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## Workforce board abolished, reformed

Miller-White: No prior knowledge of abolishment

By CATHY WILSON  
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Local officials were surprised when changes to the Northeast Workforce Development Board (NWDB) came suddenly without any advance warning.

Members of the Workforce Investment Act Consortium (WIAC) voted Sept. 16

to abolish the current workforce development board immediately. At the same meeting, a new ordinance was approved creating a new, smaller board.

Perquimans Commissioner Tammy Miller-White represents Perquimans County on the WIA Consortium, and had no prior knowledge of any plan to abolish the current NWDB board, she said.

"I did not attend the called meeting due to a prior commitment," she said. "I was not notified or aware that the NWDB was at risk of being dissolved; and it all took

place in one meeting."

According to a memorandum to county commissioners from Lloyd Griffin, chairman of the WIA Consortium, the decision to abolish the current board was not taken lightly and was fully examined by the Albemarle Commission, the North Carolina Department of Labor, and legal services for the commission.

"There are many reasons for this action," stated the memorandum. "The primary reasons are to improve the functioning of this board and to comply with

federal and state mandates on the board's composition."

Bert Banks, executive director of the Albemarle Commission which serves as the administrative entity for the board, said what may seem quick to some was actually a longer consideration for others.

"This is something the Albemarle Commission has been reviewing for a while," he said. "We are required to set the board

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## Let ideas flow this Saturday

NC STEP kicks off at Missing Mill

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Free food, music, cooking contests, and games will be available at Missing Mill Park on Saturday.

Hertford's NC STEP committee is sponsoring the town's official kick-off with a party from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

As part of the town's selection into the North Carolina Small Town Economic Prosperity program, town officials want your ideas and opinions on how the town can create growth and economic prosperity for the community.

"This is an important opportunity for the citizens of Hertford and Perquimans County to let their local and regional officials know how they want to shape Hertford for the next 10-20 years," said Planner Brandon Shoaf. "What can we, in Hertford, do to add jobs, make young people want to stay here, and how can we grow our economy?"

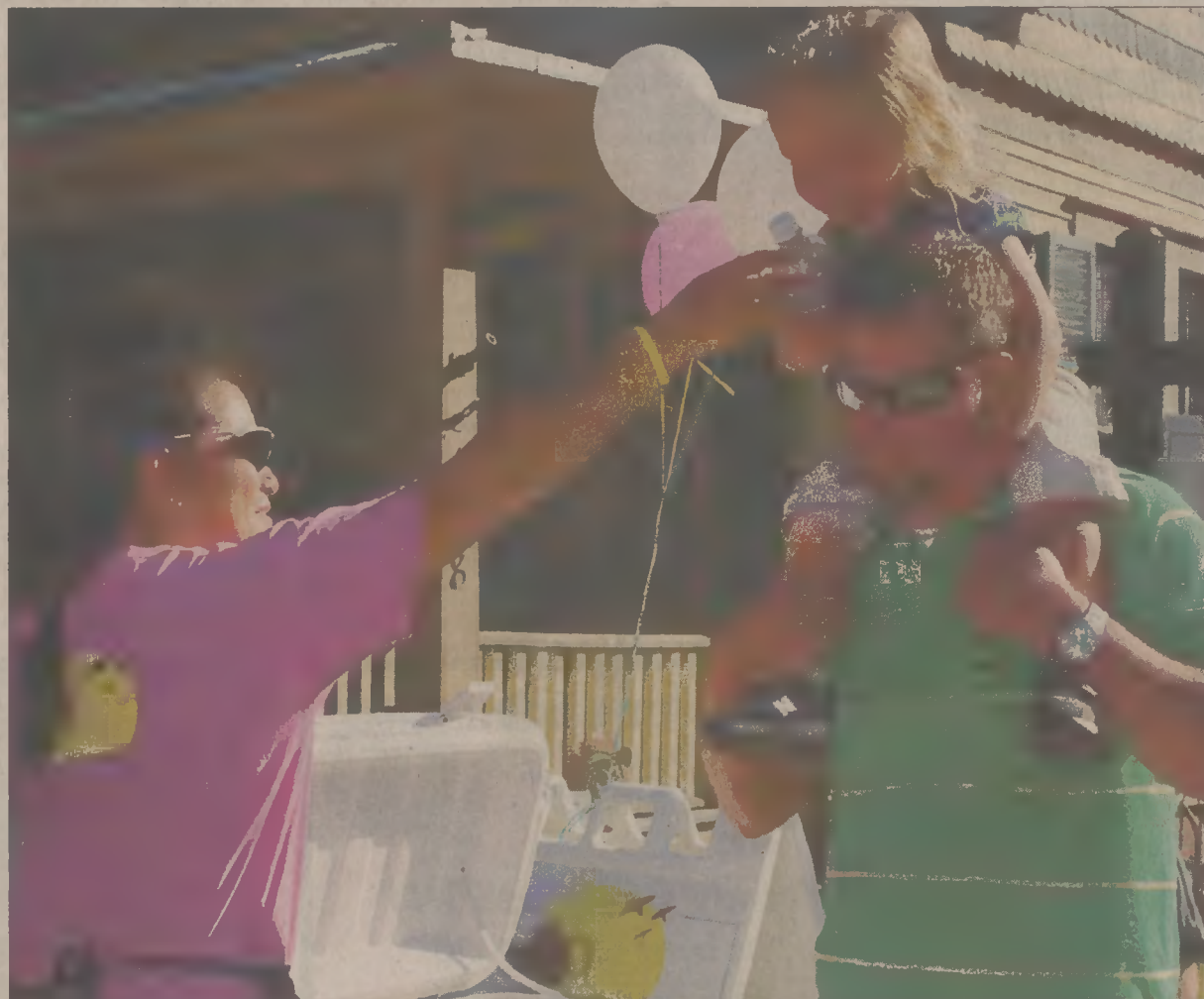
Free barbecued pig, barbecued chicken, and hot dogs will be available along with games and activities for the entire family. A local disc jockey will spin the tunes for your enjoyment.

A barbecued pig cook-off and a cake bake-off will be held. Six teams have agreed to compete in the barbecue cook-off to see who smokes the best pig in Perquimans.

Each participant in the barbecued pig cook-off will receive free pig shoulders to cook on your own cooker. The participant

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## Walking for a CURE



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Participants strutted, walked, ran, jogged and pedaled bikes Saturday during the 11th annual Walk to D'Feet ALS fundraiser to find a cure for ALS. Walkers of all ages, shapes and sizes took to the street for the benefit held by the Jimmy "Catfish" Hunter ALS Foundation. Jean Bailey (bottom photo, left), with The Carriage House, hands out cold bottles of water as walkers and riders — including those on daddy's shoulders — pass by during the Walk to D'Feet ALS held in Hertford.

## County: Convert 20/20 to Sr. center

Current center no longer meets needs

By CATHY WILSON  
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County commissioners are considering renovating the Perquimans County 20/20 building for possible use as a senior citizens' center.

Monday night during the commissioners' work session, members of the county's Senior Center Advisory Board presented a schematic drawing of what could be done to the 10,000 square foot building in order to use it as a new home for senior citizen activities.

Currently, the county's senior citizens' center is housed in a small 3,500 square foot building on Grubb Street. The senior population that frequents the center, however, is growing, so the current center is no longer large enough to meet their needs.

Commissioner Janice Cole, who represents the county on the seniors'

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## Storm damage reported

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The National Weather Service (NWS) will determine today whether or not an actual tornado caused damage Monday afternoon on Hopewell Road in Perquimans County.

Jarvis Winslow, the county's emergency services coordinator, said either a tornado or straight-line winds cut a path about 300 yards long and 70-80 feet wide through trees around 1 p.m., tearing down trees and damaging a small metal shed that housed lawn mowers.

"It appeared to be a tornado to me," Winslow said Tuesday morning. "I took pictures to send to the NWS so they can determine whether or not it was an actual tornado."

Winslow said the damaged area was near the Albemarle Sound and Chowan County.

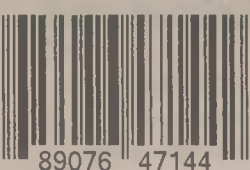
No other damage was reported, he added.

### WEEKEND WEATHER

FRIDAY  
HIGH: 77 Low: 59  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY  
HIGH: 73 Low: 54  
PARTLY CLOUDY

SUNDAY  
HIGH: 70 Low: 56  
PARTLY CLOUDY



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