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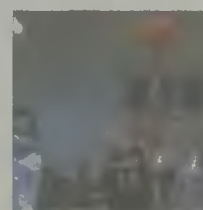
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## Commissioner, school board races form as filing delayed

Jackson files for commission,  
5 seeking 3 school board seats

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Staff Writer

A Hertford town councilor leaving office this week after losing his re-election bid in November has filed for an open seat on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners.

Quentin Jackson filed last week for one of the three seats on the commission board. He



LEIGH

joins incumbent Commissioners Fondella Leigh, Alan Lennon and Wallace Nelson, who also have filed.

Further filing for the Perquimans commission seats and all other offices is temporarily delayed due to a N.C. Supreme Court ruling issued Wednesday, Dec. 8. The court has delayed the March 8 primary to May 17 because of



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unresolved lawsuits over the new maps GOP lawmakers drew for legislative and congressional districts.

No date for when filing can resume has been set, but some election officials believe it will be either January or February.

Meanwhile, three other candidates have filed for three open seats on the Perquimans Board of



LENNON

Education. Matt Winslow, Dave Silva, and Kristy Corprew joined incumbent board member Anne White and newcomer Brenda Huddleston who previously filed for the seats.

Incumbent board member Amy Spauh has already announced she's not seeking re-election to her seat.

Jackson, who left office this



NELSON

week when new Hertford town councilors Connie Brothers and Sandra Anderson were sworn in, declined to comment last week when asked what issues he was focusing on in his

bid for county commissioner. Although Jackson's tenure on the Hertford Town Council has

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## Ready for rescue



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Capt. Greg Terranova stands near the helm of the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department's rescue boat. The Hertford VFD paid for the boat and its sophisticated electronics with funds raised through the department's annual Sportsmen's Raffle. Hertford VFD Chief Drew Woodward noted the rescue boat is a way to give back to the community's sportsmen who support the raffle so generously.

## Hertford VFD using high-tech rescue boat

Vessel equipped with radar,  
FLIR system, side scan sonar

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Staff Writer

Area hunters and fishermen and other boaters now have an added degree of safety due to a high-tech rescue boat acquired by the Hertford Volunteer Fire Department.

The boat and its equipment were paid for with funds raised through the department's annual Sportsmen's Raffle. Hertford VFD

Chief Drew Woodward noted the rescue boat is a way to give back to the community's sportsmen who support the raffle so generously.

The boat also is available to respond in Pasquotank, Chowan and other area counties, Woodward said.

"This is not just for Perquimans County," Woodward said. "It could be for anywhere in this area."

The boat can help with search and rescue and can respond if duck hunters,

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The Hertford Volunteer Fire Department's rescue boat is equipped with technology such as a forward looking infrared (FLIR) camera system and radar.

## Council: Norman, Jackson must turn over devices

Town also won't be spending  
any money on parting gifts

BY REGGIE PONDER  
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Hertford town councilors have taken the rare step of ordering two councilors leaving the board to turn in their town-issued computers and other devices.

Both Quentin Jackson and Frank Norman were ordered in a resolution adopted by their three fellow councilors last week to turn over the town's property by either Tuesday or Thursday of this week.

Both men lost their bids for re-election in the town's election last month.

Actions mandated in the resolution agreed to by Mayor Earnell Brown and coun-



NORMAN



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cilors Ashley Hodges and Jerry Mimitsch require:

- Jackson and Norman to return their Surface Pro, iPad, and/or MacBook Pro computers, cell phones, mobile hotspot devices, numerous peripherals and accessories, facility keys and key fobs, and any other material items

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## County teachers to see large boost in supplemental pay

\$100M to help rural districts  
pay competitive salaries

BY REGGIE PONDER  
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Teachers in most area counties will receive a combined pay supplement of more than \$5,000, thanks to a new \$100 million fund lawmakers included in the new state

budget approved last month.

In Perquimans, the additional assistance would average \$3,583, raising a teacher's combined supplement — both local and state — to \$5,107.

According to Republican lawmakers who wrote the budget, the supplemental assistance

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## Seeds of Success steers youth toward bright future

New group sets up Unity Center in  
Community Center for youth 9-17

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A group of volunteers in Hertford has formed a new youth group under the banner of Seeds of Success and is excited to see the seeds beginning

to germinate and grow.

Youth from the group marched and rode in this year's Hertford Christmas Parade.

"We have a dedicated group of volunteers and can use much more help," said Hertford Mayor Earnell Brown, who has been instrumental in forming Seeds of Success.

According to the organization's mission statement, Seeds of Success intends "to plant the seeds of success for building a strong inclusive community through initiatives addressing education, athletics, cultural awareness, self-esteem and life skills that will build-up our youth and strengthen their resilience while fostering positive social-emotional development."

The organization's first project was establishment of a Unity Center in the Community Center at 305 W. Grubb Street.

The Unity Center is for youth ages 9-17 and, according to the organization, designed to "provide a safe location" and programs offering tutoring, accountability, social skills, mental health, career readiness, finances, role models, character and leadership development, recreation, and health/wellness activities.

A "soft opening" was held at the center Aug. 14. On Oct. 30 there was a Harvest Fest for kids featuring music, games, food — and of course, costumes.

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Youth involved in Hertford's Seeds of Success program ride and march in the Hertford Christmas Parade on Dec. 4.



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