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## Waste-hauler wants 3 counties to revise contract

Republic wants per-minute rate for hauling waste

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Staff Writer

Perquimans County officials are joining their counterparts in Chowan and Gates counties in taking a second look at the county's waste-hauling contract.

County commissioners showed no enthusiasm for revising the contract at their meeting Monday night, but agreed to take a closer look at a request from Republic — the firm that hauls solid waste for the three counties — to increase its rates. The company also wants to switch from the current per-mile rate in its contract to a new per-minute rate.

Ralph Hollowell of the Environmental Health section of Albemarle Regional Health Services presented the request from Republic to the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners. Hollowell said Republic has informed the Perquimans-Chowan-Gates Landfill Authority that it is not making money on the current contract due to difficulty

of hiring drivers and other business challenges in the current climate. ARHS operates the landfill for the three counties.

Hollowell said Republic indicated the contract with Perquimans-Chowan-Gates is the only per-mile contract it has left in the Mid-Atlantic area. All others have gone to the per-minute format.

Republic said it would

credit back to the county \$43,000 that is owed for January through October if the county would agree to its proposed revisions.

The cost for hauling from the New Hope convenience site under the current contract is \$131.28. That could go to \$179.63 under the revision that Republic is proposing.

Hollowell presented the

scenario as information and not necessarily as a recommendation.

"They do want a decision made on the contract as soon as possible," Hollowell said.

Perquimans County Manager Frank Heath, who serves on the Perquimans-Chowan-Gates Landfill

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## Lady Pirates fall short



PHOTOS BY ANDRE ALFRED

The Perquimans volleyball team poses with its runner-up trophy and medals after losing in straight sets to Union Academy, Saturday morning in the 1A NCHSAA championship match at North Carolina State's Reynolds Coliseum.

## Union defeats Perquimans in title match

Late comebacks in 2 sets spoil Lady Pirates' championship bid

BY DAVID GOUGH  
The Daily Advance

RALEIGH — The first state championship appearance for the Perquimans volleyball team in more than two decades did not go the way the Lady Pirates had hoped.

On Saturday morning in North Carolina State's Reynolds Coliseum, Perquimans was swept by the 1A NCHSAA west champion Union Academy in three sets, 25-23, 25-18, 25-23.

"We had a great season," Perquimans head coach Kristie Thach said afterward. "Any time you can make it this far and rep-



Perquimans' Victoria Williamson (7) attempts to spike a volleyball past Union Academy's Brooklyn Calkins (14) during the 1A NCHSAA state championship, Saturday at North Carolina State's Reynolds Coliseum.

resent your county and community, I'm so proud of these girls. Even though it didn't work out the way we wanted it to work out, we have nothing to hang

our heads about. We played until every point, we never gave up and I'm just extremely proud of them."

Losing in straight sets doesn't tell the whole sto-

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See more photos from the Pirates' state title match against Union Academy, 4B.

ry of the state title match. Perquimans came close to securing first-set and third-set victories before the Lady Cardinals made late comebacks.

The second set was the only time Union Academy (29-2) won in convincing fashion.

The Lady Cardinals quickly led 2-1 and never trailed from there with their largest advantage being 23-14.

But the first set started out well for Perquimans.

After Union scored the

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## Jackson charged with nine child sex offenses, bond \$1M

Perquimans candidate was charged in June in same case

BY JULIAN EURE AND REGGIE PONDER  
The Daily Advance



JACKSON

Quentin Jackson — the former Hertford town councilor who was on Tuesday's ballot for a seat on the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners — has been charged with nine felony counts of having sex with a child and is being held at Albemarle District Jail in lieu of a \$1 million secured bond.

According to a spokeswoman for the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, Jackson, 36, of the 300 block of S. Church St.,

Hertford, is charged with three counts of taking indecent liberty with a minor, three counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, two counts of statutory sexual offense with someone 15 years old or younger, and one count of statutory rape of someone 15 or younger.

The alleged offenses occurred between May 24 and June 3 of this year, according to the SBI.

The warrant for sexual exploitation of a minor

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## Election voting goes on despite power outage

More than 800 in county had voted by 10 a.m. Tuesday

### From staff reports

Voting continued in Perquimans County without interruption Tuesday despite a brief power outage in the New Hope area.

Perquimans County Election Director Jackie Greene said a combined 804 votes were cast in the county's seven precincts by 10 a.m.

Greene said a power outage that appeared to affect a widespread area of New Hope was not affecting voters' ability to

cast ballots at the New Hope precinct. She said each voting machine at the polling site had an eight-hour battery charge that allowed it to be used even after the power went out.

In addition, election officials were planning to hook up a generator at the New Hope polling site in case the outage lasted an extended period of time.

"We've got a plan in place. We're getting a generator out there," Greene said around 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

About an hour later, Greene said the outage

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## Lassiters open Albemarle Croquet at Doodle Hill

Professional croquet center to open to public in spring

BY JOHN FOLEY  
Staff Writer

BELVIDERE — As you drive up Perry Bridge Road from Layden's Market in Belvidere, you pass fields of cotton, corn and soy. Suddenly appearing around a bend and over a slight incline is a

perfectly level bucolic pasture of close-cropped Bermuda grass that would make Jack Nicklaus proud.

During last month's Belvidere Days, Rodney Lassiter, a champion croquet player, was offering croquet lessons.

He was dressed for the occasion in a white, long-sleeve polo shirt that had a cluster of wickets on the left chest, emblazoned in gold.

"Let me tell you the story of this shirt," Lassiter said. "I was in a tournament and I saw this shirt on another player. I told him I liked the shirt and before I could finish the sentence he peeled it off and gave it to me. He claimed he was playing his last match and wanted me to have it."

The story didn't end there. It seems Lassiter was at another

tournament some months later and a fellow player commented on the same shirt. Lassiter was about to peel the shirt off and offer it, but the man making the comment had designed the shirt.

"I don't want it. I designed it. I am just pleased to see someone wearing it," Lassiter recalls the man telling him.

Because of their interest in croquet, Lassiter, his brother Randy, and his nephew Adam built a tournament-sized croquet center with regulation courts on their Perry Bridge Road property. They're calling the center Albemarle Croquet at Doodle Hill.

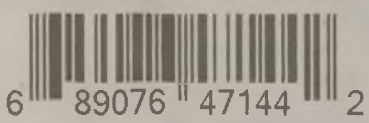
Over the past decade, the trio of Lassiters have made incredible

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Rodney Lassiter, a champion croquet player, sports his white, long-sleeved croquet shirt while offering croquet lessons at the recent Belvidere Days festival in Belvidere. Lassiter's family recently built their own croquet center, Albemarle Croquet at Doodle Hill, on their Perry Bridge Road property.



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