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Hodges elected Hertford mayor; Rouse, Waters win seats

White elected Winfall mayor; Cunningham, Ormond win seats

FROM STAFF REPORTS

HERTFORD — Ashley Hodges won his bid for mayor in Hertford on Tuesday while Preston White won his mayoral bid in Winfall.

Hodges, a sitting Hertford town councilor who serves as the council's mayor pro tem, defeated first-time candidate Reginald White 313 votes to 192 votes, or 61.61% to 37.8%,



Cunningham



Hodges



Ormond



Rouse



Waters



White

according to unofficial results.

Preston White, the mayor pro tem of the Winfall Town Council, defeated first-time candidate Jimmie D. Ritter Jr. 121 votes to 51 votes, or 69.54% to 29.31%.

Meanwhile, first-time candidates Keith Rouse and Rhonda

Waters finished first and second for two open council seats in Hertford, outpacing former town councilor Gracie Felton, who finished third, and first-time candidate Virginia Harvey, who finished fourth.

According to unofficial results, Rouse garnered 343

votes, or 34.3%. Waters collected 300 votes, or 30.03%. Felton finished with 200 votes or 20%, while Harvey had 155 votes, or 15.52%.

In the race for two seats on Winfall Town Council, incumbent Christopher Richardson lost his bid for election,

finishing third behind first-time candidate Arnetta Ormond and incumbent Cynthia Gale White Cunningham.

According to unofficial results, Ormond collected 103 votes, or 31.9%, while Cunningham garnered 102 votes, or 31.68%. Richardson finished with 77 votes, or 23.91%. There were also 40 write-in votes cast in the race, which was 12.42% of the total.

Total turnout in Perquimans County for the two elections was 40.51%, according to the N.C. State Board of Elections website.

Community champions



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The Albemarle District Ruritan Convention on Nov. 4 recognized members who have 50 or more years of service through their Ruritan clubs. Pictured (l-r) are Don Gregory of the Gates Club; Ambrose Staples, South Mills Club; William Chappell, Durants Neck Club; Carlton Smith, Shawboro Club; James Burnham Jr., South Mills Club; Barbara Snowden on behalf of the late Wilson Snowden, Currituck Club; Walton Carter, Coinjock Club; Richard Williams Jr., Newland-Providence Club; Sam Casey, Currituck Club; Donald Madre, Bethel Club; Roy Chappell Jr., Bethel Club; and Harvey Roberts, Shawboro Club.

Ruritans' charitable work celebrated

Phyllis Lewter, 2012 Ruritan National president and an officer in the Great Bridge Ruritan Club in Chesapeake, Virginia, addresses the Albemarle District Ruritan Convention at Hertford Baptist Church, Saturday, Nov. 4. The district includes Ruritan clubs from six area counties.



REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

The Albemarle District Ruritan Convention Saturday night celebrated the charitable work being done by Ruritan Clubs in six area counties.

Phyllis Lewter, the 2012 Ruritan National president, said in her address to the convention in Hertford that Ruritan clubs address important issues such as hunger, health care, and veterans in need.

Lewter talked about some of the desperate situations

many veterans face, including homelessness and various challenges related to health care and housing. She mentioned veterans enduring hardships such as living in their cars.

"These things are happening right here in the Albemarle District," Lewter said.

Ruritans are confronting those situations by helping veterans with housing deposits, rental payment deposits and other assistance, she said.

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Hertford group wants police dept., Community Watch

REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

HERTFORD — Three successive days of gunfire in the town of Hertford — including shots that entered houses and struck vehicles — has spurred a group of citizens already concerned about crime and violence to seek restoration of the town's police department and creation of a Community Watch program.

Vera Riddick organized a Stop the Violence rally Saturday in the park at the



White

intersection of Hyde Park and King Street, not far from where some of the gunfire has occurred.

"There has been a lot going on in our community," Riddick said in comments at the rally. "There have been a lot of shootings going on. There have been a lot of things that shouldn't be going on."

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Courts going to e-records system

REGGIE PONDER
Staff Writer

Area counties will transition to searchable electronic court records — and electronic filing of court documents by attorneys — early next year.

Courts in 12 North Carolina counties — including the District 1 counties of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank



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and Perquimans — are upgrading to a new digital case management system on Feb. 5. The counties are listed by state court officials as "Track 3" of the state-wide implementation.

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Thach: Lady Pirates have no reason to hang their heads

CHRIS DAY
Multimedia Editor

Perquimans' Lady Pirates volleyball team finished the season 26-4 overall after falling 3-2 to the Falls Lake Firebirds in the N.C. High School Athletic Association's 1A state playoffs east regional championship, Tuesday, Oct. 31.

The Pirates, who ran

through the regular season by posting an undefeated 12-0 Four Rivers conference record, entered this year's playoffs as the region's No. 3 seeded team. They played host in their first four playoff matches but traveled to Creedmore to face No. 1 Falls Lake in the regional championship. Falls Lake advanced to last Saturday's 1A state championship but lost 3-0 to west region champ Polk County, the No. 1 seed from Columbus.

Falls Lake opened the match by beating the Lady Pirates

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25-17 in the first set. Perquimans responded by winning the second and third sets 25-21 and 25-23. A 25-22 winning effort by Falls Lake in the fourth set forced a fifth set, which the Firebirds won 15-10.

Perquimans head coach Kristie Thach described the match as a "true east regional championship" that "lived up to the hype"

of both teams' fans. It was an intense match in which the players on both sides "gave everything they had," she said.

Thach said her team simply got outplayed in the first set.

"We didn't play our game and really weren't in it," she said.

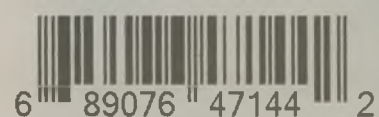
In the second set, senior Lady Pirate Mary Woodward made about 14 consecutive serves to help the team win, Thach said. The Pirates were able to carry that momentum into the third set.



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Perquimans' Daven Brabble (13) watches the ball after hitting it over the net during the Lady Pirates' 3-0 win over Pamlico County in an N.C. High School Athletic Association third round playoffs match at Perquimans, Thursday, Oct. 26.

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