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## Let's Give Thanks



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Cira Brothers helps organize collards in a box of Thanksgiving meal ingredients during Good Works Community Church's annual "Let's Give Thanks" food giveaway event at the church at 113 Deep Creek, Hertford, Saturday. The church gave away Thanksgiving meals to more than 150 local families Saturday.

## Good Works gives away 150 meals

Church gave away meal boxes of turkey, fixins' Saturday

BY JOHN FOLEY  
Staff Writer

Good Works Community Church members lived up to the church's name on Saturday as members of the congregation gave away

ingredients for a complete Thanksgiving meal to more than 150 local residents.

The smiles on recipients' faces were almost as wide as the bunches of collard greens that sprouted from boxes that also included a whole turkey, a package of cornbread stuffing, vegetables, and a bonus box or two of macaroni and cheese.

Church volunteers had been working for weeks through its "Let's Give Thanks" campaign to surpass the number of families — 130 — it helped feed for Thanksgiving last year. The church surpassed that goal and then some.

"We are blessed with all of these wonderful donations," said Good Works

Community's founding pastor, Apostle Edna Lawrence, stepping out of a truck loaded with collards. "We have been working for weeks to organize this event. Look at how beautiful this is."

The church, located at 113 Deep Creek Road, Hertford, launched its first "Let's

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## Hertford meets state deadline for filing audit

Town had missed deadline last 3 previous fiscal years

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Staff Writer

For the first time in at least three fiscal years, the audit for the town of Hertford has been completed by the state's deadline.

Interim Town Manager Janice M. Cole attributed the timeliness of this year's audit report to "determination and a strong financial team."

Mayor pro tem Ashley Hodges said he was delighted this year's audit met the deadline set by the N.C. Local Government Commission.

When the town received its fiscal year 2020-21 audit in June, it was some six months late.

But that audit report was not as late as the report for the fiscal year



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that ended June 30, 2020, however. The report for the 2019-20 fiscal year was not presented to Hertford Town Council until September 2021.

Town staff explained in June that a number of factors contributed to the delays in getting the fiscal year 2020-21 audit completed.

Town Council also discussed the prospect of borrowing about \$200,000 to perform much-needed work at a pump station in a town cemetery.

Hertford officials recognize the town has extensive sewer infrastructure needs, but at last

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## Storage units added as special use in Hertford

Resident sees prostitution; sheriff says no reports of it

BY REGGIE PONDER  
Staff Writer

The town of Hertford will allow commercial storage units as a use by special permit in the C-2 commercial zoning district.

Hertford Town Council agreed last week to a zoning text amendment that makes storage facilities a special use requiring a permit from the Hertford Planning Board.

The motion by Councilor Ashley Hodges, the council's mayor pro tem, to approve the text amendment passed unanimously. No one from the public

spoke during a public hearing held before the vote.

The change had been recommended unanimously by the town Planning Board.

In another matter, a citizen of Hertford said during the public comment period that he's concerned about prostitution and drug-related crime in the town.

Mark Christian told councilors he believes prostitution is taking place in town, basing his assertion on what he described as unusual things he's seen. He acknowledged he did not have evidence to prove his contention.

"That's what it looks like," he said.

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## Turkey Drop to benefit at least 158

Donors give turkeys, meal fixins' to Thanksgiving effort

BY JOHN FOLEY  
Staff Writer

Thanks to the generosity of Perquimans County residents, at least 158 local families are celebrating a traditional Thanksgiving meal this week.

Open Door Food Pantry Director Dina Hurdle said 158 frozen turkeys had been donated to the pantry's 9th annual Thanksgiving Day

Turkey Drop project as of Saturday afternoon.

Hurdle hadn't calculated exactly how many pounds of turkey that represented but her husband, Don, who had been transporting the turkeys since Friday morning, said it was a lot.

Over the past eight years the Turkey Drop has collected donated food items — frozen turkeys, canned vegetables, stuffing mix and other fixins' — to provide a complete Thanksgiving

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Troop 150 Scouts (H) Lidetu Silva, Teamir Silva and John Potter pose with frozen turkeys donated to The Open Door Food Pantry's ninth annual Turkey Drop Saturday.

## Marching Pirates Band to lead Christmas Parade

Parade gets underway at high school Dec. 3 at 2 p.m.

From staff reports

When the Perquimans County High School Marching Band marches in next weekend's Perquimans County Christmas Parade, it'll do so as grand marshal.

The Perquimans Chamber of Commerce announced last week that the

PCHS band had been selected to lead the parade which begins at the high school Saturday, Dec. 3, at 2 p.m. and proceeds downtown.

Also participating in the parade will be local dignitaries, the Perquimans Sheriff's Office, local fire departments, Perquimans Emergency Medical Services, the N.C. Forestry Service, antique cars and tractors, motorcycles, race cars, and floats featuring local churches and PCHS athletes, FFA, and theater group, among others.

Downtown businesses, churches and local Boy Scouts

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## PQ's Winslow signs with Duke baseball

All-state catcher helped Pirates to 2 state titles

BY DAVID GOUGH  
The Daily Advance

What Macon Winslow knew as early as three years ago became official on Nov. 9 and was celebrated by Winslow's Perquimans family and friends in the high school gym lobby on Thursday, Nov. 17.

The two-time state champion catcher for the Perquimans Pirates officially signed to play baseball for the Duke Blue Devils.

Winslow had been verbally committed to the Blue Devils since October 2019 — his freshman year.

"Great academic school,"

Winslow said Thursday. "The baseball program has been on the rise the past 10 years. Coach (Chris Polard), he's building a dynasty with the guys over there. Just feel like, I can benefit the most in both baseball and academically there, playing in the ACC."

The all-state catcher was actually in Mexico when he made his signing with Duke official.

Winslow, besides helping the Pirates to two straight state titles, has continued to find success on the baseball diamond elsewhere.

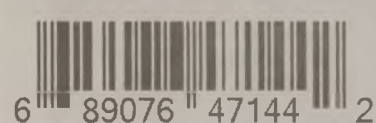
Through his involvement with the Pro5 Baseball Academy in Apex, Winslow got to play in two different

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Perquimans High School's Macon Winslow (second from left) poses Thursday, Nov. 17, for a photo with his mother Allison Winslow (left), brother Nixon Winslow (second from right) and father Leary Winslow (right) during a signing ceremony in the Perquimans gym lobby.



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