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## Adopt-A-Pet



Hoover is a lab mix listed as 14 weeks old, and is available for adoption at the Williamston Veterinary Clinic. Page 2

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**GOOD MORNING,**

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# Build it and they will come

## Reception was mixed among Martin County commissioners

SARAH HODGES STALLS  
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON - Jason Semple, President/CEO of Martin County Economic Development, was on the agenda for the January meeting of the Martin County Commissioners.

The topic up for discussion was the possible construction of another building in the industrial park.

Semple explained Vann Rogerson of NC East Alliance, a private, not-for-profit economic development agency serving more than one million residents within several small

metropolitan and micropolitan areas from the fringe of the Research Triangle to the Atlantic Coast, has shared information showing a trending need for buildings of this type.

"We've been seeing a lot of increased demand for smaller, ready to go buildings in the

10,000 - , 30,000 and 50,000 - square - feet range," Semple said.

Semple credits NCEast Alliance with regional marketing assistance for the EDC.

According to information provided in the meeting pack-

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Monica Bullock and her family were selected to star in a television commercial for the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine

Knoll Shores. Pictured above is Bullock, her family and other participants selected for the commercials.

# Local Celebrities

## Martin County family selected for TV commercial for N.C. Aquarium

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WILLIAMSTON - One local family made their television debut recently.

Monica Bullock and her family were selected to star in a television commercial for the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.

"In July a couple of news stations had posted on their website a casting call for the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores in Atlantic Beach. I submitted our family pictures. We

were one of the lucky families selected for the commercial," said Bullock.

The casting call began July 31 and ended Aug. 5.

The commercials were expected to feature young families with toddler boys or girls, teenage boys and girls and adults who look to be in their 20s to 70s to portray the family tradition.

Filming was scheduled on weekends throughout August and September at the aquarium and other local places, weather permitting. Each commercial

took approximately one day to shoot.

"We are interested in featuring local talent to showcase family traditions. While these are unpaid positions, this is an exciting opportunity to see the aquarium after hours and behind the scenes, as well as participate in special activities such as kayaking and paddle boarding," said the aquarium's communications manager Danielle Bolton.

Bullock received a phone call

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# MGH restricts visitors

## Preventative measures in place

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Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON - Due to the increasing local presence of seasonal flu, Martin General Hospital officials have implemented visitation restrictions.

Visitation restrictions include anyone who exhibits cold or flu-like symptoms, fever, diarrhea, vomiting or headaches. The restrictions do not apply to those in need of emergency care.

Children under age 12 will not be permitted in the hospital for visitation purposes. This is to minimize the spread of respiratory infections to hospital patients, employees, community and children under 12 years of age, according to hospital officials.

"Patients in the hospital have weakened immune systems, and it's our job to protect them from unnecessary exposure to germs," said John Jacobson, Interim Chief Executive Officer. "We recognize the importance of family support when a loved one is hospitalized, and we

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# MCC received two major equipment grants

LESLIE BEACHBOARD  
Enterprise & Weekly Herald

WILLIAMSTON - Over the past two months, Martin Community College was notified of two major equipment grants.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Cannon Foundation informed the college it would

be receiving funds for significant projects.

On Nov. 20, the USDA announced that MCC had been selected to receive a \$392,850 Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant.

The grant will enable the college to create an interactive distance learning network linking eight rural high

schools in Martin and Bertie counties.

STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and college transfer courses will be offered to students through this new delivery system.

The proposed improvements to the college's information highway classroom will also allow local health

care professionals to receive training.

Currently the Information Highway room on Martin Community College is outdated. There is no broadcasting equipment at the Bertie campus, the Martin campus or the Bertie County Schoocam-

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