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Brothers, Anderson file for council seats in Hertford

Jackson not seeking 2nd term, Norman not commenting

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

The filing period for two seats on Hertford Town Council opened Friday with two candidates officially declaring their candidacies for the November election.

Local minister and civic activist Connie Brothers and retired U.S. Senate staffer Sandra Anderson both filed for the council seats currently held by Councilors Quentin Jackson and Frank Norman III.

Jackson, the town's former mayor pro tem, has already an-

nounced he's not seeking re-election to a second four-year term.

"Absolutely not," Jackson said last week when asked if he would be filing for re-election. Jackson said he instead plans to run for Perquimans County commissioner in 2022.

Norman declined to comment on his plans when reached last week. As of Friday afternoon, he had not filed for re-election to his seat.

Brothers said in a press release that she has strong community



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ties that she will use "to enhance communication and strengthen relationships among all of Hertford's residents as we continue to grow our historic town."

Brothers said she has sought to give back to the community through charitable and service activities, and sees her bid for election to town council as an extension of her work in community service.

Anderson says she is running because it's her "belief that public service is a responsibility that we



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all share, and we should all be willing to contribute our time and best effort toward the well-being of the community in which we live."

She said one of her primary goals is to improve communication between the town administration and Hertford residents.

Anderson, a substitute teacher and board of elections poll worker, has served on the Board of Directors for Historic Hertford Inc., the Community and Waterfront Advisory Committee, the Economic Resurgence Committee, and the Town of Hertford Mural Committee.

"With respect, grace, and

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Sandra Anderson files to run for Hertford Town Council shortly after the filing period opened on Friday.

Williams wins first Stallings award

Gates schools chief recalls Stallings as friend, mentor

From staff reports

The North Carolina School Superintendents Association has announced that Dr. Barry Williams, superintendent of Gates County Schools, is the inaugural recipient of the Dr. Dwayne Stallings Leadership Award.

The award, named for the late Dwayne Stallings, a former Perquimans County Schools superintendent, is presented to a superintendent serving a school district in northeastern North Carolina who is a member of the Northeast Regional Education Service Alliance.

According to the NRESA, the Stallings award is presented to a school superintendent with a strong dedication to public education, commitment to academic excellence, and a continual focus on professional growth and student learning. NERESA is a professional alliance that supports and enhances educational services and resources in its member districts.

Jack Hoke, executive

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STALLINGS

Ready for a new approach



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Latisha Coston of N.C. Probation and Parole and Perquimans Sheriff Shelby White get hot dogs ready to serve to citizens during the "Meet Your First Responders" event in Hertford, Friday. The Perquimans Sheriff's Office officially took over policing in Hertford on Thursday and Friday's event was an opportunity for Hertford citizens to meet the officers who will be policing their town.

Citizens warming to policing plan

Hundred-plus attend 'Meet Your First Responders' event Friday night

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

More than a hundred people turned out in downtown Hertford Friday evening for a hot dog cookout with first responders — and most were upbeat about the new con-

tract the town has with the Perquimans Sheriff's Office to provide law enforcement services in town.

The town of Hertford officially dissolved its police department last week. As of July 1, law enforcement is being provided



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through a contract with the Perquimans County Sheriff's Office.

Deputy Jacob Sikes, who is one of two former Hertford police officers who have switched over to work for the sheriff's office as deputies, said the sheriff offered him a good opportunity to continue working in the town.

Sikes said what he is doing now

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Hertford OKs water, sewer rate increases

\$6.9M approved budget reflects policing savings

BY REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

The \$6.9 million budget Hertford town budget that took effect on Thursday does not raise the town's property tax rate but does increase residents' water and sewer rates.

Under the new rates, a 1,000-gallon-per-month customer will pay just under \$9 more for water and sewer a month.

That customer will pay \$97.41 for combined water and sewer services. The water and sewer bill for that same customer under the rates in the 2020-21 budget would have been \$88.56.

For up to 12,000 gallons, the new water base rate is \$36.36, the water usage rate is \$6.22 per 1,000 gallons, the sewer base rate is \$43.70 and the sewer usage rate is \$11.13.

For customers using 12,001 gallons or more, the water base rate is \$72.72, water usage rate is \$7.78, sewer base rate is \$87.40, and sewer usage rate is \$13.91.

For multi-tenant facilities, the base rate is the number of units multiplied by the base rate for up to 12,000 gallons for both water and sewer, and the usage rates are the same as

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Albemarle Plantation to play host to GPro Tour event

Maintenance crew ensuring course ready for golfers

BY REGGIE PONDER
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The Sound Links golf club at Albemarle Plantation is hosting this week's Tour Championship tour-

namment for the Greensboro-based GPro Tour.

The tour's top 30 players this season are slated to be at Sound Links this week for a pro-am Tuesday and the championship tournament Wednesday and Thursday.

Randy Tetterton, a Plymouth native who has been superintendent of Sound Links for three years, said he believes it is prestigious for the course to be hosting the championship tournament for the small regional tour.

"I think it's a great thing," Tetterton said.

Sound Links annually hosts the Biggs Classic, a stop on the GPro Tour.

"The players love coming here," Tetterton said. They especially enjoy the hospitality and the way they are treated by club members, he said.

"And they say the course is always in excellent condition," he said.

Members volunteer in numerous ways to make sure the Biggs Classic — and this year also the GPro Championship — lives up to its reputation for hospitality.

"They do it all," Tetterton said of the volunteers.

Players stay in club members' homes during the tournament.

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Arturo Vasquez rolls the green on the ninth hole at Sound Links golf club as Ezequis Lopez holds the flagstick.

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