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## Anderson, Brothers win Town Council seats

Jackson, Norman lose their bids for re-election

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Staff Writer

HERTFORD — First-time candidates Sandra Anderson and Connie Brothers won seats on the Hertford Town Council in the town's election Tuesday, Nov. 2.

According to election results, Anderson finished first in the six-candidate race, collecting 321 votes, or 28.18% of all ballots cast. Brothers garnered 292 votes, or 25.64% of all ballots cast, to finish second.

Incumbent Councilor Quentin Jackson fell short in his re-election bid, finishing third with 177 votes, or 15.54%.

Former Councilor Gracie Felton finished fourth, collecting 165 votes or 14.49%. She was followed by first-time candidate Martha Borders, who finished with 140 votes or 12.29%.

Incumbent Councilor Frank Norman III also lost his bid for re-election, finishing sixth with 43 votes or 3.78%.

There was also one write-in vote.

"I am happy," Brothers said at a victory celebration after the early-vote count was released early Tuesday evening, Nov. 2. "I am excited. We wanted a change. The election wasn't about

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Above: Hertford Town Council candidate Connie Brothers (left) reads one-stop voting results on her phone at an election victory celebration for her and fellow candidate Sandra Anderson (right) at the Historic Hertford Inc. building on West Academy Street, Tuesday, Nov. 2. Looking on is Brothers' 7-year-old grandson, Jeremiah Smith. Brothers and Anderson finished first and second in the election for two Hertford Town Council seats.



Left photo: Hertford Town Councilman Quentin Jackson, flanked by supporters June Gibbs (left) and Muffin Hudson (right), waves to voters outside the East Hertford precinct at the Perquimans County Courthouse, Tuesday, Nov. 2. Jackson lost his bid for re-election to a second term.

## Maps put Steinburg in new district

Senator plans to seek 3rd term in newly drawn 2nd District

BY PAUL NIELSEN  
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New legislative maps have set up a primary between two of the most conservative Republicans in the North Carolina Senate.

A new state Senate map given final approval by lawmakers Friday moves state Sen. Bob Steinburg, R-Chowan, from the 1st Senate District into the newly drawn 2nd Senate District. The new 2nd District also includes four-term incumbent Sen. Norman Sanderson, R-Pamlico.

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## Breast cancer survivors share stories

22H/T24 foundation honored 16 survivors at Oct. 30 banquet

BY REGGIE PONDER  
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Breast cancer survivors Kisha Darden and Kendra Bailey want women to know that early detection and comprehensive treatment can be lifesavers in the battle with breast cancer.

The two women were among 16 breast cancer survivors honored at the 22H/T24 Scholarship Foundation Breast Cancer Awareness Banquet held Saturday, Oct. 30.

Dr. Larry Honeyblue, one of the event's principal organizers, noted that speakers included Dr. Baogana Liu from Sentara Albemarle Medical Center



PHOTO COURTESY LARRY HONEYBLUE

Sixteen local breast cancer survivors were honored at the 22H/T24 Scholarship Foundation's first-ever Breast Cancer Awareness Banquet held at Poole's Grove Baptist Church in Hertford, Saturday, Oct. 30. The foundation was founded by Bobby Tolson and Larry Honeyblue, both former student-athletes who graduated from Perquimans County High School.

and Terriceda Calvin, a 10-year breast cancer survivor from Maryland who organized a team to walk in the Susan G. Komen 60-mile

walk over three days.

The event, held at Poole's Grove Baptist Church in Hertford, was held to raise awareness about cancer

and a new breast cancer support group was formed as a result of the event.

Half of the event proceeds are going to the support group and the remainder will go to the 22H/T24 Scholarship Foundation. More than 80 people attended the banquet, including 16 breast cancer survivors.

"The courage and strength in those beautiful women was admired by many who were in attendance," Honeyblue said.

Darden, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in January 2017, has had a double mastectomy and 25 rounds of radiation and remains on medication.

Now she is doing "pretty good," she said. She still keeps regular appointments.

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## Sheriff's Office to be fully staffed Dec. 1

White expects Hertford policing transition to take 6 months

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Staff Writer

Perquimans County Sheriff Shelby White expects his department will be fully staffed by Dec. 1 and its handling of policing in the town of Hertford will be operating smoothly by mid-January.

The Perquimans Sheriff's Office took over law enforcement responsibilities in Hertford under a contract with the town that went into effect July 1. White said during the first week of July that he expected it would take six months for the new arrangement to be working smoothly, and he said last week that timetable appears to be holding true.



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At Perquimans commissioners' Nov. 1 meeting, Commissioner Joseph Hoffer asked White how

the transition was going.

"It has been extremely busy," White responded.

White reiterated that he thought it would take six months before his office's policing of Hertford was running smoothly.

White told The Perquimans Weekly last week that call volume has been high but that behind-the-scenes work related to the transition also has been taxing.

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## County approves funding for 911 emergency center upgrades

Heath: Cost of replacing four consoles at 911 Center is \$484K

BY REGGIE PONDER  
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Perquimans County is replacing aged-out equipment in the 911

emergency communications center.

The county Board of Commissioners approved budget amendments for the project at the board's regular meeting Nov. 1.

"We are pleased to be able to proceed with this much-needed equipment upgrade in the 911 Center and appreciate the continued support of the county commissioners to provide quality services for our citizens and visitors," said Jonathan Nixon, director of Perquimans County Emergency Services.

County Manager Frank Heath explained to the board that the

funds are for upgrading the radio consoles in the 911 center.

The cost is \$484,088 to replace four Motorola console positions, Heath said.

State 911 emergency communication funds and local dispatch fees are being used to pay for the project, he said.

The board approved budget amendments appropriating \$39,956 in municipal dispatch fees, \$140,796 in emergency 911 fees and \$230,683 in fund balance for the equipment upgrades.

Julie Solesbee, communications director for Perquimans County emergency services, said

the project will upgrade all of the radio console positions in the primary 911 Center, replacing current equipment that will be considered end-of-life on Dec. 31 of this year. Motorola cannot guarantee that it will be able to repair the equipment past the life cycle date, Solesbee explained.

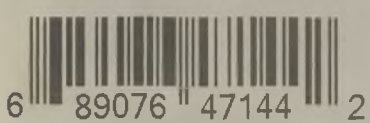
The county is buying and installing four Motorola radio consoles that are located in the Primary 911 Center.

The total project cost is \$484,088 and a large portion of the funds will come from the State 911 Fund balance, according to Solesbee.

The county is also allocating \$39,956 in local dispatch fees to cover the remaining expenses for the project.

"The revenue stream identified came from payments made by the town of Hertford for back payment related to 911 Center operational fees," according to Solesbee.

Since Perquimans 911 serves as the backup 911 Center location for the Chowan 911 Center, it will have a simultaneous project updating its radio equipment and installing three Motorola radio consoles, in addition to the work being done in Perquimans.



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