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S-bridge/Causeway options presented

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More than 60 citizens attended an informational workshop last week to see options being considered for the replacement of the historic S-bridge and Causeway that connects Hertford and Winfall. Additional members of the area's local governments attended as well.

Nine options involving three different bridge designs were presented. Citizens looked at maps detailing each option, talked with representatives from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) and Kimley-Horne Associates, Inc. (KHA), the company hired by NCDOT to study the project and

determine viable options.

The NCDOT will investigate replacing the bridge either in its existing location or on a new location crossing the Perquimans River. It has not yet been determined if the existing Causeway will be repaired or rebuilt or if a new roadway will be constructed on a new location.

Several different options were supported by those attending the workshop. Opinions were as varied as the options themselves.

The project is projected to be funded for construction in 2015.

Citizens turned in 28 written comments during the workshop that will be considered and used to determine which options deserve future detailed study for

consideration. Local citizens may continue to send in written comments until May 6.

"In general, the response from citizens was supportive of the process," KHA's Teresa Gresham, project manager, wrote in an e-mail. "They understood that we are still in the preliminary stages of the project, and that each conceptual option has pros and cons. Citizens viewed the maps, asked project team members questions, and talked to us about their concerns and preferences."

Gresham encouraged citizens who have not provided written comments on the project to send them in now. Maps detailing each option are located in

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SUBMITTED PHOTO
Nine options being considered for the S-bridge/Causeway replacement project were presented to local citizens last week. Option B shown on this map is no longer under consideration.

One stop voting begins

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One stop absentee voting in Perquimans begins Thursday.

If you missed last week's deadline to register to vote in the May 4 primary election, you may register and vote at one time from now until May 1 during one stop absentee voting at the county board of elections.

The May 4 primary includes several state and federal primaries and electing three members to the local board of education.

Five non-partisan candidates are seeking three seats on the Perquimans County Board of Education.

Incumbents Walter Leigh and Wallace Nelson are each vying to keep their seats while veteran Gail Vaughn Hill, who lost her seat two years ago, is trying to be elected back onto the board. They face newcomers Ralph Hollowell and Dianne Layden.

Board of education candidates are included on each partisan ballot and voters may vote for only one candidate. The top three vote getters will be elected.

With 20 years on the school board under his belt, Leigh is the veteran of the group. Leigh is followed in experience by Nelson, who has served 16 years on the board, plus a term on the county commission. Hill served one term on the board from 04-08. Layden ran unsuccessfully for the board two years ago.

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Break time

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Spring break this year included Easter egg hunts and lemonade stands. A host of children rush out (above) to find hidden Easter eggs on King Street during one of several Spring Break activities held by HELP. Below, Mariah James (left) and Erin Bembridge sell lemonade on Market Street to benefit Relay for Life.

Historic homes tour highlights diverse architecture

From staff reports

This year's historic homes tour takes visitors out into the county as well as strolling along the streets of downtown Hertford.

The Perquimans tour of Historic Homes, sponsored by the Perquimans County Restoration Association and Historic Hertford, Inc., will be held April 23 and 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day.

Featured this year are three bed and breakfast inns, five private homes, four churches, the Newbold-White House, and the historic Perquimans County Courthouse. Tickets are \$25 each for the self-guided tour, and are available now and on the days of the tour at the Newbold White House Visitors' Center (NWH) as well as the Perquimans Chamber of Commerce.

Artwork and a quilt will be raffled off at the NWH. The Methodist Women's Circle will sponsor a luncheon on

April 24 at Hertford United Methodist Church for \$8 a plate consisting of country ham, cheddar croissant sandwich, potato salad, fruit cup, brownie, and drink. Eat in or take out.

Murielle Harmon, chairman of special events for HHI, said this year's tour features diverse architecture and two works in progress, including one seen in its beginning stages in a tour two years ago.

"The real added feature to this year's tour is having the tour include sites both out in the county and in the town," she said.

The Beechtree Inn, Springfield Inn Bed and Breakfast, and 1812 on the Perquimans Bed and Breakfast each add a unique sense of not only the historical and architectural highlights in the county, but where to stay when traveling as well.

Beechtree, owned by Ben and Jackie

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The George E. Major House, ca. 1900, owned by Ed and Courtney Ritzmann, is on the Perquimans Tour of Historic Homes, April 23-24.

WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY
HIGH: 76 LOW: 55
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
HIGH: 75 LOW: 52
SUNNY

SUNDAY
HIGH: 71 LOW: 51
SUNNY

