland** recently served as a commencement marshal for the NC State University's Class 2021.

If memory serves me correct, Copeland is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and a minor in Business Administration. Also, Copeland is a Goodnight Scholar and part of the University Honors Program and she is involved on campus with Pre-Health Club, Pre-Dental Club, and as the First Year Student Representative of the Students of Life Sciences Club.

As I've said before, it's not the size of the school that necessarily matters to success, but the passion and drive to achieve that matters more.

In other news, Prom King was **Avery Biggs** and the Prom queens **Maci Denson**, **Natalie Corprew** and **Sarah Jordan**. See prom photos pages A6 and B1. Since there is a trio of deserving queens, that begs the

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## Greek Revival Gem Needs Buyer To Save It From Ruin

BY IAN VON TALEE  
Museum of the Albemarle

One of the finest Greek Revival homes in the Albemarle can be found in downtown Hertford. Presently it sits empty, slowly rotting, its high eaves draped in curling vines, in an altogether pitiful state.

The house has fascinated me for many years, and long have I hoped something positive would develop there.

The house stands near the intersection of Church and Grubb streets, and looms quite starkly over the scene. While the house is not especially large in terms of square footage, its scale is uncommonly monumental, and it has a towering, gaunt presence, which photographs can scarcely

### MUSEUM OF THE ALBEMARLE

convey properly. Built in the 1840s by Dr. Nathaniel Skinner, a member of a once-prominent Perquimans family of gentlemen agriculturists, the house was transferred to Col. Wilson Reed in 1850. His family resided there until the early 20th century.

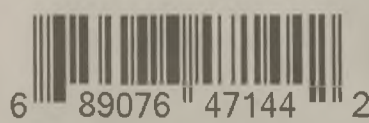
When the house was new, it stood alongside numerous outbuildings, including a kitchen, office, smokehouse, barn and privy. Such a collection of satellite structures around a primary dwelling was standard then, not

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Considered one of the finest Greek Revival homes in the area, the 1840s Skinner House sits vacant near the intersection of Church and Grubb streets in Hertford.



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